



Abraham and Isaac

Genesis 22:1-18

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. Simeon the Cook is relaxed and full of wide-eyed wonder. His accent is Jamaican.

Plot: Simeon is fishing for dinner. Captain Billy tells him how God provided a sacrifice to take Isaac's place. We learn we can obey God by trusting God's promise to provide for His children.

Costumes: Captain: Blousy shirt, vest, belt, boots, scarf, eye patch; Simeon: Apron, tam w/rasta braids, shorts, sandals

Props: Bible, treasure chest, plastic swords, beard, robe, propeller hat, rope, stuffed ram, frying pan with happy face taped on

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: **Abraham answered, "God Himself will provide the lamb. Genesis 22:8a"**
4. 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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Voice over (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!

Simeon (pops up w/fishing pole)

Hey mon, how you doin'? My name is Simeon, I'm de cook, don't ya know! We be out at sea for a long time, mon. We be runnin' low on supplies. Captain Billy steered us towards shore but the nearest port is tree days away, don't ya know. This hungry crew not gonna last tree days with no food. So I come up here to catch a can of tuna.

Captain (offstage)

Simeon! Simeon, where are ye?

Simeon

I be on deck, Captain Billy!

Captain (pops up)

There ye be, Simeon, how many fish have ya caught so far?

Simeon

So far? A grand total of zero.

Captain

Maybe we should pray that God would provide.

Simeon

Dat sounds like a good plan, mon. Dear Lord, You are the God of miracles who provides for all of our needs. Please find a way to feed our crew of hungry swashbucklers. In Jesus name we pray and all of our sailors say...Amen!

Captain

Excellent prayer, Simeon! God did promise to provide for us and God always keeps His promises.

Simeon

Well, I hope He keeps it soon. I and I am powerful hungry.

Captain

We all are, Simeon, but sometimes you gotta be patient and trust that God will provide in his time, just as he did with Abraham and Isaac.

Simeon

I ain't familiar with that story, sir.

Captain

What? You ain't heard about Abraham and Isaac? It's one of my favorite stories of faith! Let me get me Traysure map right now! (Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: Light shines from Treasure Chest) Here it be. As you know, God had promised to give Abram and Sarah a baby.

Simeon

Yah mon, but wasn't them old?

Captain

They *were* old, but finally God allowed Sarah to give birth to Isaac when she was over 90 years old, and Abraham was over 100 years old!

Simeon

Him was a 100 year old Daddy? That's a laugh!

Captain

That's what Sarah thought. She even named her baby Isaac, which means laughter because she said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me."

Simeon

Abraham must have been mighty happy to finally have the son that God had promised him.

Captain

Aye, but then God tested him.

Simeon

What kind of test?

Captain

You know what? Why don't we get a volunteer and I'll show ya. Who wants to play Abraham? (choose volunteer)

Simeon (hands him beard and robe)

Here you go, Bredda. Here's your beard and robe. You make a great old man! I and I will play Isaac!

Captain

All right, the Bible says: Then God told Abraham to go up the mountain and sacrifice his son Isaac.

Simeon

What? Sacrifice! God wanted Abraham to sacrifice Isaac?! Like give his life, mon?!

Captain

That's what sacrifice means?

Simeon

Okay, this is getting dangerous mon...de role of Isaac will now be played by my favorite stunt pan, mon. (pulls out frying pan) What happened next?

Captain

Well, Abraham always obeyed God. God wanted Abraham to prove to himself that he would put God first – even if it meant sacrificing his own son! Abraham knew that God is in control and He always provides.

Simeon

Wow, that's what I call faith!

Captain

Aye, Abraham could have big faith because he trusted that God would keep His promise!

Simeon

Aye, God promised him more children than all the stars in the sky! But, how is God going to do that with no Isaac? I'm confused!

Captain

Isaac was confused too. The Bible says: "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the offering?"

Simeon

I tink I'd be askin' the same question! What did Abraham say?

Captain (VFX: Scripture slide)

*Abraham answered, "God Himself will provide the lamb."
Genesis 22:8a*

Simeon

Oh good! So, they did not have to go through with the sacrifice!

Captain

Yes, they did. Abraham obeyed God and tied up Isaac and laid him on top of the wood. (Volunteer wraps rope around frying pan.) But just as Abraham picked up the knife... (Volunteer lifts plastic sword)

Simeon

Are you sure this is in the Bible?

Captain

Yup! Just as Abraham picked up the knife...

Simeon

I can't watch! (peeks through hands)

Captain

The angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

Simeon

Oh, thank the Lord!

Captain

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Simeon (relieved, takes sword)

Excellent! God kept His promise!

Captain

Aye, He did. Abraham looked over and saw a ram caught in the bushes and he sacrificed the ram instead.

Simeon (picks up stuffed ram)

So, God provided this sacrifice to die in Isaac's place!

Captain

He did. In fact, Abraham named that place the Lord will provide.

Simeon (unties frying pan)

Well, I am relieved, mon, and I think our Abraham is too! Thank you for your faith, Abraham. You're free to go. Let's have some big ups for me helper! (Volunteer exits on applause) **Wow Captain, Abraham was right! God kept His promise.**

Captain

He did, the Angel of the Lord told him that because he did not hold back his only son, that he would be blessed. The Lord said, "Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Simeon

Wow mon, obeying God has great rewards!

Captain

Aye, but I'd serve Him if there was no reward at all.

Simeon

Ya mon, me too, Captain!

Captain

Simeon, do you see what I see? A whole school of mackerel approaching the starboard stern.

Simeon

Captain! God provided dinner!

Captain

He did indeed! Get below, call the men and get the big nets! We're havin' seafood tonight! We gotta go kids, until next time...May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path!

(exit)