



Worship Illustration: Script

The Bible Barn

God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 5, Lesson 24

Creating the World: Days 5 & 6

Genesis 1:21-31

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. 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. Inspector Spector is a fish and game inspector who loves animals and all of God's creation.

Plot: Catastrophe Jones is about to share more about God's creation when he is interrupted by Inspector Spector. Together, we learn God created all the animals and man on days 5 & 6.

Costumes:

Catastrophe: White cowboy hat, vest, and chaps; gray wig and goatee
Spector: Jacket, badge, cap, clipboard

Props: Bible, slingshot, dog (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
3. Ricochet
5. Hound dog barking and howling

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Scripture slide 2: ***And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so.***

Genesis 1:24

2. Scripture slide 2: ***God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26-27***

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 land and sea creatures

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 to the Bible Barn. Now, we done taught ya'll 'bout the first four days of creation. Today we gonna get to days five and six, the days that our great Creator made all the critters of the land, air and sea!

Spector (enters)

Did I hear someone say critters?

Catastrophe

Yes sir, we're going to study all the critters God made! Who are you?

Spector

The name is Spector. I'm the fish and game inspector.

Catastrophe

You're Inspector Spector?

Spector

That's right. I heard you were studying critters. If there are going to be any animals on display, I will need to see your license.

Catastrophe

I don't need no license, Inspector, these here animals are in the Bible.

Spector

Animals in the Bible? I'd like to see that.

Catastrophe

First I got to swear you in by saying our Camper's Code. Stand to your feet, kids! (VFX: Campers' Code slide) **Now, raise your right hand and repeat after me:**

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

Spector

All right, where's the Bible?

Catastrophe

Before we can open up the Word of God we gots to find out today's Bible story. Kids, get out yer make-aleave sling shots! **Ready! Aim! Fire! (SFX: Ricochet, VFX: Can falls.) **Good shootin', kids!****

Spector (picks up paper from the can)

This says Genesis chapter one! Where do you keep yer Bible?

Catastrophe

I'll get the bread of life from the grain silo. (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, SFX: "Come and Get It" with stampede) **Let's watch this here moving picture together and learn what God created on days five and six.** (SFX: Creation video. Read Genesis 1:21-23 during video) **"So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water**

in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day."

Spector

Wow, God created so many different kinds of animals!

Catastrophe

I know. God's got the best imagination! Now, as you could see in the moving picture, God started by filling the oceans with all kinds of fish and ocean critters.

Spector

My friends and I love fishing! And then God made all the birds?

Catastrophe

You got it! The Bible says: God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning the fifth day.

Spector

I do love sea creatures and birds, that's why I work with animals, but what about all the animals that live in the woods and the mountains?

Catastrophe

I'm glad you asked, Inspector Spector.

Spector

Call me Hector.

Catastrophe

Hector? You're name is Inspector Hector Spector?

Spector

That's right.

Catastrophe

Wow! Well okay Hector, why don't you read the next verse?

Spector (VFX: Scripture slide 1)

Me? Gosh thanks! *And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so.* Wow, we learned about every animal that God created on day six.

Catastrophe (VFX: Scripture slide 2)

Not quite every animal, Inspector Hector: *God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them.*

Spector

So, we people were the very last creatures that God created?

Catastrophe

Yup, He saved the best for last.

Spector

Why, do you think God did that?

Catastrophe

I don't know, but I have a theory.

Spector

What's your theory?

Catastrophe

Well, you know how sometimes we like to surprise someone we love?

Spector

You mean, like when we plan a big surprise party?

Catastrophe

Yup! One time we had a surprise party for my GrandMammy's 80th birthday. We wanted to decorate the cabin and get everything all perfect before she got home.

Spector

Sure, cuz half the fun is seeing that look of joy on her face.

Catastrophe

Yeah! Maybe that's why God made us last. Maybe He wanted to decorate the whole earth and get it just perfect before He put us in it.

Spector

I like that theory.

Catastrophe

Thanks, sometimes I get a good idea. (SFX: Hound dog barking and howling) **What's that?**

Spector

Oops, that's my Hound dog, Bocephus. I left him outside. (exits and re-enters with dog) **Here he is!**

Catastrophe

Howdy, Bocephus! Hey Hector, we always pick a critter of the day. I think Bocephus just might be today's Critter of the Day!

Spector

Well he always makes my day! But why would Bocephus be the Critter of the Day?

Catastrophe

Well, I have a theory.

Spector

You've got another theory?

Catastrophe

I do. Ya' see, the dog is often called "man's best friend."

Spector

I know Bocephus is my best friend!

Catastrophe

Right, because hound dogs are pets, and pets keep us company and make us smile!

Spector

They are a wonderful gift from God.

Catastrophe

I think the hound dog is supposed to remind us that the pets, the wild animals, and even the fish and the birds are God's good gifts to us.

Spector

I like that theory, Catastrophe. God is always so good to us.

Catastrophe

You can say that again.

Spector

God is always so good to us.

Catastrophe

Weedoggies...campers! It looks like we're out of time for today. We'll see you next time, right here at the Bible Barn!

(SFX: Outro music)