



Noah Builds an Ark

Genesis 6-9

Teacher's Note: This script concludes with a teacher or worship leader leading children in a prayer of salvation.

Running time: Approximately 10 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 tells Wyoming about how God saved Noah. We learn that God will save us if we put our trust in Him. A teacher or worship leader offers prayer of salvation.

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, white dove (stuffed toy). Place a slip of paper printed with "Noah" 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. Ricochet
5. Bird chirping
6. Soft instrumental meditational music

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Scripture slide 1: ***Noah did everything just as God commanded Him. Genesis 6:22***
2. Scripture slide 2: ***"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16***
3. Scripture slide 3: ***"There is no one righteous, not even one." Romans 3:10b***
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. Unit 7 Bible Memory Verse Song slide:

Yahweh Every Day: Trust in the Lord
(Proverbs 3:5-6)
Trust in the Lord with all your heart
Lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.
Yahweh, I know I can go to Yahweh!
She can, he can go to Yahweh.
Weekends, we can go to Yahweh.
Yahweh every day! HUH!

6. A-B-C slides: **Admit, Believe, Come**

7. A.B.C. Prayer Slide:

A.B.C. Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I Admitt that I'm a sinner.
I Believe You are the Lord
who died to take my sins away.
Please Come into my heart
and I'll follow You forever.
In Jesus name, I pray. Amen!

6. Image of John Wayne or another good guy

7. Image of Billy the Kid or another bad guy

8. 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 6, Lesson 30
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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 doggy! Howdy, Campers.

Wyoming

Welcome back to the Bible Barn!

Catastrophe

Let's get right to our Camper's 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!

Have a seat, y'all.

Wyoming

Ooh, Catastrophe, guess what I got?
Guess what I got? Guess what I got?!

Catastrophe

Swamp fever?

Wyoming (holds up dove)

No, I got our Camp Critter! (SFX: Bird chirping) **It's a white dove!**

Catastrophe

That's great, Wyoming 'cuz there actually is a dove in today's story.

Wyoming

Lots of Bible stories have doves in them!

Catastrophe

But, this story also has animals and a rainstorm and a great, big boat! Let's shoot down that can and find out who our story is about. Kids get out your pretend slingshots. Ready? Aim, fire! Ready! Aim! Fire! (SFX: Ricochet, VFX: Can falls.) Nice!

Wyoming

It says, "Noah."

Catastrophe

That's right we're talkin' 'bout how God saved Noah. Raise your hand if you've heard the story of Noah and the Ark before?

Wyoming

I'll get the Bible! (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, SFX: "Come and Get It" with stampede) I've heard this story a million times since I was a little, ole tadpole!

Catastrophe

That may be true, but today you're going to hear the real story.

Wyoming

What do you mean the real story?

Catastrophe

Well, sometimes the story of Noah is told as a story about animals.

Wyoming

That is my favorite thing! All of the spider monkeys and the bumblebee monkeys and the grasshopper monkeys...

Catastrophe

You got to get the zoo more often.

Wyoming

Noah's Ark is about animals, isn't it?

Catastrophe

Oh sure! Animals were definitely a part of the story, but it's really a story about being saved.

Wyoming

So, who got saved? Was it the animals?

Catastrophe

Well, yes, after He told Noah to build the ark, God did save two of every kind of animal, but He also saved Noah's whole family.

Wyoming

Noah had a family?

Catastrophe

Noah, his wife and their sons and all of their wives were onboard. But, who knows why God told Noah to build the ark in the first place? (Children respond.) That's right, He was about to flood the earth.

Wyoming

Why?

Catastrophe

At that time, the world was full of violence. People was doing lots of wrong things in God's eyes, and it made God very sad.

Wyoming

So, He sent a flood to rid the world of the evil?

Catastrophe

Yup, but the good news for Noah was that God saw that Noah was a righteous man. That means Noah chose to do what was right. (VFX: Scripture slide 1) The Bible says, *Noah did everything just as God commanded Him. Genesis 6:22*

Wyoming

So, Noah trusted the Lord with all his heart and that's why he built the ark when God told him to?

Catastrophe

That's right, and once the animals and Noah's family were onboard he trusted God to close the doors.

Wyoming

And when it rained for 40 days, Noah trusted that God would keep the ark afloat.

Catastrophe

Yup! And when it took another 150 days until the flood stopped, Noah trusted that God would dry the land up so they could get off the ark!

Wyoming

You know, what's my favorite part? It was when Noah kept sending the dove out to find dry land. Finally it came back with the leaf of an olive branch. Noah trusted that it was a sign that the land was dry enough for everyone to get off the ark.

Catastrophe

Then God promised never to flood the whole earth again. And He sent a special sign. Who knows what that sign is? (Children respond.) That's right! The rainbow ... and Noah trusted God to keep His promise!

Wyoming

Wow, Noah sure did trust God with all his heart, soul and mind!

Catastrophe

We can trust God the same way.

Wyoming

We can? How we gonna do that?

Catastrophe

Noah trusted that God provided the ark for him to be saved from the flood. We can trust that God has provided the cross for us to be saved for life forever with God.

Wyoming

Is that 'cuz both have wood as part of the plan?

Catastrophe

Well, that's true, but more importantly, both plans involve trusting God's directions, and trusting God will do exactly what He says He will do.

Wyoming

Oh, I git it now. Noah trusted God enough to follow His directions to be saved.

Catastrophe

That's right! And God's directions for us to be saved are very simple - we only have to believe in Jesus. (VFX: Scripture slide 2) Jesus explained it when He said, *"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

Wyoming

Catastrophe, do all God's plans involve trusting Him?

Catastrophe

They sure do. I like to say, "A man what puts His trust in God has got his heart in the right place!"

Wyoming

Well, I want to trust God with all my heart!

Catastrophe

So do I, Wyoming. That's why I invited insert teacher or worship leader's name out here to explain just how we can do that.

Wyoming

Come on out, insert teacher or worship leader's name, and tell our campers what we gotta do! (exit)

Teacher or Worship Leader

Thanks guys. Well kids, Wyoming and Catastrophe Jones are right. We can all put trust in the Lord. After all, Jesus did the hard part of the plan, He died on the cross so that we could be forgiven.

He made our part as simple as A-B-C. (VFX: Admit slide) **To be saved for a life forever with God, the first thing we need to do is admit that we are sinners. Sin is when we do things that are wrong in God's eyes. You see God is perfect and heaven is a perfect place. So sin cannot enter into heaven. And the sad thing is that we all sin, so, none of us are good enough to enter into God's presence. (VFX: Scripture slide 3) The Bible says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." Romans 3:10b**

Jesus is the only person that ever lived without sinning. Jesus chose to give His life on the cross, so that our sins would be washed away. Just like when God washed the earth clean with the flood, we can trust and believe that Jesus is the Lord who died to take our sins away and give us a clean new start with God.

(VFX: Believe slide) **The only way we can have life forever close with God is to believe in Him as the only one who can save us. Now there may be some of you who are hearing for the first time about how Jesus came to save us by washing away our sins. Or, maybe you've heard it before, but today you're thinking, "I want to trust Jesus to wash away my sins." Like I said, our part is as easy as A-B-C.**

(VFX: Admit slide) **All you have to do is A: admit to God that you're a sinner. Tell God that you're sorry for doing wrong things. (VFX: Believe slide) Then, tell Him that you believe that Jesus died to take away your sins. (VFX: Come slide) And, finally, invite Jesus to come into your heart so you can have a life forever with God.**

(SFX: Soft instrumental meditational music)

Now, I want to make sure each of you who wants to ask Jesus into your heart today has a chance to do that. First, I'm going to ask everyone to bow your heads and close your eyes. If you have already trusted Jesus to save you and you have prayed a prayer to Him about that, take this time to pray and ask Jesus to bring everyone closer to Him today.

If you have never invited Jesus to come into your heart, today may be the day that God is calling you to trust Him to save you by washing your sins away. We're going to give you a few moments now to pray and talk to Jesus. Your teacher would love to pray a special prayer with you to help you ask Jesus to come into your heart. If you feel like today is the day that you want to trust Him, simply stand up and go to your teacher or counselor at the back of the room. (Individual children come to pray.)

We'll wait just a few minutes more.

Now, I'm going to pray a special prayer; just repeat after me. (VFX: A.B.C. Prayer slide)

A.B.C. Prayer

Lord Jesus,
I **A**dmit that I'm a sinner.
I **B**elieve You are the Lord
who died to take my sins away.
Please **C**ome into my heart
and I'll follow You forever.
In Jesus name, I pray. Amen!

Let's celebrate now. Just as Noah took time to worship God after he was saved from the flood, let's take time now to thank God for saving all who believe in His Son Jesus.

God's name is Yahweh, and because we belong to Him forever, we can go to Yahweh everyday. Let's celebrate by singing our Bible Memory Verse Song. (Sing: "Yahweh Every Day: Trust in the Lord.")

(exit)