



Worship Illustration: Script
High Seas Adventures
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 36

Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:21-34, 27:1-36

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: Ripply does not feel worthy to be aboard. Captain Billy Ocean tells him the story of how God blessed Jacob even though he was sometimes dishonest. We learn God chooses to use us, not because we're perfect, but because He wants to do it.

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

Props: Bible, treasure chest, swords, beard, dark glasses, fur tunic, fur gloves

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: ***Then Isaac said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he blessed him. Isaac asked, "Are you really my son Esau?" "I am," Jacob replied. Genesis 27:23***
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!

Captain (pops up with mop)

Ahoy, ye landlubbers! I be lookin' fer Ripply Waters. He said he had something important to tell me.

Ripply (pops up)

Ripply Waters reporting for duty, Sir! Cap'n, I want you to arrest me.

Captain

Arrest ya? Fer what?

Ripply

I done terrible, bad things.

Captain

When?

Ripply

Two years ago I wanted to steal my neighbor's traysure. I got in a fight three years ago and, when I were a little boy, I lied to my mommy!

Captain

All them things were a long time ago. Did you tell God that you were sorry fer doing wrong in His eyes?

Ripply

Aye, that I did.

Captain

Well then, you are forgiven!

Jesus died fer yore sins and God fergived ya of all that past stuff.

Ripply

Well then...I want to put in fer a transfer to another ship.

Captain

Another ship?! Fer heaven's sake, why?

Ripply

The Caribbean Queen's mission is to deliver God's Word to kids all over the world.

Captain

Aye, that be true.

Ripply

Well, sir, I don't deserve to be onboard. I've led a naughty life and I'm not worthy for God to use me.

Captain

Is that what yer thinkin'? Ha, God uses lots of people who ain't the least bit worthy.

Ripply

He does?

Captain

In fact, God chooses to use imperfect people all the time. That way when they do something amazing, the world will know that only God could have made it happen! Take Jacob for example.

Ripply

Who?

Captain

Jacob, the son of Isaac. He were quite the troublemaker, but God used him all the time. Here let me show ya. Let's take the Bible out right now! (Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest) **Here it be, the story of Jacob and Esau.**

Ripply

Now who is Esau?

Captain

Esau were Jacob's twin brother and they was tusslin' with each other from the time they was in their mother's belly!

Ripply

Were they born wrestling?

Captain

Just about, the name Jacob, means "Heel Catcher," Esau was born first but Jacob was holdin' onto his heel. In the Jewish tradition the first born son get's his father's blessing.

Ripply

Aye, so Esau would inherit his dad's land, his animals and his house...

Captain

And his blessing! It were a very important kind of prayer where the dad would ask God to watch over his son's entire future. Jacob wanted that blessing powerful bad.

Ripply

But Jacob's not the first born!

Captain

Aye, but Jacob were tricky and he tried every trick he could think of to get that blessing. Like this one time, Esau came in from hunting and he were mighty hungry and old Jacob was cookin' some stew.

Ripply

Did he give some to Esau?

Captain

Esau begged him for food, but Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

Ripply

Esau didn't do it, did he?

Captain

He did! He sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of stew.

Ripply

That Jacob is an awful trickster!

Captain

That ain't the worst part. There was another time when Jacob's dad Isaac was old and blind...

Ripply

He tried to trick a blind man?!

Captain

He did, I'll show ya! Let's get a couple sailors to act it out! (Choose 2 volunteers.)
Come aboard. You are going to play Isaac. (Give first volunteer beard and eyeglasses.)

Ripply

Here's your beard and here's your glasses. Now lie down over here.

Captain

Jacob, you come over here. Now, Jacob was his mommy, Rebekah's favorite baby boy!

Ripply

It's not nice to pick favorites!

Captain

Aye, but Isaac had a favorite too, Esau! He told Esau to go hunt some food, cook it and bring it to him and then he would give him his blessing. But Rebekah heard him so while Esau was hunting, she told Jacob to dress up like Esau and trick his daddy!

Ripply

But Esau was a big, hairy hunter! So, Rebekah dressed Jacob in goat's fur, (place fur on second volunteer) cooked some tasty meat and sent Jacob in to Isaac. And when Isaac asked who he was, Jacob lied and said, "I am Esau your firstborn."

Captain (VFX: Scripture Slide)

Then Isaac made him come closer to touch him and make sure he was Esau. *Then Isaac said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he blessed him. Isaac asked, "Are you really my son Esau?" "I am," Jacob replied. Genesis 27:23*

Ripply

Did you see that? Jacob lied again!

Captain

Aye and then he fed his dad who then gave him the family blessing.

Ripply

What? I thought that blessing was supposed to be for Esau!

Captain

It was, but Jacob tricked his dad. I told you he was naughty. Let's have a round of applause for old Isaac and tricky Jacob! Have a seat.

Ripply

Sir, was Esau mad when he found out that Jacob stole his blessing?

Captain

Esau was so angry he threatened to kill his brother and Jacob had to run away!

Ripply

Well, what happened to Jacob?

Captain

We find that out next time. Oh, but you won't be here. You're going to transfer to another ship.

Ripply

Well, I suppose I could stay on board a little longer.

Captain

But, I thought you weren't worthy enough for God to use you...

Ripply

Well, if God can use a family like Jacob and Esau, and Isaac, and Rebekah, I guess he can use a couple of ex-pirates with a few naughty deeds in their past.

Captain

Now yer getting it. God chooses us to be part of his plan, not because we're perfect, but just because he wants to.

Ripply

I can't wait to see how God uses Jacob and Esau! (SFX: Outro music)

Captain

Next time, my friend, next time... until then, May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path!

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