



**Worship Illustration: Script**  
***The Bible Barn***  
**God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua**  
**Unit 6, Lesson 30**

# The Tower of Babel

**Genesis 11:1-9**

**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:** 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:** Wyoming is protecting his trophies. Granmammy tells him about the people who built the tower of Babel out of pride. We learn that we should put God first and build His kingdom not our own.

**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, a box of trophies, 3 helmets, a box of Bibles, ferret (stuffed toy). Place a slip of paper printed with "The Tower of Babel" 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. Spit and metallic clank
4. Song: "Working on a Building"

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Scripture slide: ***Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:4***
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](http://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!**

**Granmammy**

**Yodel-ay-he-hoo! Howdy boys and girls! Glad you could make it back to the Bible Barn! Let's start right off by reciting our Camper's Code.** (VFX: Campers' Code slide) **Stand to your feet. 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.** (SFX: Indiana Jones theme song)

**Wyoming** (runs in out of breath)

**Granmammy, Granmammy! I need your help! He's trying to take my trophies!**

**Granmammy**

**Calm down, Wyoming! Tell Granmammy what's the problem?**

**Wyoming** (crying and mumbling)

**It's Uncle Polecat, he...he...he... blahbady blah, blah, blah!**

**Granmammy**

**Speak up, boy! I can't understand a word when you're blubbering!**

**Wyoming** (whimpering)

**I'm not blahblee blah, blah-blah blah-blah blayblee!**

**Granmammy**

**Yes, you is! You is whimpering like a hound dog with a thorn in its paw. Look here, whenever I get sad and confused I turn to the Bible! I think I gots just the Bible story for you.**

**Wyoming** (whimpering)

**A blahdy blah, blah ne?**

**Granmammy**

**That's right. Just for you. I'm gonna spit some bubble gum and knock that can down. Kids you get yer pretend slingshots. Ready, aim fire!** (SFX: Spit and clank, VFX: Can falls.)

**Wyoming** (whimpering)

**Da blower of blah blah?**

**Granmammy**

**That's right, the Tower of Babel. Let me get out the Bible.** (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, SFX: "Come and Get It" with stampede) **The Bible says in Genesis 11:1: *Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. Must've been nice. Everyone in the world could understand and communicate with each other.***

**Wyoming**

**I knows how to communicatate!**

**Granmammy**

**Oh, sounds like you finally got the marbles out your mouth and stopped your cryin'?**

**Wyoming**

**I wasn't cryin'. I was waterin' my eyes. I'm upset 'cuz Uncle Polecat is tryin' to take all my trophies and melt them down and make 'em into a barbecue grill! (cries)**

**Granmammy**

Aw, hush. That Uncle Polecat, he do love his barbecue. What trophies is you talkin' 'bout?

**Wyoming** (taking out trophies)

Well, I got this one for bird callin' and this one for being kind to animules and this one for winnin' a pie eatin' contest and this one for kissin' a pig!

**Granmammy**

You kissed a pig?

**Wyoming**

Yes, and she was a very good kisser. I gots a beautiful statue to celebrate that glorious moment.

**Granmammy**

I don't see why they gived you a trophy for that. I'd throw that one out if'n I was you.

**Wyoming**

NOOO!! I loves all my trophies. I'm very proud of them! They remind me of the great things I have done!

**Granmammy**

Maybe you is a might too proud like these here folks in Babel. (VFX: Scripture slide)  
Listen here. *Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:4*

**Wyoming**

So, them Babelers, Babelotions ... them peoples from Babel wanted to build a tower to reach the heavens so that everyone would think that they were as high as God? That does not sound like a good idea?

**Granmammy**

No, it's not. Them people was full of pride. They was showin' off so that people would think that they was as powerful as God.

**Wyoming**

Uh-oh, that ain't gonna make God happy!

**Granmammy**

You right, look what God done did. The Bible says: *"Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.*

**Wyoming**

Wow, so God made it so they could not understand each other?

**Granmammy**

And God scattered them all over, seein' as how that was His plan all along. He'd been spreading everybody out ever since Noah stepped out of that ark.

**Wyoming**

Well, I think I learned an important lesson, never build towers in Babel!

**Granmammy**

Wyoming, that ain't the right lesson. Listen here, why don't we try a little contest.

**Wyoming**

Is there a prize?

**Granmammy**

Maybe. Now, I'm gonna need me a helper. (Choose a child.) **Come on up.** (Place child near box of Bibles.) **Put on your building helmet.** (Hand out helmet.)

**Wyoming**

Now, just a cotton pickin' minute, Granmammy. How come you gots a helper and I do not?

**Granmammy**

**You can have two helpers.**

**Wyoming**

**Hot diggity dog! You and you.** (Choose two children.) **Come on up.** (Place children near box of trophies.) **Put on your helmets.** (Hand out helmets.) **It's three against two. We gonna whomp Granmammy's team! Now, what's the game?**

**Granmammy**

**It's called "the tower game" and it's gonna remind us all who is the greatest and most important one in the whole world.**

**Wyoming**

**Me! Oh, me! Me! I pick me!**

**Granmammy**

**Now, in your box you've got all of your awards and trophies. In this box, we have the Word of God. When I say go, I want you to pile those trophies as high as you can and we'll pile the Bibles up and see which tower is the tallest. Ready? On your mark, get set, go!** (Both teams build towers, SFX: Working on a Building) **Time's up!**

**Wyoming**

**Let's have some applause for our builders! You may have a seat.**

**Granmammy**

**Okay, let's evaluate our two towers. See, the tower built on the Word of God is tall and steady.**

**Wyoming**

**The tower made out of my stuff is just a big ole mess. Granmammy, I wanted to win but I got pounded!**

**Granmammy**

**Winning's not important; the important thing is the lesson we learned. When we build things out of pride or just to serve ourselves we are bound to fail.**

**Wyoming**

**You are so right, Granmammy, I was winnin' all them trophies for my own pride like those Babel builders! That ain't right. We should spend our energy building the kingdom of God because HE is the most important one in the whole world!**

**Granmammy** (pick up stuffed ferret)

**Smart boy, now you're puttin' God first! Well, today's animal is the ferret and that makes sense because ferrets seem pretty selfish.**

**Wyoming**

**Yeah, they is! Them ferrets go into other animals' dens and take things for themselves!**

**Granmammy**

**That reminds us not to be selfish like the men of Babel but to always point to God 'cuz He's the greatest!**

**Wyoming**

**He sure is! Well, campers, it's time for us to go now, but we hope to see you next time, right here at the Bible Barn!**  
(SFX: Outro music)