



**Worship Illustration: Script**  
***Kingdom Adventures***  
**Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus**  
**Unit 1, Lesson 1**

# Jesus and His Father's House

**Luke 2:41-52**

**Running time:** Approximately 6 minutes

**Set:** The set for Units 1-4 is designed to look like a Medieval Castle. It is the Palace of the King. There is a curtained opening center stage, a ramp stage right and an upper level where characters can enter. There is a window stage left for puppets and a hinged stained glass window stage right that opens to reveal the Bible. For added interest, build windows and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

**Characters:** Theophilus is the Keeper of the King's Gardens. He is a wise, old sage with the wisdom of the ages and great knowledge of God's Word. Squire Goofus, the Gallant, is a young man who wants desperately to be a noble knight in the King's Guard. He is very naïve and a bit clumsy. Rufus is a dragon puppet who thinks he is a dog. He delivers messages from the King.

**Plot:** Theophilus gets a message that a rider is on the way. He meets Goofus, a young man running away from home with a desire to serve the King. We learn that it is important to grow in our faith as we grow in size.

**Costumes:** Robe, tunics, white wig and beard, sandals, boots, chain mail armor

**Props:** Sword, stick horse, dragon puppet

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro/Outro music suggestions: familiar castle/battle themes from movies such as The Lord of the Rings, or Monty Python and the Holy Grail, or Productiontrax.com – The Price of Freedom, Iron Lore, Prepare for Battle, Rain of Fire - :80; (i-movies: Timely, pursuit, heroes, flurry, saber.)
2. Trumpet (Signal announcement or entrance)
3. Horse galloping
4. Stained Glass Window suggestion: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" from Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" or other royal song clip. Music plays when this window is opened during each episode to reveal the Bible.

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Video Intro featuring knights on horseback is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Hinged, stained glass window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
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3. Scripture Slide: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52
4. Closing Slide: "Serving the King is the noblest thing!"

**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 located at ResourceWell.org

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**Voiceover:** (VFX: Video intro)

In ancient days, noble knights roamed the land doing good deeds and acts of service for their king. Many of those brave squires served the greatest Lord of all, the King of Kings! Travel with us now as we ride with these mighty men of God on their quest for Kingdom Adventures!

**Rufus** (Pops up at window.)  
**Bark! Bark! Bark!**

**Theophilus**  
I hear you, Rufus! I'm coming...oh, hello. I am Theophilus, keeper of these gardens and servant to the King. I see you have met Rufus, my dog. (aside to children) He's actually, a dragon. I raised him myself from an egg but he thinks he's a dog.

**Rufus**  
**Bark! Bark! Bark!**

**Theophilus** (Move to window.)  
What's that, Rufus? You've got a message from the King?

**Rufus**  
**Bark! Bark! Bark! Bark! Bark! Bark!**

**Theophilus**  
Slow down. I can't understand you. Who is coming?

**Rufus**  
**Bark! Bark! Bark!**

**Theophilus**  
**Sounds like.** (Rufus tosses a fake spider.)  
**Spider! Sounds like spider? Glider? Slider? Prize fighter! Rider!**

**Rufus**  
**Bark! Bark! Bark!**

**Theophilus**  
**Good! Next word?** (Rufus tosses a cupcake.)  
**Snack! No, cupcake? Treat?**

**Rufus**  
**Bark! Bark! Bark!**

**Theophilus**  
Treat! Treat! A rider is approaching treat him...how? Treat him badly, respectfully, treat him to a smoothie? (Rufus bows head.)  
**What are you doing? Bowing? Praying? You're saying a prayer? You're saying grace?**

**Easter**  
**Bark! Bark! Bark!**

**Theophilus**  
Aha, treat him with grace! A rider is approaching; treat him with grace!  
A rider is on the way. How does the King know these things?

**Rufus**  
**Bark! Bark!**

**Theophilus** (Gives him a bone.)  
**You're right, Rufus, He is the King. He knows everything. Well, thank you for the message. Here's a bone!**

**Rufus** (Exits.)  
**Bark! Bark!** (SFX: trumpet, horse galloping)

**Theophilus**  
**Hark, the rider approaches!**

**Gus** (Enters riding a stick horse.)  
**Hello! I say there, old man. Where am I?**

**Theophilus**  
**In the palace of my Lord, the King!**

**Gus** (Bows down.)  
**At last, I have arrived! I am ready to guard the King with my life! I am ready to be his noblest knight!** (Clumsily drops sword.)

**Theophilus**

**You'll need more practice! Besides, the King has many guards. Are you sure you're in the right kingdom?**

**Gus**

**I am! I am Squire Goofus the Gallant, but you can call me Gus! I am ready to become a knight. (Drops sword again.)**

**Theophilus**

**You're going to spend a night in the hospital if you keep swinging that sword around! Well, leave your card. We'll get back to you.**

**Gus**

**You don't understand. I cannot come back. I have traveled here to be a knight. I have left all I know—my house, my job, my mommy and my daddy. I left it all behind! (Drops sword.)**

**Theophilus**

**I wish you left that sword behind. So, Squire Goofus...**

**Gus**

**Call me Gus. I wish to become Sir Gus! I want to be a mighty warrior! But, all my parents ever want me to do is go to church.**

**Theophilus**

**I might be able to help you!**

**Gus**

**You can? You will? Oh, thank you, kind sir! (Bows down.)**

**Theophilus**

**I know a knight, the Captain of the Castle Guards, who might be able to take you under his wing and teach you how to handle that sword.**

**Gus**

**You would do that for me? Oh, thank you, thank you, kind sir.**

**Theophilus**

**I said might. But, you must do something else.**

**Gus (Stands.)**

**Name it! Whatever it is, I shall do anything!**

**Theophilus**

**You must return here every week for instruction.**

**Gus**

**I shall. What kind of instruction?**

**Theophilus**

**Why the noblest quest a knight can pursue. You shall study the Word of our Lord!!**

**Gus**

**What?! Churchy stuff?! But, I ran away from home to get away from churchy stuff!**

**Theophilus**

**Do you want to be noble?**

**Gus**

**More than anything.**

**Theophilus**

**Then open that door and take out the manual.**

**Gus**

**I shall do as you say! Right now! (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords") Oh, it's full of music!**

**Theophilus**

**Yes, music and beauty and wisdom. In this report, Jesus is a young man.**

**Gus**

**Like me.**

**Theophilus**

He was even younger. Jesus was only twelve years old when His family went to the Passover feast in Jerusalem. Afterwards, His parents left for home but Jesus stayed behind.

**Gus** (Searching the stage.)

**Where is He? I shall not stop seeking until I find my Lord!**

**Theophilus** (Luke 2:46-47)

**That is how His parents felt. They searched everywhere and even went back to Jerusalem to look for Him. The Bible says: *After three days they found Him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him was amazed at His understanding and His answers.***

**Gus**

**Weren't His Mommy and Daddy upset that Jesus took off without telling them?**

**Theophilus**

**Yes, very! But Jesus said, *"Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?"***

**Gus**

**His Daddy lived in the temple?**

**Theophilus**

**He was talking about God.**

**Gus**

**Oh, His "heavenly Father!"**

**Theophilus** (VFX: scripture slide)

**Exactly! As the Son of God, Jesus knew He had to stay close to God and obey His Word in order to grow to be the man God wanted Him to be. The Bible says: *And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men.***

**Gus**

**I want to grow in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man!**

**Theophilus**

**And that is why you must return here every week so you can learn to be more like God!**

**Gus**

**I shall, good Theophilus!**

**Theophilus**

**And you kids should come back as well so we may all continue to grow and be more like Him. (SFX: Intro/Outro music) Until next time... Serving the King is the noblest thing! (VFX: Closing slide)**

**Gus**

**I like that! Can I say it?**

**Theophilus**

**Knock yourself out. (Gus hits himself.) Not literally! Just say the phrase.**

**Gus**

**Serving the King is the noblest thing!**

**Theophilus**

**And so it is. Return here next time for more truth from His Word! (They exit.)**