



Worship Illustration: Script
High Seas Adventures
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 8, Lesson 40

The Burning Bush

Exodus 2:1—3:23

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: 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: Ripply asks Matey to deliver a message. He tells how God called Moses to be His messenger. We learn God can use all of us to deliver His message to the world.

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

Props: Bible, treasure chest, swords, letter.

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: **"Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." Exodus 4:12.**
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

Ahoy kids! We just got word that our old friend Sandy Shores was made Captain of her own ship! I'll have a messenger bring her a letter of congratulations. Let me see if Matey is around. Matey, Matey!

Matey (pops up)

Ahoy there, sir or madam! Seaman Nigel reporting for duty!

Ripply

Ah, there ye be, Matey, I need you to take a message to Sandy Shores.

Matey (puts on donkey tube)

Aye, aye, sir! Dear Lord, please let me have a safe journey! All right, I'm on my way!

Ripply

Where are you going?

Matey

I'm going to swim to the sandiest shores I can find!

Ripply

Sandy Shores is a lady. And she be onboard her new ship, the Ocala.

Matey

Aye, aye, sir. (exits)

Ripply

Nigel! Where are you going?

Matey (enters)

To take a message to the Ocala!

Ripply

Aren't you forgetting something?

Matey

I've got my cap and my shoes and my lunch money so's I can get a cookie at the bakery!

Ripply

What about the message?

Matey

I'm on my way to deliver it! (exit)

Ripply

Matey?

Matey (enter)

Yes, sir?

Rusty

I've got the message.

Ripply

Oh good. Make sure it gets to Sandy Shores!

Ripply (hands scroll to him)

No! I want you to take it to her! Here, guard this with your life.

Matey

Aye, aye, sir! I'll put it in a safe place.

(hides scroll) **All right, sir, wish me luck!**

(exit)

Ripply

Matey!!

Matey (enters)

Aye, aye, sir!

Ripply

The message?!

Matey

Don't worry it's in a safe place!

Ripply

I don't want it in a safe place. I want it to go with you!

Matey

Oh! I see! You want me to take the message to Captain Sandy Shores.

Ripply

Yes, that's how messengers work. I give you a message. You deliver it.

Matey

Oh, this is all so complicated! I'm not fit to be a messenger. I don't think God can use me at all!

Ripply

Aw, nonsense. God can use anyone. He used Moses, didn't he?

Matey

Who's Moses?

Ripply

He were one of God's messengers.

Matey

Could he deliver this letter?

Ripply

Not likely. He's been dead a long time. But I'll get the Traysure map out and show you how God used him! (Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest) **Now, Moses started out as a little, bitty baby.**

Matey

What a coincidence! I started out as a little baby, too!

Ripply

But, Moses were a Hebrew and when he were born the Pharaoh had made a law to have all of the Hebrew baby boys killed!

Matey

Why, that's a terrible law! Why would he make a law like that?!

Ripply

This Pharaoh was hard hearted for sure. But Moses' Mama put him in a basket and set it in the reeds on the shore of the Nile River. And guess who found the baby in the basket?

Matey

Hannah Montana!

Ripply

No! Good answer though. It were the Pharaoh's daughter. So, you see, Moses ended up growing up right inside the Pharaoh's palace.

Matey

Ain't that a kick in the pants?!

Ripply

Well, ole Moses grew up and he ran away into the desert and became a shepherd.

Matey

I thought you said he was a messenger?

Ripply

Oh, I'm getting to that part. One day when Moses was tending his sheep, he saw a burning bush.

Matey

Did he call the fire department?

Ripply

No. This bush was on fire but it wouldn't burn up, so he went for a closer look just then the Lord called to Moses from within the bush and said, "Moses, take off your sandals, you're standing on holy ground. God told Moses that he must lead His people out of Egypt.

Matey

Moses!? Why would God's people follow him?

Ripply

Do you know Moses asked that very same question? But God had chosen Moses to be the one, and God promised He would be with him. God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you!'"

Matey

The Great I AM is one of the names of God! I'll bet meeting "the Great I Am" changed Moses' life forever!

Ripply (VFX: Scripture slide)

That it did. Moses didn't feel worthy to be His messenger, but the Lord said, "*Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.*" Exodus 12:4

Matey

I wish I could carry God's message.

Ripply

You can! And God will help you know what to say, too. God used Moses to carry His message and God uses us, all of us! Every time we tell someone about the Lord, God uses us to speak His message!

Matey

Did you hear that kids? You're all messengers for God! All right, sir, I am ready to carry God's message!

Ripply

You can start by carrying that message to Sandy Shores!

Matey

Never fear, sir! Matey, God's messenger, is on the way! (exits)

Ripply

Matey!!

Matey (enters)

Yes, sir?

Ripply

The message?

Matey (picks up scroll)

Right. So long, kids. May the God of Wonder fill your pants with gliding snails!
(exits) (SFX: Outro music)

Ripply

That's guide your path and fill you sails!
Oh, never mind. See ya next time, kids!
(exits)