

Worship Illustration: Script

High Seas Adventures

God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua

Unit 8, Lesson 42

# **God Parts the Red Sea**

Exodus 13:17-22, 14:1-31

**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.

<u>Characters</u>: Cody and Brodie are two of Captain Billy Ocean's "skater" nephews. They are fairly simple, speak in surfer terms, and are excited by most things, especially God's Word.

**Plot:** Cody tells Brodie how God can speak to us through nature. They tell us how God appeared as a cloud and a pillar of fire and how he parted the Red Sea to save His people. We learn God made a way to save His people.

<u>Costumes</u>: Cody and Brodie: Skater caps, skater shorts, knee socks, sandals

**Props:** Bibles, treasure chest

# **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: Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 41:13-14
- 4. Video clip of Red Sea parting. Use an animated version or clip from 1956 movie epic, The Ten Commandments.
- 5. 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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**<u>Voice over</u>** (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 Capt. Billy Ocean and his crew unveil the greatest wonders God has ever shown!

Cody

Ahoy, dudes!

**Brodie** 

Ahoy, dudes!

Cody

My name is Cody.

**Brodie** 

And I'm Brodie. Capt. Billy's like our uncle.

Cody

Yeah, he gave us, like, temporary jobs on his boat so we can make some money for, like, college and stuff!

**Brodie** 

These pirate duds are awesome and I love being surrounded by God's beautiful ocean!

Cody

Yo dude, speaking of God's creation did you know that God could speak to us through nature!

**Brodie** 

No way, dude!

Cody

Way, dude!

#### **Brodie**

What like talking penguins and junk?

# Cody

No dude, not through animals, through God's very creation! Like miracle feats of nature.

#### **Brodie**

I know not of what you speak yet you have piqued my curiosity. Speak on, dear brother!

## Cody

Dude, it's all right here in the Word of God! Let me get Uncle Captain Billy's traysure map out, right now. (Opens treasure chest, <u>SFX</u>: Voiceover with music, <u>VFX</u>: light shines from Treasure Chest)

#### <u>Brodie</u>

Awesome bling, Brah!

## Cody

Rock on! Here it is, dude. It's all about when Moses led God's people to the Rad Sea!

# **Brodie**

Dude, that says Red Sea.

## Codv

Oh, right. But still it was pretty rad! 'Cause you 'member when Moses was all like, "Yo dude, let my people go!"

#### **Brodie**

Yeah, and Pharaoh was all like, "No way, dude!" Then God sent all those bogus plagues.

## <u>Cody</u>

Yeah and then finally Pharaoh let God's people go!

# **Brodie**

Rock on, Pharaoh!

#### Cody

And God Himself led His People through the desert toward the Red Sea. The Bible says: By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.

#### **Brodie**

So, God was using nature stuff like clouds and fire to guide and protect His people. Awesome! What happened next, man?

# Cody

Okay, so Moses and God's People were camping by the Red Sea...

# **Brodie**

Camping's cool.

# <u>Cody</u>

But then Pharaoh changed his mind and started chasing them with an army of over 600 chariots!

#### **Brodie**

So they pulled out there boogie boards and body surfed across!

#### Cody

No dude, they were trapped and they were like, totally freakin' out!

# **Brodie**

So, they were all like, "Yo Moses, what up? You led us here and now were gonna like, die and stuff!"

## **Cody** (VFX: Scripture slide)

Exactly! Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 41:13-14

# **Brodie**

Woah! (he freezes)

## Cody

Dude, are you okay?

#### **Brodie**

Yeah dude, you said be still.

# Cody

No, bro! That was God talking to His people.

#### **Brodie**

Oh! Righteous!

## Cody

God was telling them to mellow out and trust in Him. Then God moved the pillar of cloud behind them so the Egyptians couldn't reach them.

# **Brodie**

No way, dude!

#### Cody

Way, dude! And all night long God made it dark on the Egyptian side and light on the side where His people were.

#### **Brodie**

There goes God using nature to protect his peeps again! But the Hebrew dudes are still trapped against the Red Sea! How are they gonna escape?

#### Cody

Chill out, man! God's got it covered.

Moses stretched out his hand and God
pushed back the water and parted the Red
Sea!

#### **Brodie**

Dude! That was awesome! Then Moses rode the curl and shredded his way across the sea!

#### Codv

No man. Moses and the people just walked across on dry land.

#### **Brodie**

No way, dude!

#### Cody

Way, dude!

# **Brodie**

You mean they just walked through the middle with like a wall of water on each side?!

# Cody

I kid you not.

# **Brodie**

A wall of water, full of whales and sharks and crabs and Sponge Bob?

#### Cody

**Probably not Sponge Bob.** 

#### **Brodie**

Still dude, that's radical! God made a way where there was no way.

#### Cody

Amen, dude! There was nothing the people could do to save themselves. Only God could part the sea. He was the only one that could save them – and He made a way!

#### **Brodie**

Amen dude. That's sounds like what Jesus did.

## Cody

Awesome point my dear brother. And Jesus made a way for not only the Israelites but for all who believe in Him to be saved for a life close with God.

#### **Brodie**

He is totally righteous. Well dudes, we gotta get below deck and help Uncle Captain Billy. (SFX: Outro music) So, until next time...

# Cody

May the God of Wonders lead you safely to the other side!

#### **Brodie**

Right on, Bro! (high five) Later, Dudes!

# Cody

Yeah, later dudes! (they exit)

Suggestion: This illustration introduces the salvation theme. For a related invitation to salvation, download <u>Invitation to Salvation</u>: <u>Bridge Illustration</u> at ResourceWell.org)