

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.

<u>Characters</u>: Wyoming Jones is a near-sighted expert explorer and a jungle rescuer. Wyoming Jones' Granmammy is a cantankerous, elderly woman with a lot of energy and common sense. She loves the Lord and her famil and she serves as the community doctor.

**Plot:** Catastrophe Jones is sick with a fever, so Granmammy explains the Bible lesson to Wyoming Jones and the campers. We learn that God placed Adam in the garden and created Eve as his helper and partner.

Worship Illustration: Script

The Bible Barn

God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua Unit 5, Lesson 25

# Adam and Eve in the Garden

**Genesis 2:8-24** 

# **Costumes**:

Wyoming: Western shirt and belt. Brown buckskin jacket, animal print pants, coon skin cap, thick glasses, utility belt Granmammy: Gray wig, granny glasses, calico skirt, shawl, bonnet, boots, corn cob pipe

**Props:** Bible, chewing tobacco (bubble gum), doctor's bag, doctor's mask, nurse hat, Ken and Barbie dolls covered with leaves, plastic bone, love birds (stuffed toy). Place a slip of paper printed with "Genesis 2" 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. Granmammy's entrance music: Beverly Hillbillies theme song
- 5. Spit and metallic clank
- 6. Birds twittering

# **Visual effects (VFX):**

- 1. Scripture slide: The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Gen. 2:18
- 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

# **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

The Bible Barn
Unit 5, Lesson 25
Adam and Eve in the Garden
Genesis 1:21-31

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! (SFX: Indiana Jones theme song)

# Wyoming

Hello campers! It's me Wyoming Jones and I am back! I got this urgent letter from my big brother, Catastrophe, axing me if'n I would come by and help teach today's Bible lesson. I reckon we ought to start by saying our Campers' Code. (VFX: Campers' Code slide) So, on your feet and raise your right hands 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!
(SFX: Beverly Hillbillies theme song) Hey, I
know that song!

# <u>Granmammy</u> Yodel-eh-hee-hoo!

# <u>Wyoming</u>

It's GranMammy! Howdy GranMammy!

<u>Granmammy</u> (enters with doctor's bag) How-dee-do, Wyomin'!

# **Wyoming**

Granmammy, what you doin' here? And where is Catastrophe?

#### **Granmammy**

Oh, Catastrophe is powerful sick! Caught himself a bad case of the swamp fever and I'm here to do some doctorin'.

# **Wyoming**

Well, you was always the best at doctorin' GranMammy.

# **Granmammy**

I still am! Catastrophe was worried about teachin' a Bible lesson but I told him he ain't getting' out of that bed till his fever cools off.

#### **Wyoming**

That's okay, GranMammy we can teach the lesson. Only trouble is, the name of the lesson is up in that can and Catastrophe ain't here with his sling shot to shoot it down.

#### Granmammy

That there can, up there? Why I could hit that with a wad of chewin' tobacky! (chews gum)

# **Wyoming**

Well, okay. You kids get out your pretend slingshots and take aim. Ready! Aim! Fire! (SFX: Spit and clank. Can falls.) Good shootin' kids!

#### Granmammy

Genesis chapter two! I think I know this one. Where's the Bible?

# <u>Wyoming</u>

Do you kids remember where Catastrophe keeps his Bible? (response) That's right in the grain bin, because the Bible is the bread of life! (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, <u>SFX</u>: "Come and Get It" with stampede)

# **Granmammy** (Reads Genesis 2:15.)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

# **Wyoming**

I think that's talkin' about Adam! He was the first man what God created!

# Granmammy

And he also had the first job what God created!

# **Wyoming**

Are you tellin' me that God gave man His first job?

#### **Granmammy**

Yup, God put Adam in charge of taking care of His garden.

# **Wyoming**

Wow, the Garden of Eden. What a perfect place to work! But that was an awful lot of gardenin' to do!

#### Granmammy

And he had another job. God also brought all the animals that He had made and Adam got to name them.

# **Wyoming**

Now that would be fun! Gettin' to name all them critters like duck-billed platypie, and hippo-pot-o-mooses and orang-o-matans!

#### Granmammy

It's a good thing Adam got that job instead of you.

#### **Wyoming**

That's a lot of work for one fella.

#### **Granmammy** (VFX: Scripture slide)

God knew that, too. The Bible says: The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

#### Wyoming

Aw, that's awful nice of God to make us a friend. So how did God make the helper?

**Granmammy** (Reads Genesis 2:21-22)

It was kind of a peculiar way of doin' things. Listen here: So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

# **Wyoming**

Yowch! God actually took a rib out of Adam's side?

# <u>Granmammy</u>

That's right! Now, bein' a country doctor myself, I will demonstrate how this ribectomy is done. Wyoming, come one over here and lay down on that table. (takes out doctor's black bag)

# **Wyoming**

No way, Granmammy! If you want ribs to take out, you'd better go to Bubbalou's Bodacious Barbecue!

#### Granmammy

Is you sassin' me boy?

# **Wyoming**

No ma'am, it's just that I happen to be very attached to my ribs.

# <u>Granmammy</u>

Well, I can take care of that! <u>Wyoming</u> No! Help! Police! Rib Police!

#### Granmammy

Oh fine! You keep your ribs. I guess I will have to demonstrate on this here fella! (reaches in doctor's bag and holds up Ken doll) Let's pretend this is Adam! Let me put on my mask. (wears surgical mask) Now you gonna have to be my nurse. (puts nurse hat on Wyoming)

#### **Wyoming**

Seems like this would have really hurt.

# **Granmammy**

(searching through doctor's bag)\_Actually
Adam slept through the whole thing. Now
where is that rib? Wait, wait. Here it
comes! Granmammy searched and (She
pulls a large rib from her doctor's bag, waves it
around, and hands it to Nurse Wyoming who
quickly sets it back in the doctor's bag.
Granmammy dramatically pulls a Barbie doll
from the bag.) And, voila! What have we got
here? A beautiful woman. (hold up Barbie)
Thank you!

#### **Wyoming**

We did it! We done a miracle!

#### **Granmammy**

Actually, God done a miracle, we just acted it out. God created the first man and woman and He put them together to keep each other company and help each other.

# **Wyoming**

And so they could be partners working together.

#### Granmammy

And God also made them partners in a romantical kinda way.

#### **Wyoming**

Oh, Granmammy, why you gotta go getting' into all that mushy junk!

# **Granmammy** (Reads Genesis 2:24.)

T'aint me. It's God what made it a love story. The Bible says: For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

**Wyoming** (makes dolls kiss)

Oh, Adam I loves you! Oh, Eve, I loves you, too! (kissing sounds)

# **Granmammy** (pulls out lovebirds)

Cut that out, you two lovebirds! Lovebirds! That's it! Today's Camp Critter must be the lovebird! (SFX: Birds twittering)

#### Wyoming

That makes sense to me, because God made Adam and Eve to be husband and wife, tending His garden together forever and once lovebirds find their true love, they stay together for life.

#### **Granmammy**

That's so romantical like!

#### **Wyoming**

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)