



## Worship Illustration: Script

### *The Bible Barn*

## God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua

### Unit 5, Lesson 23

# Creating the World: Days 3 & 4

Genesis 1:9-19

**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 in the style of Buffalo Bill. He is an expert marksman with a slingshot. Fishhead Jones is a loveable country boy who loves fishing, animals, and all of God's creation.

**Plot:** Catastrophe Jones is about to tell us about God's creation when he is joined by his cousin, Fishhead Jones. Together we learn that God created the land, sea, day and nighttime on the third and fourth days.

**Costumes:**

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

Fishhead: Fishing vest with lures attached, a stuffed fish hat, wader boots

**Props:** Bible, sling shot, fishing pole, catfish (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
3. "Come and get it!" mixed with stampede
4. Banjo picking
5. Ricochet
6. Crickets
7. Meow

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Scripture slide 1: ***God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:10***
2. Scripture slide 2: ***Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. Genesis 1:11***
3. Scripture slide 3: ***God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth. Genesis 1:16-17***
4. 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!**
5. Image of John Wayne or another good guy
6. Image of Billy the Kid or another bad guy
7. Image of avalanche

8. Creation video or slides of the creation of the seas and land
9. Display items on felt board or slides: Ocean water, land, trees, blue sky, sun, clouds, rain, lightning, pictures from popular movies about space travel (see script)
10. Lighting images: Moonlight, stars

### **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 doggy! Howdy, hi there, campers. Welcome back! Y'all know me, Catastrophe Jones! I'm here to learn ya some more about God's Creation.** (SFX: Banjo pickin')

### **Fishhead** (move to Bible Barn)

**Hey, Catastrophe! Catastrophe Jones! Oh, Catastrophe Jones!**

### **Catastrophe**

**Well, lookie there, kids. If'n it ain't my cousin, Fishhead Jones! What you doin' in these here parts?**

### **Fishhead**

**Well, you 'member that one time I said we ought to go fishin' together some time and you said, "If you're ever by the Bible Barn stop on by!"**

### **Catastrophe**

**I do remember that.**

### **Fishhead**

**Well, here I is! Let's go fishin'!**

### **Catastrophe**

**Fishhead, I can't just run off right now. I gots to teach a Bible lesson.**

### **Fishhead**

**Oh! Well, I'll help you out! I always wanted to be a preacher man!**

### **Catastrophe**

**What do you know about the Bible?**

### **Fishhead**

**Nothin'.**

### **Catastrophe**

**Well, sometimes nothin's an okay place to start. But, before we get to preachin', I should swear you in by sayin' our Camper's Code. Hey kids, stand up, raise your right hand and repeat after me.** (VFX: 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!**

### **Fishhead**

**That was su-weet! Now, what part of the Bible are ya teachin' about?**

### **Catastrophe** (points to cans on shelf)

**Creation. The actual verse is up there in that can. So, y'all get out your pretend slingshots and take aim. Ready! Aim! Fire!** (SFX: Ricochet, VFX: Can falls.) **Good shootin' kids!**

### Fishhead

Here it is, Cousin! Look like we're in the first book of the Bible: Genesis.

### Catastrophe

That make's sense 'cause that's where it all began. Let me get out the Bible! I keep it here in the grain bin, because the Bible is the bread of life! (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, SFX: "Come and Get It" with stampede) Here 'tis, God's Word, the Bible! Last week, we learned God created night and day and the sky all in two days.

### Fishhead

What did he do on the third day?

### Catastrophe

Next, God created the land. See, first God gathered the water in one place, and then he let dry ground appear. (VFX: Scripture slide 1) *God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.* (VFX: Video: Seas and land)

### Fishhead

That was spectacolary! I wish I could create a world like God did!

### Catastrophe

Well, Fishhead, we do not have the power that God has, but God did make us to be creative bein's in His image. So, let's get us a couple of creative volunteers to recreate God's creation. (Choose 2 volunteers.)

Fishhead (pulls out felt board)  
I'll get the felt board!

### Catastrophe

Okay you two, first God created the seas. Here ya go, put the sea up there. (Volunteer places ocean water on felt board.)

### Fishhead

And next He made dry land appear. Here you go, put the land where you want to. (Volunteer places land.)

### Catastrophe (Genesis 1:11)

That's some fine land! (VFX: Scripture slide 2)  
Next the Bible says: *Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.*

### Fishhead

Alright, go on and plant some trees. (Volunteers place felt trees.)

### Catastrophe

Now why do you think that God made seed-bearing plants and trees that had fruit with seed in it?

### Fishhead

Because God wanted to make a fruit smoothie!

### Catastrophe

That's right ... I mean, no! Maybe God likes smoothies but the real reason He made fruit trees is because God always plans ahead.

### Fishhead

What was God planning for?

### Catastrophe

The future.

### Fishhead

Oh! I see! God knew that plants and trees with seeds would be able to grow more plants and trees!

### Catastrophe

Yup – He was creating food for the future. Give our volunteer creators a hand! (Volunteers return to seats.)

### Fishhead

Wow, them kids sure was creative!

### Catastrophe

That's 'cuz God made us to be creative just like He is.

**Fishhead**

**So, what did God create on the fourth day?**

**Catastrophe** (Genesis 1:16-17)

**On day four God separated the day from the night. (VFX: Scripture slide 3) The Bible says: ...God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth ...**

**Fishhead**

**God filled the daytime sky and the nighttime sky? I want to try that.**

**Catastrophe**

**Okay, why don't you try creating a daytime sky and I'll create a nighttime sky. You go first!**

**Fishhead**

**Oh no! I'm not falling for that old trick! I'll go first! First I need a blue sky. (Add blue felt sky.) Next, I'll add the sun! (Add felt sun.) And clouds! (Add felt clouds.) And rain. (Add felt rain.) And lightning! (Add felt lightning.) And Iron Man! (Add picture of Iron Man.) And the Starship Enterprise! (Add picture of Enterprise.) And the house from "UP!" (Add picture of the flying house from Up.)**

**Catastrophe**

**That's enough! Now, cut that out! You was doing good 'til Iron man.**

**Fishhead**

**Yeah, I guess I got a little carried away. Well, let's see you top that!**

**Catastrophe**

**I'll try. First of all in the nighttime, you have darkness. (VFX: Blackout) Then God put a great light in the sky, we call it the moon. (VFX: Moonlight, SFX: Crickets) And then He filled the heavens with stars and planets and galaxies as far as the eye could see. (VFX: Stars) Ain't that nighttime sky beautiful?**

**Fishhead**

**Purty as a prize pig! And God made sure that everything had a purpose.**

**Catastrophe**

**Yup. The sun, moon and stars help us know the time and seasons. They help everything grow!**

**Fishhead** (picks up fishing pole)

**Woah! Get the net! I think I caught somethin'! Lookie here, It's a catfish! (SFX: Meow)**

**Catastrophe**

**That must be today's Camp Critter! That makes sense! God made the land and seas, and the catfish can be found on every continent, except Antarctica, and in all types of water, lakes, rivers, streams, and even oceans! (SFX: Meow)**

**Fishhead**

**And they swim at night and day under the sun and under the stars, which God made on the fourth day.**

**Catastrophe**

**Well, Fishhead, it's time to go. Be sure to come back next week to the Bible Barn! (SFX: Outro music)**