



Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 2

Jesus is Baptized

Mark 1:1-11

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: Sir Praisealot is a brave knight and the Captain of the Castle Guard. He praises God all the time. His weakness is that his pride some times gets in the way. 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: Sir Praisealot agrees to take Goofus on as his squire and tells him the story of John baptizing Jesus. We learn that God is pleased with all who follow His Son, Jesus.

Costumes: Tunics, black beard, 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. Horse galloping
3. Fanfare trumpet
4. Dream music: "Impossible Dream" from *Man of La Mancha* or any song about pursuing quests
5. Recording scratch
6. 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.
3. Video Intro featuring knights on horseback is available at ResourceWell.org
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4. VFX: Golden spotlight center stage
5. Scripture Slide: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:11
6. 3 slides:
 1. You are My Son;
 2. Whom I love;
 3. I am well pleased with you.
7. 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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Matthew 3

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!

Gus (SFX: fanfare trumpet; horse galloping)
Yip, yip, yip, yip, YEE-HAW! Hello children, it is I, Goofus the gallant (bows & falls over).
I meant to do that! I am here to become the noblest knight in the kingdom! (drops sword)
Wise Theophilus asked me to come to this spot to learn more about this kingdom and the Great King we serve.

Rufus (offstage)
Bark, bark, bark!

Gus (cross to window) **Did you hear that? Perhaps it is my teacher! You're not a teacher, you're a dragon.**

Rufus (entering)
Bark! Bark! Bark!

Gus
Sorry, doggy! I meant doggy!

Rufus
Bark! Bark! Bark!

Gus
What's that? You have a message for me? Is it about my teacher?

Rufus
Bark! Bark! Bark!

Gus
I'm afraid I don't speak a word of dragon...doggy!

Rufus
Bark! Bark!

Gus
Aha! Sounds like. (Rufus tosses a cookbook)
Cookbook! Knock, knock? No, that's not it. Look, look!

Rufus
Bark! Bark! Bark!

Gus
Look for what? Look where? (Rufus turns around)
Look at the back of your head. Look around? Look behind you?

Rufus
Bark! Bark! Bark!

Gus
Oh, look behind you! (Gus looks behind Rufus)
What am I looking for? Oh! Look behind me!

Rufus
Bark! Bark! Bark!

Gus
Well, all right, but I still don't know what I'm looking for.

Praisealot (appears on parapet)
Not a what! A who!

Gus
A who? Who are you?

Praisealot
I am Sir Praisalot, praise God! Captain of the Castle Guard and servant to the King, praise God!

Gus
A knight? A real, honest to goodness knight! God has smiled upon me and sent you to me.

Praisealot
Actually, Theophilus sent me, but he was smiling. He said you needed guidance.

Gus

I do? I do! (kneels) **Guide me, oh noble knight, for I am unworthy to be in your presence.**

Praisealot

On your feet, squire! Save your worship for the King! Theophilus tells me that you want to become a knight.

Gus (stands)

I do! More than anything! I am ready to be the King's noblest knight! (drops sword)

Praisealot

You can't be the "*noblest knight*," that would be me! But, if you want to please the King, fetch the instruction manual and I will show you how.

Gus

I know where that is! I shall fetch it! (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords", VFX: Window is lighted) **Wow, it's quite clear who this book is about!**

Praisealot (enters on lower level)

'Tis true, when the King speaks He makes His message loud and clear. And I shall pass His message on to you, young squire...what is your name.

Gus

I am Goofus the gallant! (drops sword)

Praisealot

I can see we're going to need some sword practice, Squire Doofus...

Gus

Goofus, but you can call me Gus.

Praisealot

Better yet, I shall call you...Gus! And I shall make you my squire! (SFX: Dream music swells, VFX: Golden spotlight center stage) **I shall teach you to be a noble warrior, to battle evil, to fight for right, to... (sings) to dream, the impossible dream to fight the unbeatable foe!**

Gus

Do I have to sing? (SFX: recording scratch, music stops, VFX: Golden spotlight off)

Praisealot

No, sorry, I get carried away sometimes. Squire Gus, the first step to being noble is pleasing God!

Gus

More churchy stuff? When do I learn to fight?!

Praisealot

Squire Gus, knighthood is not about fighting! It is about pleasing the King! Look here, this is a report about a man named John, who pleased God. John was baptizing people.

Gus

What is baptizing?

Praisealot

Great question, Squire Gus! Baptizing is sprinkling or dunking in water to show you have a clean new start following Jesus! It's a sign to others that you belong to Him. What do you think people called this man John who baptized so many?

Gus

Um...John the Baptist?

Praisealot (reads Mark 1:7)

Exactly! You're going to be a brilliant student! And listen to what John said: "*After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.*" (VFX: Golden spotlight center stage)

Gus

Did he mean Jesus?

Praisealot

He did! You're two for two! Hi-five, Squire Gus! (they hi-five) **When Jesus came, John baptized Him in the Jordan River and as Jesus came out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit coming down like a dove.**

Gus

The Holy Spirit?!

Praisealot (VFX: Scripture slide) **Correct again, my student! Now listen carefully, here is what the Bible says: *And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."* Mark 1:11. Now, what have you learned from this lesson?**

Gus

God likes white birds!

Praisealot

No! The dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. What is important is the words that God speaks. God said three very important things. He said: **Jesus is my Son, He belongs to me! Number two: I love Him and I am pleased with Him!**

(VFX: 3 slides: 1. You are My Son; 2. Whom I love; 3. I am well pleased with you.)

Gus

Wowzers! I wish God said that about me!

Praisealot

Do you believe in Jesus?

Gus

I do.

Praisealot

Well, God does say that about you! Praise God, He loves everyone in the whole world and He is very pleased with all who believe in His Son! Kids, does that make you feel like shouting "Praise God?" Then let us shout! (shout) How do you feel now, Squire Gus?

Gus

Groovy!

Praisealot

That's a start.

Gus

Sir Praisealot, I want to learn more about pleasing the King!

Praisealot

We shall! Next week, at this time! (SFX: Intro/Outro music) **Until then...**

Both (crossing swords) (SFX: Closing slide)

Serving the King is the Noblest thing!

Praisealot

Ah, you are learning so quickly! (they exit)