



Worship Illustration: Script
High Seas Adventures
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 32

Abram and Lot

Genesis 13

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The set for God of Wonders Units 7-10 is designed as a seventeenth century pirate ship viewed from the port (left) side. The Caribbean Queen's bow is stage right. On stage left, there is a raised wheelhouse with a door to the Captain's quarters. Characters and puppets may pop up from several trap doors in the deck and from the crow's nest near the top of the center stage mast. There is a pulley system to raise the treasure chest from below deck where the Bible is kept. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Captain Billy Ocean is a rough and tough former pirate who has given his heart to Jesus and uses his ship to serve God's kingdom. Ripply Waters is the fearless Quartermaster. He is a true friend to Captain Billy.

Plot: Captain Billy Ocean and Ripply are fighting over treasure. They read how Abram cared more about his nephew Lot than money or things. He chose to be the peacekeeper. God promised to bless Abram; we learn God always keeps His promises.

Costumes: Captain and Ripply: Blousy shirt, vest, belt, boots, scarf, and an eye patch for the Captain

Props: Bible, treasure chest, swords

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: "Pirate Theme" from productiontrax.com tracks #19253 or #40794
2. Treasure chest suggestion: Music with voiceover as chests opens to reveal Bible:
"His Words for you are treasures true!"

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Treasure chest contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and music with voiceover plays.
3. Scripture slide: ***And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot... So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. Genesis 13:8***
4. Scripture slide: ***The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. Genesis 13:14-15***
5. Closing Slide: **"May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path!"**

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover (VFX: Video bump)

Ahoy lads and lassies! There be a legend centuries old of a lost treasure, more valuable than gold! Though the pirates searched both land and sea, they could not find where it might be! Until Captain Billy sailed the ocean blue and brought that treasure home to you. So grab yer treasure map, climb aboard the Caribbean Queen and join us as Captain Billy Ocean and his crew unveil the greatest wonders God has ever shown!

Captain (pops up)

Ahoy there, mates! Welcome aboard the Caribbean Queen. My name is Captain Billy Ocean, the roughest, toughest, scariest pirate that ever sailed the seven seas. Well...I used to be the roughest, toughest, scariest pirate but then Jesus changed my heart. Now I use my ship and my pirate skills to help others and to build God's kingdom!

Ripply (pops up)

Pirate skills? You must be talking about me!

Captain

Boys and girls, this is me faithful quartermaster, Ripply Waters.

Ripply

Aye, the quartermaster is the most important officer on the ship.

Captain

Second most important.

Ripply

Says you! Where would this ship be without the quartermaster to supply the crew with all they need?

Captain

But where'd the ship be without a brilliant captain to sail her?

Ripply

I don't know, when you find us a brilliant captain, I'll let you know.

Captain

Them's is fightin' words!

Ripply

Well, I ain't takin' 'em back!

Captain

Oh, you'll take 'em back or I'll make you walk the plank!

Ripply

We don't have a plank. I sent it out to be repaired.

Captain

Then I'll make you walk the dog!

Ripply

We ain't got a dog!

Captain

Well, you're the quartermaster, go get us one!

Ripply

Fine! I'll just take the treasure chest and go to the pet store!

Captain

Unhand that chest, you scurvy knave! That be my traysure!!

Ripply

Yours? I'm the one what dug it up!

Captain

And I'm the one what steered the Caribbean Queen to the island!

Ripply

Well, the quartermaster gets a double share to buy supplies!

Captain

Well, the captain always gets a double share to buy...captain stuff.

Ripply

Oh yeah?!

Captain

Yeah!

Ripply

Look Captain, let's not fight.

Captain

You're right, Ripply Waters. We've always gotten along just like brothers. I'll tell you what, let's share the traysure.

Ripply

Now you're talkin', Cap'n. I've got an idea, why don't we open the lid and reach inside and each grab a handful of traysure?

Captain

Great idea! Are you ready? One, two, three! (They open treasure chest)
(SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest)

Voiceover with music

"His Words for you are treasures true!"

Ripply

This is the greatest treasure ever!

Captain

This is more than just a traysure! It's also a traysure map! This is the Word of God and it will lead us to the greatest traysures the world has ever known!

Ripply

Well, what are we waiting for? Let's open 'er up, Cap'n!

Captain

Aye Mate, let's seek the traysures inside! Abram and Lot separate.

Ripply

Cap'n, I know this one! Lot was Abram's nephew!

Captain

They traveled together with all of their men and all of their animals.

Ripply (reading Genesis 13:6)

Aye and God truly blessed them. The Bible says: *But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together.*

Captain (VFX: Scripture Slide)

Aye! *And quarreling arose between Abram's herdsmen and the herdsmen of Lot... So Abram said to Lot, "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are brothers. Genesis 13:8*

Ripply

Captain, that sounds like what we just said to each other!

Capt.

Aye, it does. Now Uncle Abram was older and wiser so he said to Lot, "Why don't we split up? You pick the way you want to go and I'll go the other way."

Ripply

That's nice. Abram loved his nephew. He wanted peace in the family. So, what did Lot do?

Captain

Well, the plain of Jordan looked like a beautiful garden so, Lot went that way.

Ripply

Lot picked the better land? Did Abram get mad?

Capt.

Nope, Abram did not care about land and things. He cared about his relationship with Lot and with God.

Ripply

Abram knew it was important to be a peacekeeper – that's what brings honor to God!

Captain (VFX: Scripture Slide)

Aye, and God made this promise: *The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. Genesis 13:14-15*

Ripply

Offspring? You mean his children and their children too?

Captain

Aye, God promised to give him more offspring than all the dust of the earth!

Ripply

Wow, that's a big family! God was surely generous, wasn't He!

Captain

Aye, and I want to be generous, and give you all the traysure.

Ripply

Oh, no, no, Cap'n, you found that treasure. You should keep it all.

Captain

But you did all the work to dig it up, you keep it.

Ripply

No, I insist. You keep it!

Captain

I'm the Captain! I order you to keep that treasure!

Ripply

I don't want it!

Captain

I'll make you walk the plank!

Ripply

We don't have a plank!

Captain

You're right. We don't. Let's share the traysure.

Ripply

Are you sure, Captain?

Captain

Positive. Keeping the peace is more important than any old treasure. We'll split it fifty-fifty, deal?

Ripply (shake hands)

Deal! Well Cap'n, it looks like God blessed us just like Abram and Lot!

Captain

Aye, indeed he did my friend. God always keeps His promises! Well kids, until next time...May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path! (SFX: Outro music)