



Worship Illustration: Script
High Seas Adventures
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 9, Lesson 46

Promised Land

Joshua 2:2-6, 8-9, 12-18

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: 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 is afraid to tell his friend about Jesus because his family and nation are not believers. Brodie tells him the story of Rahab and the spies. We learn God loves and saves everyone who believes.

Costumes: Cody and Brodie: Skater caps, skater shorts, knee socks, sandals

Props: Bibles, treasure chest, letter, red veil, rope, 2 nose and glasses disguises

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: **...you will save us from death. Joshua 2:13b**
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!

Cody (pops up)
Ahoy, lil' dudes!

Brodie (pops up)
Ahoy, lil' dudes!

Cody
It is I, Cody.

Brodie
And I, your brother, Brodie. It's awesome to see you dudes!

Cody (holds letter)
Oh, dear brother, Brodie! I forgot to tell you this letter came for you.

Brodie
Sweet! Mail from the mainland! Yo, this is from my friend, Kanunu!

Cody
K-who-who?!

Brodie
Kanunu, man. He's this awesome surfer I met at the Tahiti Invitational last summer.

Cody
Oh, right! That's when you went down to that surf contest in the islands where you totally wiped out and ate a face full of sand!

Brodie
You don't have to bring that up, man!

Cody
Dude, you totally face planted!

Brodie
All right, Dude! Lighten up, man!

Cody
So, what does K-Mart have to say?

Brodie
Kanunu! It says, "Dear Dude..." That's me! "Dear Dude, Sorry about the way you wiped out.

Cody
Wahh, ha! He got you, dude!

Brodie
I am coming to the U.S. of America. Maybe we can hang out and crack some waves!

Cody
Or crack your skull, man.

Brodie
See you soon, your pal, Kanunu!"

Cody
Dude, that's awesome maybe we can take him out on the boat. Hey man, what's wrong? Are you okay?

Brodie (sadly)
No dude, I'm totally bummed.

Cody
Why are you sad, dear brother?

Brodie
Because, Kanunu's like a really cool dude but he comes from an island where they believe in a whole bunch of gods. I just wish he could know the one true God like we do.

Cody
Dude, he can.

Brodie

No dude, he can't. You see, on his island the people don't even like Christians. If he believed in Jesus as the one true God, his family would be embarrassed.

Cody

But dude, anyone can follow God, even an enemy of the Israelites can, if they believe. Uncle Captain Billy showed me in the Bible.

Brodie

Cool, let's get out his Traysure map, right now! (Opens treasure chest; SFX: Voiceover with music; VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest)
Here you go. Where is it?

Cody

Look here, in the book of Joshua.

Brodie

Oh right, after Moses, Joshua became the leader who led the Israelites into the land God had promised His people.

Cody

Excellent description, Bro! (high-five) Now, Joshua sent two spies to check out the land of Jericho.

Brodie

That's that city with the big wall around it!

Cody

You got it, brah. Then God sent the two spies to the house of this woman named Rahab, whose house was built into the wall.

Brodie

Dude, I want to be a spy!

Cody (hands Brodie nose and glasses disguise)
You totally can! Here! But you got to pick another spy.

Brodie (chooses two helpers)

And we need someone to be Rahab! Here you go, you be a spy with me.

Cody (Chooses a girl. Puts veil on her.)

And you be Rahab! Here's your veil!

Brodie

Was Rahab a Jerichosian? A Jericho-ite? A Jerichonian?

Cody

A person who lived in Jericho?

Brodie

That's it!

Cody

She *was* from Jericho, man. But she helped those spies and even hid them when the soldiers came looking for them.

Brodie

Let's hide, dude! Wait! If she was a Jerichosian, a Jerichite, a person from Jericho, then why did she help spies from Israel?

Cody

Because man, she had heard about how God had defeated all of the enemies of Israel. She told them, "I know the Lord has given this land to you..." And then she said, "the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below."

Brodie

Woah, that's deep. Then what did she do?

Cody (pulls out brown rope)

Well, first she saved the spies by helping them climb down the wall and escape!

Brodie

Dude, that's like Spiderman!

Cody

Totally! Then Rahab asked the spies to keep her whole family safe.

Brodie/Jodie

What did they say?

Cody (hang red cord on railing)

They told her to get her mom and dad and everyone in her family into the room and then tie the red cord in the window as a secret sign.

Brodie

Oh, so then when the Israelites attacked Jericho, they'd know not to hurt anyone in the house that had the red cord in the window.

Cody (SFX: Scripture slide)

Correct-a-mundo! Rahab said, ...*you will save us from death. Joshua 2:13b*

Brodie

Come on, spy dude, let's make like Spiderman! (pretend to climb rope)

Cody

**Let's have a big round of applause for our spy and Rahab! Have a seat. What do you think, lil' dudes? Does our God have enough love to even save our enemies?
(response)**

Brodie

You dudes are right! Our God loves and saves anyone who believes!

Cody

And He even uses us to build His kingdom! God used Rahab to help save the world! Afterwards, she married an Israelite and ended becoming a great, great grandma of King David – that means she was related to Jesus, Himself!

Brodie

Wow, Dude, that's totally a miracle.

Cody

Yup, you see that? If God could do all that, then imagine what God could do with Kanunu and his tribe!

Brodie

That should be a drop in the bucket!

Cody

Or a face plant in the ocean, as the case may be!

Brodie

Very funny! Dude, I'm totally going to write Kanunu and tell him all about the God who saves anyone who believes in Him!

Cody

Now your talkin' God's language!

Brodie (SFX: Outro music)

So long, dudes! May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path! (VFX: Closing slide)

Cody

Be excellent to one another! (they exit)