



Worship Illustration: Script

The Bible Barn

God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 5, Lesson 22

Creating the World: Days 1 & 2

Genesis 1:1-8

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The Worship Illustration series for God of Wonders Units 5 & 6 is set in and around the Bible Barn at Camp Venture. The Bible Barn is a large red barn in reminiscent of the American Wild West. There are saloon doors, a Milk & Cookies Bar, a bench or barrel for seating, and a high open window or shelf displaying a row of tin cans for target practice. Each week, one of the cans will contain a slip of paper with a Scripture reference or words related to the lesson. Attach fishing line to the can to the can so someone offstage can pull it down when it is "hit with the slingshot." There is a sliding door labeled "Grain" that contains dried corn and the Bible. When the Grain door opens, lights flash, and "Come and get it!" mixed with stampede or other sound effect plays. For added interest, build windows, entrances and levels where the characters, puppets and the Camp Critter can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Catastrophe Jones is a cowboy and a showman much in the style of Buffalo Bill. He is an expert marksman with a sling shot. Wyoming Jones is a near-sighted expert explorer and a jungle rescuer.

Plot: Catastrophe Jones is about to tell us about God's creation when he is joined by his little brother, Wyoming Jones. Together we learn that God created the heavens and the earth.

Costumes:

Catastrophe: White cowboy hat, vest, and chaps; gray wig and goatee

Wyoming: Western shirt and belt. Brown buckskin jacket, animal print pants, coon skin cap, thick glasses, utility belt

Props: Bible, sling shot, eagle (stuffed toy). Place a slip of paper printed with "Genesis 1" in the tin can that is set up to fall.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro and outro music suggestion: Bluegrass style banjo music
2. Wyoming's entrance music: Indiana Jones theme song
3. "Come and get it!" mixed with stampede
4. Ricochet
5. Crickets

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Scripture slide: ***In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.***
Genesis 1:1
2. Campers' Code slide:
**I will love God with all my heart,
I will love my neighbor as myself,
I will be a light wherever I go!**
3. Image of John Wayne or another good guy
4. Image of Billy the Kid or another bad guy
5. Image of avalanche
6. Creation video or slides of the creation of the world

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: Instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: May be spoken off stage
3. Worship Illustration is also available for download in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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SFX: Intro music

Voice over

In the wild, wild west, there was good guys. (image of John Wayne) **And there was bad guys.** (image of Billy the Kid) **And then there was Catastrophe.** (image of avalanche) **Catastrophe Jones, the rootenest, tootenest, high-falootenest, sharp shootenest cowboy that ever rode the wild range! All summer long he and his friends will be bringing their special brand of Bible lessons right here to the Bible Barn at Camp Venture. Let's head on over and learn about the wonders of God's creation!**

Catastrophe

Hoo-oo-oo-oo doggy! Howdy, hi there, campers. Welcome to Camp Venture's Bible Barn. My name is Catastrophe Jones. I'm here to learn ya all about God's Creation. But, before we begin, let's recite our Camper's Code together. (VFX: Campers' Code slide) **Stand up, raise your right hand and let's say this together:**

**I will love God with all my heart,
I will love my neighbor as myself,
I will be a light wherever I go!**

In order to teach y'all about God's Creation, we are gonna have to track our way all the way back to the very beginning! (SFX: Indiana Jones theme song)

Wyoming (cross to other side of room)
Clear a path, make way! Explorer coming through!

Catastrophe

Well, lookie-see-here, campers. It's my little brother, Wyoming Jones!

Wyoming

There you are big brother! Don't worry I'm a comin' to rescue you! Just stay with me and I'll get us out of here!

Catastrophe

I don't want to get out of here, Wyoming. I want to teach the campers a Bible story!

Wyoming

Well, I know lots of Bible stories! Which one you wanna teach 'em?

Catastrophe (points to cans on shelf)

I wrote it down...only I put it way up in that there can.

Wyoming

Well, how we 'posed to get it down?

Catastrophe

I happen to be an expert sharp shooter! I'm gonna get out my slingshot. Now, all of y'all get your pretend slingshots out and take aim. Ready! Aim! Fire! (SFX: Ricochet, VFX: Can falls.) **Good shootin' campers!**

Wyoming

I gots it! I gots it! It says Gee-no-sus one!

Catastrophe

All right! That there's the book of Genesis. Let me get out the Bible! I keep it here in the grain bin. (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, SFX: "Come and Get It" with stampede) **Here she is! My favorite book, the Bible!**

Wyoming

Now, brother, why you keep your Bible in the grain bin?

Catastrophe

Because the Bible is the bread of life! Now, can anyone tell me the first three words in the beginning of the book of Genesis? (Children respond.) **Yes! The Bible starts with these three words "in the beginning." But, if we look a little deeper, we can see that the first five words are, "In the beginning God created..."**

Wyoming

Well, I know all about God's Creation. That's what I do all the time, guide people through God's creation! What did God create first?

Catastrophe

(VFX: Scripture slide) The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Wyoming

Well, that was very nice of God. Our earth was so important to Him, that He created it on the third day.

Catastrophe

First day!

Wyoming

Right! The first day!

Catastrophe

But it didn't look like it does now. The Bible says, "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep." (VFX: Slow fade to dark blues)

Wyoming

Yikes, I'm scared of the dark!

Catastrophe (SFX: Crickets)

Calm down, little brother! When it's dark outside we can look up and see so many beautiful things like the moon and stars and planets, maybe even lightning bugs.

Wyoming

But, none of those things had been created "in the beginning."

Catastrophe

That's right! There was only emptiness and darkness.

Wyoming (hiding)

Darkness is scary...

Catastrophe

Ah, don't be such a baby! The Bible says: And God said, "Let there be light!" (VFX: All lights up) "and there was light." (SFX: Crickets stop)

Wyoming

Hey, that's good!

Catastrophe

God thought the light was good too. He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." (VFX: Blackout) And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Wyoming (continues in dark)

It's dark, it's dark! Why does it always have to be dark and scary?

Catastrophe (lantern on)

Stop acting like a big sissy!

Wyoming

Oh, thank the Lord you have light!

Catastrophe

No, thank the Lord He created light! On the very first day, He created day and night – and that was just the beginning."

Wyoming

It was "in the beginning." What did God do on the second day?

Catastrophe

Next God separated the water on the ground from the moisture in the air and God created the sky.

Wyoming

Can you imagine that there was a time when the sky wasn't there? I can't even imagine what that would look like!

Catastrophe

Let's watch this video and imagine together! (VFX: Video of creation)

Wyoming

Wow! That's what I call far out!

Catastrophe

What was your favorite part?

Wyoming

Um...the part about God?

Catastrophe

(VFX: Scripture slide) **The whole thing was about God. I think the most interesting thing is that God began His creation in the heavens and the sky.**

Wyoming

Whoa! That reminds me! I was 'posed to tell you about today's Camp Critter!

Catastrophe

What critter you talking 'bout?

Wyoming

Every day at Camp Venture, we have a special critter that helps us remember our Bible story!

Catastrophe

Well, what's today's critter?

Wyoming

I will call him and you'll find out! Caw-ka-ka-caw! (Toy eagle drops from upper window.)

Catastrophe

Well, lookie-see-here. It's an eagle! That makes sense because the eagle soars high above the earth.

Wyoming

High in the sky that God created!

Catastrophe

Oh, I get it! I like that! It's been great to see you, campers. We hope to see you next time, right here at the Bible Barn!

(SFX: Outro music)