



The Search for Rebekah

Genesis 24:34-51

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: R Ripply Waters is the fearless Quartermaster. He is a true friend to Captain Billy. Matey (Nigel) is a simple, sweet-natured midshipman with a true servant's heart.

Plot: Matey is praying his way through every chore. He tells Ripply how Abraham's servant prayed and God provided a wife for Isaac. We learn that when we pray and obey we honor God.

Costumes: Ripply: Blousy shirt, vest, belt, boots, scarf; Matey: Striped shirt, stocking cap, short trousers (Capri pants), slippers

Props: Bible, treasure chest, swords, chore list, mop

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 I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road... Genesis 24:48a***
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!

Matey (pops up with mop)
Ahoy there, Kids! Matey here!

Rusty (pops up)
Matey? Matey?! Where are you?

Matey
On deck, sir.

Rusty
Call me Ripply, Ripply Waters. The Captain said to give you this list of chores. (unrolls long list)

Matey
Is that all?

Ripply
Finish that list and the Captain'll find you some more work.

Matey
Aye, aye, Sir! Chore number one: swab deck. Dear Lord, Please let me swab this deck cleaner than it's ever been before, Amen! (sings as he works) Yo ho, yo ho, a sailor's life for me.

Ripply
Good job, Nigel. Next batten the hatches.

Matey
Aye, aye, sir! Dear Lord, Please let me batten these hatches tighter than they've ever been battened before, Amen! (sings as he tightens doors) Yo ho, yo ho, a sailor's life for me. Done! What's next?

Ripply
Number three: Polish the traysure chest.

Matey
Aye, aye, sir! Dear Lord, Please let me polish this traysure chest shinier than it's ever been polished before, Amen! (sings) Yo ho, yo ho, a sailor's life for me!

Ripply
Matey, must you do that?

Matey
Oh yes, I must. If the Captain says polish the treasure chest, I have to obey the Captain's orders.

Ripply
I meant that other thing you do.

Matey
Singing yo-ho songs?

Ripply
No, that prayer thing. Do you have to pray before every chore?

Matey
Oh yes. The Bible says we should pray without ceasing.

Ripply
Well, you've got that part down.

Matey
Besides, I want to be just like the chief servant.

Ripply
Who?

Matey

Abraham's chief servant. Here, I'll read it to ya. Let me get the Bible out! (Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest) **Ooh, I like that. Ah, here it is! Abraham sent his chief servant to find a wife for his son, Isaac.**

Ripply

Why didn't he just sign up on match.com?

Matey

God doesn't need a dating service. He's got faithful servants who pray! And that's just what this fella did. He went to the land that Abraham was from so he could find a nice Hebrew girl for Isaac to marry.

Ripply

What did he do when he got there?

Matey

The first thing he did was obey. He packed up and traveled to Abraham's homeland. Then when he reached a well, he prayed asking God to show him a sign. He asked God to send a lady with a water jar who so he could ask her for a drink *"and if she says to me, "Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too," let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son."*

Ripply

Argh, he asked God to send him a lassie who would say the secret password? Let me guess, a girl came along with a water jar and gave him and his camels a drink.

Matey

Aye! You sure know your Bible! As soon as he finished praying Rebekah strolled by!

Ripply

And he asked her to marry Isaac?

Matey

He did. The servant gave his very best to complete the mission Abraham had given him.

Ripply

And she said yes?

Matey

She did! God promised Abraham he would find a wife for Isaac, the servant prayed, and God chosen Rebekah!

Ripply

God, Himself sent Rebekah? So, God answered the servant's prayer!

Matey

Aye, God always keeps his promises. And the servant was faithful to obey, pray, and give himself away!

Ripply

I like that, obey, pray, ...

Matey

And give ourselves away!

Ripply

So, then he took her home?

Matey (VFX: Scripture Slide)

Not yet! The Bible says: *"and I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road... Genesis 24:48a*

Ripply

He stopped to pray again?!

Matey

It's a wise servant who takes the time to worship the One who helps him do his job.

Ripply

So, praying is a way to worship?

Matey

It's my favorite way! And you know what, Sir? When you pray your way through every chore the work goes so much faster!

Ripply

So, if these kids have to clean their room...?

Matey

They can pray their way clean...

Ripply

And if they have to wash the dishes...?

Matey

They can scrub and pray!

Ripply

And if they have to clean up after their dog?

Matey

Then they really need to pray!

Ripply

So they can do their work and honor God at the same time!

Matey

Giving your very best is easier if you do each job as though you were doing it for God!

Ripply

Pray and obey...

Matey

And give yourself away!

Ripply

I'll remember that. Okay, chore number four: Cook dinner for the men.

Matey

I hope they like clam chowder.

Ripply

I love clam chowder! Can I help you make it?

Matey

Sure, together we'll pray, obey,..

Ripply

...and give ourselves away! We gotta go kids, until next time...

Matey

May the God of Wonders guide your sails and fill your path!

Ripply

That's the other way around.

Matey (he turns around)

May the God of Wonders guide your sails and fill your path! (SFX: Outro music)

Ripply

Never mind. Race you to the kitchen!

Matey

Wait for me! (they exit)