



**Worship Illustration: Script
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King
Unit 10, Lesson 48**

Announcing the King

Luke 1:26-38

Running time: Approximately 4 minutes

Setting: The set for Units 7-10 is designed to look like the outside of the King City Herald, a large newspaper building circa 1940's. A door leads to the office. A phone booth provides the place for the superheroes' quick costume changes. The center panel can be removed to reveal the superheroes "Secret Lab," filled with screens and gadgets (similar to Batman's Bat Cave), where the heroes watch over the city. There is a useable fire escape with a door and a ladder down to ground level. There is a ramp on stage right. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Scoop Gibson is a street-wise, savvy reporter who hides his secret identity as superhero "Scripture Guy." Kasey Carter is a young, college-educated reporter (can be male or female) whose secret identity is superhero "Kingdom Crusader."

Plot: Kasey Carter asks Scripture Guy for clues about the Philistine's disappearance. They read what the angel Gabriel told Mary about the baby Jesus. We learn God has sent Jesus to be the true King of His forever kingdom.

Costumes: Kasey: Fedora, 1940's Zoot suit (high-waist, wide-legged, tight-cuffed pegged trousers, long coat with wide lapels and wide padded shoulders) or 1940's dress suit (padded shoulders, thin belt), Scripture Guy: Superhero costume (cape, face mask, body suit, tights, etc.) "SG" emblem is on Scripture Guy costume.

Props: Bible, ray gun, rubber chicken, toy cat, Plutonium heart, angel (Nativity figurine) wrapped in cloth or paper

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: Heroic music
2. Newspaper box: "Good news" or other triumphant song clip. Music plays when box is opened to reveal the Bible.
3. Radio static

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring superheroes is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Fallback slide reads "King City Chronicles"
3. A newspaper box holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
4. Scripture Slide: **"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:32-33**
5. Strobe in phone booth
6. Motto Slide: **"We Give Everything to Honor Our King!"**

Note to Director: The scripts are abbreviated during the Unit 10 lessons to allow time for the lighting of the Advent Candle in THE WORSHIP.

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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Voiceover (VFX: short video intro)

Dateline: King City, a city devoted to the glory of God. But in her dark underbelly there are villains gathering...evil men who seek to steal God's glory! Will King City find her hero? Can she be saved and restored to her former glory? For the answer to these questions and more, tune in every week to the King City Chronicles!

Kasey

Hey guys, Kasey Carter here. I'm supposed to meet Scripture Guy for an exclusive interview. Have you seen him?

Scripture Guy (appears on fire escape)

I give everything to honor my King! Oh, hello Kasey Carter. I'll be right down.

Kasey

Thanks for meeting me Scripture Guy. My editor at the King City Herald, Mr. Rooney, has assigned me to do a special investigation and find out what happened to uncle Phil, I mean, the Philistine. You were one of the last ones to see him. Can you remember anything?

Scripture Guy

Well, as you know, The Philistine faced the Obliterator on the city wall and they both got knocked off. We found The Obliterator about a hundred yards away.

Kasey

Was he all right?

Scripture Guy

He was fine just a few bumps and bruises. We treated those and locked him up in a maximum-security prison.

Kasey

What about the Philistine?

Scripture Guy

I'm afraid there was no sign of your uncle or the Plutonium Heart. I'm sorry Kasey Carter. Have you tried checking the places he used to hang out?

Kasey

I searched the Philistine's hideout, but all I found was this box (picks up box of props) full of his favorite things.

Scripture Guy

Maybe there's a clue inside!

Kasey (removes props one at a time)

Here's his freeze ray and his rubber chicken gun...

Scripture Guy (holds up a toy cat)

And his laser cat!

Kasey

He loved that laser cat.

Scripture Guy (holds up a small package)

Now what is this? It's all wrapped up. (unwraps angel) It's an angel.

Kasey

Hey, I remember that angel! It was from Uncle Phil's nativity set. Every December he would set it up and gather all of the nephews and nieces and tell us the story of the King who was born to save us. He just loved Christmas. Wow, this is bringing back some great memories.

Scripture Guy

Would you like me to tell you that story?

Kasey

I would like that.

Scripture Guy

I'll get the Bible out right now! (He opens box, SFX: Good News, VFX: Beam of light shines from box) **Mary was a young girl, probably just a teenager, when an angel named Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."**

Kasey

Wow! Mary must have been shocked to meet an angel! I think I'd be a little bit frightened.

Scripture Guy (VFX: Scripture Slide)

But the angel told her not to be afraid because God had chosen her to give birth to His Son, Jesus. Listen to how Gabriel described Jesus: *"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."*

Kasey

Wow, did you kids hear that? God is going to give Jesus the throne of a kingdom that will last forever and ever. And we get to be a part of God's forever kingdom!

Scripture Guy

The people of Israel had been through so many good kings and bad kings.

Kasey

I'll bet it gave them so much hope to know that now the *true* King had been born.

Scripture Guy

And we can all feel better just knowing that King City has King Jesus watching over us.

(SFX: Radio static, VFX: strobe in phone booth)

Kasey

What's that?

Scripture Guy

Let me check! (removes Plutonium Heart from booth)

Kasey

It's the Plutonium Heart! Only one person could have sent this.

Scripture Guy
The Philistine!

Kasey

This is the biggest clue I've gotten so far!

Scripture Guy

It looks like you might be getting closer to solving this mystery.

Kasey

Scripture Guy, would you help me with my investigation?

Scripture Guy

It would be my honor to help you, Kasey Carter. And speaking of honor, let's all say our motto together, kids!

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We give everything to honor our King! (exit through office, SFX: "Heroic music," VFX: Motto Slide)