



**Worship Illustration: Script**  
**High Seas Adventures**  
**God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua**  
**Unit 7, Lesson 37**

# The Life of Jacob

**Genesis 28:11-19, 32:22-32, 33:1-5, 35:10-11**

**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 can't wait to hear more about Jacob. Captain Billy Ocean tells him the story of how Jacob wrestled with an angel and God blessed him. He also tells him how Jacob's brother Esau forgave him. We learn God always keep 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: ***God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel." So he named him Israel. And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body. Genesis 35:10-11***
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!**

**Ripply** (pops up and rings bell)

**All hands on deck! All hands on deck! All hands on deck!**

**Captain** (pops up)

**Holy guacamole! What is it! What's going on, Ripply Waters?**

**Ripply**

**I'm sorry, I just couldn't wait!**

**Captain**

**Wait? Wait for what?**

**Ripply**

**Last week Esau threatened Jacob's life and Jacob ran away and I just gotta find out what happened!**

**Captain**

**Ah, is that all? I thought you were transferin' off the Caribbean Queen.**

**Ripply**

**Oh no, I ain't going nowhere until I find out what happened to Jacob!**

**Captain**

**So, the Bible is so exciting that you just gotta hear how the story ends?**

**Ripply**

**That's right. We just left poor Jacob out there in the wilderness. How do we know if he's going to be okay?**

**Captain**

**Well, he does have the blessing from Isaac but let's find out where God takes him. Let's get our Traysure map, right now!**  
(Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest)  
**Now, as you may remember Jacob tricked Isaac...**

**Ripply**

**I know! I know! Jacob tricked Isaac and stole Esau's blessing and Esau threatened to kill Jacob and Jacob ran away but what happens next? The suspense is killing me!**

**Captain**

**Well, Jacob left for quite a while, long enough to start a family.. Finally he sent a message to meet with Esau. Then he wrestled all night with a mysterious stranger.**

**Ripply**

**Wait, didn't Jacob know we're not supposed to talk to strangers?**

**Captain**

**Aye, but this was not that kind of stranger. Some folk think it was an angel, some think it was the Lord Himself!**

**Ripply**

**Wow! So, what happened?**

**Captain**

**The Bible tells us that Jacob wrestled with a mysterious man until daybreak. *When he could not overpower Jacob, he touched Jacob's socket to wrench it.***

**Ripply**

**That feller just touched his hip and threw it out if socket?**

**Captain**

Aye, but Jacob still wouldn't let go of him until that feller blessed him.

**Ripply**

Boy that Jacob sure went after those blessings, didn't he? What did that wrestlin' feller say?

**Captain**

He asked Jacob his name. *Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."*

**Ripply**

Did he bless him?

**Captain**

He did.

**Ripply**

Wow, that Jacob's got guts! He would do anything to get God's blessing! He never gives up! So, what happened next?

**Captain**

*Jacob looked up and saw Esau, coming with his four hundred men!*

**Ripply**

So, there's Jacob with a twisted hip and Esau was comin' at him with a whole army! Cool! What did he do?

**Captain**

Jacob put all of his family in a safe place. Then he went ahead by himself *and bowed down times as he came near his brother.*

**Ripply**

What did Esau do?

**Captain**

The Bible says Esau ran towards Jacob...

**Ripply**

Yeah, yeah?

**Captain**

He threw his arms around his neck...!

**Ripply**

Yeah, yeah?

**Captain**

And he kissed him.

**Ripply**

Kissed him? What?! You mean he killed him, right?

**Captain**

Nope, he kissed him.

**Ripply**

He kissed him? Yuck! So, Esau didn't hurt Jacob? I thought he was so angry at his brother that he threatened to kill him.

**Captain**

He was.

**Ripply**

Then what's with all the kissy-face?

**Captain**

God had promised to protect Jacob, so he changed Esau's heart.

**Ripply**

Woah! So the brothers were reunited and the family was back together again. Jacob really is blessed.

**Captain**

Aye, God had given Jacob a beautiful family, reunited him with his twin brother and kept his promise to protect him. God had blessed him so much that Jacob built an altar.

**Ripply**

Fer what?

**Captain**

To worship the Lord. Jacob put it in the very place where the Lord first promised to be with him!

**Ripply**

Wow! I guess Jacob got all the blessings one feller could get!

**Captain**

You might think so, but God wasn't quite done. The Bible says, after Jacob went home God appeared to him and blessed him again.

**Ripply**

Again! Boy, God sure loves that crazy heel catcher!

**Captain** (VFX: Scripture Slide)

Heel Catcher was his old name. *God said to him, "Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel." So he named him Israel. And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body." Genesis 35:10-11*

**Ripply**

That sounds like the promise that God had made to Abraham!

**Captain**

Very good. God had promised to make Abraham the father of many nations. And who was Abraham?

**Ripply**

Jacob's Grandpa! So, this was part of God's plan! God was fulfilling His promise through Abraham and then Isaac and now Jacob!

**Captain**

Exactly! God always keeps His promises! In fact, to this day people refer to our God as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

**Ripply**

You mean Israel!

**Captain**

Aye, and we'll learn more about Israel in future weeks...

**Ripply**

I don't want to miss that! Permission to stay aboard, Sir?

**Captain**

I'm thinking God just might have a plan for you aboard this ship...  
permission granted!

**Ripply**

Yipee! Thank you, sir! See you next time, kids! (SFX: Outro music)

**Captain**

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

(they exit)