

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>: 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: Wyoming lies about eating GranMammy's pie. Catastrophe tells us about the day Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sin came into the world. Together we learn that even though God must discipline His children, He still loves us and provides for us.

Costumes:

Catastrophe: White cowboy hat, vest, and

chaps; gray wig and goatee

Wyoming: Western shirt and belt. Brown

Worship Illustration: Script

The Bible Barn

God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua

Unit 6, Lesson 27

Adam and Eve Sin

Genesis 3:1-24

buckskin jacket, animal print pants, coon skin cap, thick glasses, utility belt

Props: Bible, Ken and Barbie dolls covered with leaves, blueberry filling, fur clothing for dolls, otter (stuffed toy). Place a slip of paper printed with "Adam and Eve" 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. Reverb

Visual effects (VFX):

- 1. Scripture slide: When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Genesis 3:6
- 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. Spot light

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 6, Lesson 27
Adam and Even Sin
Genesis 3:1-24

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 doggy! Howdy, Campers. Welcome back! Let's start right off by reciting our Campers' Code. (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!
(SFX: Indiana Jones theme song) Sounds like
Wyoming...

Wyoming (with blueberry on his face)
Catastrophe! Help! Help! You gots to hide
me! GranMammy made this blueberry
pie...

Catastrophe

I saw that pie back in the kitchen. That was the one that had the sign on it that said, "Do not touch."

Wyoming

Oh, you saw that sign, did ya?

Catastrophe

Who could miss a sign that big?

Wyoming

That's what GranMammy said.

<u>Catastrophe</u> So, did you eat it?

Wyoming

Who me? Oh no.

Catastrophe

Then what's that blue stuff around your mouth?

Wyoming

What this? It's a rash.

Catastrophe

A blueberry rash?

Wyoming

There's a lot of that going around.

Catastrophe

Now, Wyomin', tell the truth.

Wyoming

Well ... maybe I had a little slice or three or five. But, everyone had a slice. Fishhead and Aunt Gussie and Uncle Polecat and ... besides, she shouldn't leave pies layin' 'round if'n she don't want peoples to eat them. Anyway, Fishhead smelled it first ... and further more ...

Catastrophe

Woah! Slow down, little brother, you sure got a lot of excuses.

Wyoming

I got plenty more. Oh, why'd I get blamed for eating the pie?

Catastrophe

'Cuz you ate it!

Wyoming

Oh yeah ... but it wasn't my fault.

Catastrophe

But, you saw the sign from Mama and you disobeyed what she wrote.

Wyoming

Well ... yeah ... I guess I did ...

Catastrophe

I think there's a story in the Bible that can help us understand your predicament. Kids get out your pretend slingshots. Ready! Aim! Fire! (SFX: Ricochet, VFX: Can falls.)

Wyoming

Good shootin'! It says, "Adam and Eve." We already learned how God made Eve from Adam's rib.

Catastrophe

That's right. (Pick up dolls.) Then God put Adam and Eve in the garden. He told them they could eat from all of the trees in the garden except for one. Who knows what that one tree was called? (Children respond.) That's right, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Wyoming (holds up snake)

I remember that story. The snake talked Eve into eating the fruit. (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, SFX: "Come and Get It" with stampede)

Catastrophe (VFX: Scripture slide)

True, but, look what the Bible says: When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Wyoming

So Adam and Eve didn't obey God. They just did what they wanted!

Catastrophe

That's right, they chose to disobey God and that is how sin first came into the world. Sin is doing wrong in God's eyes.

Wvoming

Well, what did God do?

Catastrophe

He came to talk to them, but they ran away and hid.

Wyoming

That's silly. You can't hide from God!

Catastrophe

Of course, God found Adam and said, (<u>SFX</u>: Reverb, <u>VFX</u>: Spot light) "Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Wyoming

Woah, that's scary when you talk like that! What did Adam say?

Catastrophe

He blamed it all on Eve.

Wyoming

What?!

Catastrophe

Yup! And he blamed God for giving her to him!

Wyoming

Now, that ain't right. What did God have to say about that?

<u>Catastrophe</u>

He said, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Wyoming

So, she turned around and blamed the serpent! What a shame! No one wants to take responsibility when they do something wrong.

Catastrophe

Like when they eat someone else's blueberry pie.

Wyoming

Yeah, just like that...Oops, I didn't think about it that way.

Catastrophe

God holds each of us responsible for what we do.

Wvoming

So, did God punish them?

Catastrophe

He had to. See, God is perfect and fair, he couldn't allow sin in the Garden of Eden on account of it was a special place, set aside for man to walk with God. God made the rules very clear but Adam and Eve still chose to disobey.

Wyoming

So, when they disobeyed, they were sent away.

Catastrophe

Yup. God had to banish them from the Garden. It was a sad day we call "The Fall of Man," on account of mankind sorta fell away from God. It's like we have fallen into a deep pit and the only way to get out is to let Jesus save us.

Wyoming

Do you think God's mad at us?

Catastrophe

No, God loves us, even when we disobey. Just like earthly parents, He has to correct us protect us and teach us right from wrong.

Wyoming

Only someone who loves us would care enough to teach us such an important lesson.

Catastrophe

Yup, God clothed them with animal fur.

Wyoming

So God did love them. He made clothing to protect them from the cold and rain? (cries) I remember when GranMammy used to make clothes for me. DO you think GranMammy will forgive me?

Catastrophe

She loves you and I think she'll forgive you. I mean she ought 'er.

Wyoming

Ought 'er! Ought 'er! That reminds me. I was supposed to tell you that the Critter of the Day is the otter!

Catastrophe

That makes sense! God gave the otter a very thick coat to protect it from the temperature in the water.

Wyoming

Just like the coats that God provided to protect Adam and Eve when they left the Garden.

Catastrophe

God provides for the otter and He provides for us!

Wyoming

That's right! Well, campers, it's been great sharing today's Bible story with you. We hope to see you next time, right here at the Bible Barn!

(SFX: Outro music)