



Joseph and His Jealous Brothers

Genesis 37:1-36

Running time: Approximately 7 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: Ripply Waters is the fearless Quartermaster. He is a true friend to Captain Billy. The Town Crier is a messenger who travels around the port calling out the news for all to hear.

Plot: The Town Crier delivers a package to Rusty. It is a colorful vest from Rusty's dad. It reminds the Town Crier of Joseph and his coat of many colors. Rusty and the Town Crier read about Joseph and his jealous brothers from the Bible. It reminds Rusty of his jealous brothers.

Costumes: Ripply and the Town Crier: Blousy shirt, vest, belt, boots, scarf

Props: Package containing brightly colored vest or coat, 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: ***When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Genesis 37:4***
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

High Seas Adventures
Unit 8, Lesson 38
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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!

Crier

Mail call, mail call! Shore calling ship! Permission to come aboard!

Ripply (pops up)

Ahoy there, Come aboard! Have you got anything in your mailbag for me, oh, town crier?

Crier

Who are you?

Ripply

My name is Ripply!

Crier

Well, let's see, there's a letter for the Captain, a subscription to a magazine, and a package for someone named...Ripply Waters.

Ripply

Oh goody!

Crier

Is there a Ripply onboard the ship? Package for Ripply Waters?

Ripply

Me! Me!

Crier

Do you know Ripply Waters?

Ripply

It's me, it's me!

Crier

Could you make sure he gets this?

Ripply

I'm Ripply!

Crier (hands package to Ripply)

Oh, then this must be for you.

Ripply

Thank you! (reads label) **It's from dear sweet Papa!** (tears it open) **Oh, how beautiful, it's a wonderful winter vest!** (tries it on)

Crier

Wow, you look mighty impressive standing on the deck in a colorful vest like that. You remind me of Joseph.

Ripply

Joseph? There's nobody named Joseph on the Caribbean Queen.

Crier

I'm talking about the Joseph in the Bible. Where's your treasure map?

Ripply

Captain Billy keeps a treasure map in here. I'll get it out for you right now! (Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest)

Crier

Wow, that's pretty cool! Let me open this up and show you Joseph's miracle. Now, Joseph was one of twelve brothers.

Ripply

Wow! I bet you there were never any leftovers at their table!

Crier

You got that right. Their father Jacob loved all of his sons but his favorite was Joseph.

Ripply

Oh, we learned about Jacob, he was the heel catcher!

Crier

That's right, but by now Jacob was much older...

Ripply

And he had a big family, just like God promised!

Crier

Well, you know, God always keeps his promises.

Ripply

Aye, I've heard that. So what happened to Joseph?

Crier

Well, because Joseph was his daddy's favorite, Jacob gave him a special coat of many colors.

Ripply

He must have loved that coat.

Crier

Oh, he loved it so much that he showed it off to all of his brothers!

Ripply

Did they love it, too?

Crier (reading from Bible)

(VFX: Scripture Slide) **The Bible says: "When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him." Genesis 37:4**

Ripply

I guess they didn't like the coat.

Crier

They hated the coat and they hated the guy wearing it even more!

Ripply

Poor Joseph! Nobody loved him.

Crier

That's not true. Jacob loved him and God loved him. God loved him so much that he spoke to Joseph.

Ripply

You mean God called him up on the telephone.

Crier

Nope. God spoke to Joseph through dreams and that made his brothers hate him all the more.

Ripply

Oh, they're so jealous! I know how he feels, I have five older brothers and they are so jealous of me because I'm a pirate.

Crier

Hm, well, God told Joseph through his dreams that He would make him a great man and that all of his brothers would bow down to him.

Ripply

How did his brothers feel about that?

Crier

They felt like killing him! They said, "Here comes that dreamer! Let's kill him." They planned to throw Joseph down a well and tell their daddy a wild animal ate him up!

Ripply

They killed him?

Crier

No, God used his oldest brother Rueben to talk them out of it. They threw him down an empty well instead.

Ripply

God protected Joseph from death!

Crier

Oh, yes God had big plans for Joseph. But his brothers had plans too. They sold him as a slave to some Ishmaelites passing by.

Ripply

What? They sold him? How are they gonna explain that to Jacob?

Crier

Oh, they had a plan for that, too. They killed a goat and then they took Joseph's beautiful coat...

Ripply

The one with all the colors?!

Crier

That's the one! They dipped the coat in the goat's blood...

Ripply

Eww!

Crier

And then they ran and told daddy Jacob that Joseph had been eaten by a wild animal – and all that was left was his coat.

Ripply

Woah, those guys are out of control!

Crier

Aye, things really got out of hand and before they knew it, they were attacking God's special messenger.

Ripply

That's so sad! They should have just been happy for Joseph.

Crier

You're right my friend. We should all learn to be happy when good things happen to others, even if they don't deserve it.

Ripply

Joseph became somebody's slave! Now his dream won't come true.

Crier

Oh, yes it will. God promised. But that, my friend, will have to wait for another day. I've got lots of mail and lots of other boats to visit! Adios amigo! (exits)

Ripply

Wait! How will I know what happens to Joseph?!

Crier (shouts back)

Read it for yourself! It's all in the Bible!
(exits)

Rusty

Thanks, Town Crier! Okay kids, I'm going to get below and read more about God's plan for Joseph! May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path! See you next time, kids! (exit)