



## Worship Illustration: Script

### *The Bible Barn*

## God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua

### Unit 6, Lesson 31

# The Call of Abram

Genesis 12:1-9

**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 remniscent 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:** Wyoming is afraid to move to a new place. Catastrophe teaches us that God called Abram to a new land. Abram obeyed and God kept His promise to bless Abram. We learn that God always keeps His promises.

### **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, letter, rabbit (stuffed toy). Place a slip of paper printed with "God calls Abram" 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

### **Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Scripture slide: ***The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. Genesis 12:1***
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. 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!

**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 doggy! Howdy hi there, kids! This here's our last week here at the Bible Barn. Let's stand up and say Camper's Code one last time.** (VFX: Campers' Code slide) **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** (runs in with letter)

**Catastrophe! Catastrophe! We got mail!  
We got mail!**

**Catastrophe**

**Well, that is kind of exciting but we get mail everyday. Is there something special in today's mail?**

**Wyoming**

**I'll say it's special. I got offered a job.**  
(bursts into tears)

**Catastrophe**

**Usually gettin' a job is good news.**

**Wyoming**

**Well, it is good news, sort of ... I get to help build churches. It's just ... well, the job is all the way in New Zealand!** (cries)

**Catastrophe**

**Well, that's great, Wyoming. I hear New Zealand is a real purty place.**

**Wyoming**

**I'm scared of all them NEW places, like New Zealand and New Jersey and New Smyrna and Fig Newtons!**

**Catastrophe**

**Well, hasn't God always takin' care of you before when you've obeyed His directions?**

**Wyoming**

**But, New Zealand is far away and the people will be all different and New Zealandy, not like all my friends here. And I'll have to leave you and GranMammy and there won't be no one there to make me no biscuits and gravy and what if it's scary?** (cries)

**Catastrophe**

**New places can be scary but, when God calls us to go, we can put our trust in Him and follow where He leads.**

**Wyoming**

Are you tellin' me that God asks people to move sometimes?

**Catastrophe**

Oh, yeah, happens in the Bible all the time. Let's shoot down that can and I'll show ya'. Kids get out your pretend slingshots. Ready! Aim! Fire! (SFX: Ricochet, VFX: Can falls.) Nice!

**Wyoming** (reads note)

"God calls Abram." Hey, wasn't his name Abraham?

**Catastrophe**

Actually, his name was Abram at first, but God was about to change his name.

**Wyoming**

Can I get the Bible one last time?

**Catastrophe**

Sure. Knock yourself out!

**Wyoming**

Okay, if you say so. (hits self in head)

**Catastrophe**

I meant, have fun ... and get the Bible.

**Wyoming**

Here it comes! (Opens door, corn rolls out with Bible and lands in bushel basket, SFX: "Come and Get It" with stampede) What's it say?

**Catastrophe** (VFX: Scripture slide

**The Bible says: *The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." Genesis 12:1***

**Wyoming**

So, Abram had to leave his country and his home and go to a place that he had never even seen before?

**Catastrophe**

Yep, but God was going to lead him to just the right place.

**Wyoming**

But, how did Abram know God wouldn't make a mistake?

**Catastrophe**

God don't make no mistakes. Anyway Abram obeyed and trusted that God would send him exactly where he needed to go.

**Wyoming**

Trusting is hard.

**Catastrophe**

You just gotta have faith. These kids know what that means. Every year they have to move up to a new grade or sometimes a new school or maybe even a new town.

**Wyoming**

You do? You poor tings!

**Catastrophe**

Raise your hand if you have ever had to go to a new place with new people.

**Wyoming**

How do you kids do it? That would make me very afraid!

**Catastrophe**

Abram must have been afraid, too. He didn't know where God was sending Him. But, God said He would show Abram the way.

**Wyoming**

So, Abram felt safe, even though he had to go to a strange place, because he knew God would give Him everything he needed to get there.

**Catastrophe**

Yup, including directions. So, Abram obeyed God and went into the new land. And God told him, "*To your offspring I will give this land.*"

### **Wyoming**

Oh, that's nice! God promised Abram he was going to have a whole bunch of kids and God would bless them and they would make a great nation! Maybe that's why God is calling me to New Zealand, so's I can meet a beautiful wife and get married just like Abraham and we will have a whole mess of lil' Wyomings runnin' around.

### **Catastrophe**

A whole mess of Wyomings running around? Now, that's scary!

### **Wyoming**

Don't worry, I'm not scared any more. But I do have a question. (gets rabbit) Why is the rabbit the Camp Critter of the day?

### **Catastrophe**

Well, remember God promised to make Abraham the father of many?

### **Wyoming**

Oh right! And rabbits are famous for having lots and lots of baby rabbits. (to rabbit) You are the father of many aren't you, Mr. Sprinkles? That's why you remind us of Abraham.

### **Catastrophe**

There's one more thing you need to remember about this story.

### **Wyoming**

What's that?

### **Catastrophe**

One of the first things Abraham did in the new land was to build an altar to thank God for that new land.

### **Wyoming**

I bet Abram was really glad he had trusted and obeyed God. I can't wait to build some altars in New Zealand.

### **Catastrophe**

But before you go, let's sing our Bible Memory Verse Song one last time to remember we can trust in God. (Sing: "Yahweh Every Day: Trust in the Lord.")

#### **Unit 7 Bible Memory Verse Song**

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(SFX: Outro music)