



Worship Illustration: Script
High Seas Adventures
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 8, Lesson 39

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Genesis 41:37 – 46:7

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: 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 has a hard time understanding how Joseph kept trusting God even though many bad things happened to him. Captain Billy shows Ripply how God used all of those incidents to shape Joseph's life. We learn God can take bad things in our life, turn them around, and use them for good.

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

Props: Bible, treasure chest, sword

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: ***But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.***
Genesis 50:20
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)

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Ripply (pops up)

Ahoy there, mates! It's me, Ripply. I've been reading about Joseph all week long. What a great story!

Captain (pops up)

Ripply! Ripply, I've been lookin' everywhere for you.

Ripply

Did you look on deck?

Captain

Well, I did just now.

Ripply

Oh good, 'cause that's where I am!

Captain

Thanks. I see you're still readin' the ole Bible. Can't get enough of those exciting stories, eh?

Ripply

Yes sir, I've been reading about Joseph and I can't believe how well he could hear from God.

Captain

Well, God is "the God who Speaks." We just need to learn how to be the people who listen.

Ripply

Amen to that! I just wish I could understand how Joseph did it.

Capt.

How he did what?

Ripply

How he kept trusting and obeying God even though he went through so many tough times!

Captain

Well, God had spoken to him and promised him a great future.

Ripply

I know, but, it's hard to see the future when bad things are happening all around you.

Captain

Those bad things were good things in Joseph's life!

Ripply

You're talking kooky talk! How can bad things be good things?

Captain

It's just one of the amazing ways that God works in our lives. Sometimes God turns bad situations around and uses them for good, for His glory. Here let me show ya. Let's get out our Traysure map, right now! (Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest) Here we go. Remember how Joseph's brothers threw him in the well and then sold him to the Ishmaelites? Well, they sold him to a rich feller named Potiphar.

Ripply

But, those are all bad things!

Captain

True, but Potiphar liked Joseph and he put him in charge of all of his servants.

Ripply

Well, that's good.

Captain

Aye, but Mrs. Potiphar tricked Joseph and lied about him.

Ripply

That's bad. Did he get in trouble?

Captain

He got thrown in jail!

Ripply

That's awful! What happened next?

Captain

Well, in prison he met the king's chief cupbearer— he's the guy who always served the king of Egypt his fancy cup of wine. Anyway, this cupbearer guy had a dream that he told to Joseph.

Ripply

That's right! God spoke to Joseph through dreams. Did he tell the cupbearer what his dream meant?

Captain

Aye, he did. The dream came true just as Joseph said it would. So, the cupbearer promised to tell the king about Joseph. Two whole years went by. The one day the king had a bad dream. Suddenly, the cupbearer remembered the man in jail who explained his dream.

Ripply

Did the king let Joseph out of jail?

Captain

He did and Joseph explained the king's dream. He told him seven years of famine were on the way and the king should put lots of food away so that the people of Egypt would have plenty to eat during the lean years.

Ripply

That's good, right?

Captain

It was good. The king followed Joseph's advice and that saved the people of Egypt from starving. Then the king made Joseph second in command over all of Egypt!

Ripply

That's excellent! I bet that made his brothers really jealous!

Captain

Well, they didn't know! You see back home they hadn't stored up any food, so all of Joseph's family back in Israel were starving!

Ripply

Oh, that's bad. What did they do?

Captain

Their daddy, Jacob sent them to Egypt to beg the Egyptians for food. And when they got there, who came out to meet them but their own brother, Joseph.

Ripply

Were they happy to see him?

Captain

They didn't recognize him. But he knew who they were.

Ripply

What did he do? What did they do?

Captain

Well, to make a long story short, after they went home and brought his little brother Benjamin, Joseph told them who he was. In the very end, the brothers bowed down and begged Joseph to forgive them.

Ripply

Hey! They bowed down just like in Joseph's dream when he was a teenager!

Captain

How do you like that? Dreams really do come true...when they come from the Lord.

Ripply

So did Joseph get his brothers back for tossing him down the well and selling him to strangers?

Captain

Nope, he forgave them.

Ripply

What?! But, they was down right mean to him! I can't believe Joseph would forgive those scalliwags!

Captain

They couldn't believe it either. They thought for sure he would throw them in jail or even worse! They threw themselves down at his feet and said, "We are your slaves!"

Ripply

Then he made them all be his slaves for life, right?

Captain (VFX: Scripture slide)

Wrong. The Bible says, "But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them." Genesis 50:20

Ripply

Aye, Joseph would never have gotten to power and been able to save his whole family and all of Egypt if his brothers hadn't sold him and if all of those bad things had not happened to him.

Captain

Exactly! God turned a bad situation around and used it for His glory!

Ripply (gesture to kids)

Do you think God could turn bad things around in these kids' lives?

Captain

I do. Keep that in mind, kids. Sometimes, we go through tough times, but God can bring good from anything!

Ripply

Just as He did with Joseph, God has a plan for our lives, too!

Captain (VFX: Closing Slide)

Amen! Until next time, say it with me kids, "May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path!" (SFX: Outro music)
(they exit)