



The Ten Commandments

Exodus 19, 20:1-21

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 crew'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. Cody is one of Captain Billy Ocean's "skater" nephews. He is fairly simple, speaks in surfer terms, and is excited by most things, especially God's Word.

Plot: Cody steers the ship in circles. Capt. Billy tells him to focus on something solid like when the Israelites followed the Ten Commandments. We learn we should always put God first and follow His ways.

Costumes: Captain: Blousy shirt, vest, belt, boots, scarf, and an eye patch; Cody: Skater caps, skater shorts, knee socks, sandals

Props: Bibles, treasure chest

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: "Pirate Theme" from productiontrax.com #19253 or #40794

2. Treasure chest suggestion: Music with voiceover as chests opens to reveal Bible:

"His Words for you are treasures true!"

3. Thunder & Lightning
4. Trumpet
5. Bass rumbling

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 if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5a***
4. Fog
5. Slides of 10 Commandments:
 - 1) ***"You shall have no other gods before me."***
 - 2) ***"You shall not bow down to idols or worship them."***
 - 3) ***"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."***
 - 4) ***"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."***
 - 5) ***"Honor your father and your mother."***
 - 6) ***"You shall not murder."***
 - 7) ***"You shall not commit adultery."***
 - 8) ***"You shall not steal."***
 - 9) ***"You shall not give false testimony."***
 - 10) ***"You shall not covet."***
6. 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 9, Lesson 44
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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!

Cody (stands at wheel)

Ahoy dudes! It's me, Cody. Uncle Captain Billy Ocean put me in charge of steering the ship today. He told me to "maintain an even keel," whatever that means.

Captain (enters at curtain)

Cody! Cody! What have you been doing up here?

Cody

Driving the boat, Uncle Captain Billy.

Captain

Do you realize we've been sailing in circles? Remember I told you to focus on an island in the distance and steer towards that?

Cody

Right. I've been focusing on that big, icy island over there! (points)

Captain

Cody, that's an iceberg. Icebergs float and move!

Cody

Oops, my bad, dude!

Captain

Listen closely, son, you have to always steer your ship towards something that's solid as a rock.

Cody

So, what am I s'posed to follow.

Captain

Well, you could start by following God like the Israelites did.

Cody

You mean the dudes that were with Moses?

Captain

Aye, the Israelites kept their eyes on something solid as a rock. They followed the Ten Commandments!

Cody

Ten Commandments? You mean, all those "Thou shalt not" rules?

Captain

They're more than just rules. They was a great traysure that God sent. Let me get out the Traysure map and show ya! (Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music; VFX: Light shines from Treasure Chest) **Remember how God saved the Israelites? Now, where did we leave the Israelites?**

Cody

In the desert eating manna and quail!

Captain

Very good! God was sending them all that they needed. Then Moses went up to meet with God.

Cody

Radical! What did God say?

Captain (VFX: Scripture slide)

**God said: "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession."
*Exodus 19:5a***

Cody

What did God want them to obey?

Captain

God was about to send down a great covenant.

Cody

Awesome! What's a covenant?

Captain

It's a promise between God and man. God was going to give Moses the Ten Commandments.

Cody

There's those Commandment things again. Were they important?

Captain

They was the laws that God wanted His people to follow. God told Moses to tell them to take a bath, wash their clothes, behave purely and be ready on the third day.

Cody

What happened on the third day?

Captain

They got ready and on the morning of the third day suddenly there was all kinds of thunder and lightning, (SFX: thunder & lightning) like a huge rainstorm without the rain!

Cody

Whoa, gnarly!

Captain

Then a thick cloud appeared and it covered the top of the mountain! (SFX: fog) And then there was a loud trumpet blast! (SFX: trumpet) Then Moses led God's people out of the camp and they lined up in front of Mt. Sinai, being careful not to touch the mountain.

Cody

Why couldn't they touch it?

Captain

Because God had said to keep it holy! And then the entire mountain became covered with smoke and the Lord came down like in the form of a fire! (SFX: Fog) And smoke was billowing everywhere, like a giant campfire! And the whole mountain shook like an earthquake! (SFX: Rumbling)

Cody

Whoa, dude that's awesome!

Captain

And then there was the sound of a trumpet blast and it grew louder and louder! (SFX: 3 trumpet blasts) Then Moses spoke to God and God answered him in His own voice!

Cody

And God gave them the Ten Commandments! Those must have been real special if God went to all that trouble to give them to us!

Captain

God made those rules to help us love Him and love each other well.

Cody

How do we show our love to God?

Captain (VFX: Commandment 1)

Well, for starters, we follow rule 1, "*You shall have no other gods before me.*" And the second one was like it, "*You shall not bow down to idols or worship them.*" (VFX: Commandment 2)

Cody

Idols are things we treat as more important than God, like surfing.

Captain (VFX: Commandment 3)

Then there's, "*You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.*"

Cody (to kids)

Yeah dudes, always speak respectfully about the Lord.

Captain (VFX: Commandment 4)
"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

Cody
You mean, by like going to church and resting and thinking of God?

Captain
Exactly! Then there's, "Honor your father and your mother." (VFX: Commandment 5)

Cody
Yeah, dads and moms rock!

Captain (VFX: Commandment 6)
Aye, rule 6 is, "You shall not murder."
Number seven is, "You shall not commit adultery." (VFX: Commandment 7) **Cody**, do you know what that means?

Cody
Yes, never become a grown up!

Captain
Right...no! It means stay faithful to your husband or wife.

Cody
I don't have a wife! But when I get one, I'll be faithful! What's number 8?

Captain (VFX: Commandment 8)
"You shall not steal." (VFX: Commandment 9)
And while you're at it, "You shall not give false testimony."

Cody
That's like when you lie and stuff!

Captain (VFX: Commandment 10)
Aye, and of course, number 10, "You shall not covet." That means don't want things that belong to someone else.

Cody
Whoa, those rules God sent really *are* important!

Captain
Aye, the Israelites thought they were so important that they put the stone tablets that God wrote the Ten Commandments on in a gold box, called the golden ark and took it wherever they went.

Cody
They kept their eyes on the solid rock! We should always put God first - His rules are rock solid!

Captain
I think you might have learned something today! Now, say goodbye to the kids!

Cody
Goodbye to the kids!

Captain (SFX: Outro music)
May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path! (they exit) (VFX: Closing slide)