



Worship Illustration: Script
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms: Advent of the King
Unit 10, Lesson 49

Naming the King

Matthew 1:1-25

Running time: Approximately 4 minutes

Please note: Salvation message (God's Forever Family) is approximately 4 minutes in length following this script. See God's Forever Family for roles and effects.

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." The Philistine was an evil enemy who wanted to take over King City; he is trying to change his evil ways.

Plot: The Philistine appears and tells Kasey Carter how an angel told Joseph Jesus would save His people from their sins. We learn Jesus came so we could be a part of God's forever family.

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), Philistine: Black robe, red mask, Princess Lea wig

Props: Bible, Joseph (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 during each episode 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: **"She will give birth to a son and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21**
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

King City Chronicles
Unit 10, Lesson 49
Joseph and the Angel
Matthew 1:1-25

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've been working hard all week tracking down clues about Uncle Phil's strange disappearance. I searched his hideout but all I could find were some blueprints. I just wish I could find a solid clue. (SFX: Radio static, VFX: Strobe in phone booth) Uh-oh, somebody's sending something to my booth. (removes Joseph figurine) It's another figurine from the nativity scene. I recognize this - it's Joseph! God was the father of Jesus, but Joseph was his earthly father. He was married to Mary and helped raise baby Jesus. This must be a clue telling me to read about Joseph. I'll get the Bible out right now! (He opens box, SFX: Good News, VFX: Beam of light shines from box) Wow, this chapter teaches us how Jesus could trace his family all the way back to Abraham and Isaac through King David and King Solomon. Jesus came from a long family of kings and godly men and women. Family is very important. Reading that makes me miss Uncle Phil even more. I miss him so much, sometimes it's almost like I can hear his beautiful voice.

The Philistine

Alms, alms for the poor.

Kasey

Do you hear that? It's just as if he was in the room with us...

The Philistine

Can you spare some change for a poor man?

Kasey

Uncle Phil? Uncle Phil! Is it you? Is it really you? You're alive! I knew you were alive!

The Philistine

Well, I sent you enough clues.

Kasey

What happened to you?

The Philistine

When we were knocked off the wall, I hit my head and when I woke up I wandered around for weeks. I couldn't remember much at first, except the phone number of that phone booth and the fact that I had an important message to tell someone. Little by little I found my way home.

Kasey

Uncle Phil, you sacrificed yourself to defeat the Obliterator!

The Philistine

I know! I finally remembered. Is he gone for good?

Kasey

They locked him and all of his evil henchmen up in a maximum security prison. We won't be seeing him again for a long time! But, what was your message? Was it about Joseph and how Jesus came from a family of kings?

The Philistine

Well, that's part of it but, you missed the rest of the story! An angel appeared to Joseph and told him all about Mary's baby. A real live angel! Read what the angel said!

Kasey (VFX: Scripture Slide)

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

The Philistine

That's the message! Jesus came from kings but He is the King of Kings and he was born to save us from our sins!

Kasey

The name Jesus comes from the name Joshua which means the Lord saves.

The Philistine

That's the message of Christmas.

Kasey

That's a truth that no one can argue with!

The Philistine

Oh Kasey, I got so far away from the truth that I forgot the most important message in the world: Jesus came to save us so we could be part of God's family. I want the whole world to hear that message. I want to tell everyone that they can become a part of God's forever family, too!

Kasey

We could run a big ad in the King City Herald!

The Philistine

Excellent idea! Let's go do it! I want the whole world to know that...

Both

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

(See next page for God's Forever Family.)

Salvation Message
God's Forever Family
Kings & Kingdoms Lesson 49 Adaptation

Roles: Leader 1, Leader 2

Sound effects (SFX):

Soft acoustic guitar instrumental or background music of Christmas carols

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Admit slide:
Lord Jesus,
I Admit I am a sinner.
2. Believe slide:
I Believe You are the Lord who died to take my sins away.
3. Come slide:
Please Come into my heart and I'll follow You forever.
4. A-B-C Prayer slide:
A-B-C PRAYER (Admit – Believe – Come)
Lord Jesus,
I Admit I am a sinner.
I Believe You are the Lord who died to take my sins away.
Please Come into my heart and I'll follow You forever.
In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

Leader 1

Wow! I feel like I learn something new every Christmas! I guess I never knew that an angel told *Joseph* the reason that Jesus came to us. And it all came true just like the angel said, "He will save His people from their sins."

Leader 2

Many of you already know the meaning of the word "sin." Who can explain it for everyone? (Children respond.) Sin is doing wrong in God's eyes. Everyone sins sometimes, because none of us are perfect. Our sin keeps us separated from God. But God loves us so much that He made a way for us to be forgiven and be close with Him forever.

Leader 1

Yes, and the way to do that is through believing in Jesus. Baby Jesus grew up and as a man He died on the cross to pay for our sins, so all who believe in Him can belong to His forever family. (SFX: Soft acoustic guitar instrumental or background music of Christmas carols)

Leader 2

Jesus didn't just die for the people that lived way back then. He died for all of us, for anyone who will believe in Him.

Leader 1

That's why we celebrate Christmas! It's not just because a special baby was born. It's because of who that baby was! Jesus is the only one who can save us so that we can belong to God's forever family.

Leader 2

Exactly! That's why we've been learning all about King Jesus and the kingdom of God. You see, God's kingdom isn't made up of walls or bricks or buildings. It's made up of the people in God's forever family!

Leader 1

That's right. Everyone who believes in Jesus and follows Him is a part of God's forever family. We live forever close with God – here on earth and later in heaven.

Leader 2

Both of us have prayed a special prayer to follow Jesus. (VFX: "Admit" slide) I remember in my prayer, that I admitted I was a sinner, and I told Jesus that I was sorry.

Leader 1 (VFX: "Believe" slide)

Me, too. Then I told Jesus that I believe He is the Lord who died to take my sins away, just like the angel said He would! (VFX: "Come" slide) And finally, I asked Jesus to come into my heart so I could follow Him forever.

Leader 2

When you pray a prayer like that, Jesus makes you a part of God's forever family right then.

Leader 1

Yes, I didn't feel or look any different, but Jesus' Holy Spirit was in my heart; I was a whole new person on the inside. I was forgiven of everything I'd ever done and part of God's forever family! People in God's forever family put Jesus first and live their lives for Him.

Leader 2

So, the question we have for you today is: "Do you want to be part of God's forever family?" If you have never asked Jesus to come into your heart, and you would like to do that today, you will have a chance to pray that prayer in a moment.

Leader 1

If you are not ready for that today, it's okay. You can pray any time your heart is ready. Jesus is always listening.

Leader 2

If you've ever prayed a prayer like this before, and you are following Jesus then you are already in God's forever family, so just take this time to thank Jesus for what He has done for you.*

Leader 1 offers to lead any child who wishes to pray to become a part of God's forever family in the ABC prayer of salvation (VFX: A-B-C Prayer slide). If in a large group, invite any child who wishes to pray to go stand with his or her teacher who will then lead him or her in the ABC Prayer.

A-B-C PRAYER (Admit – Believe – Come)

Lord Jesus,

I Admit I am a sinner.

I Believe You are the Lord who died to take my sins away.

Please Come into my heart and I'll follow You forever.

In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

Leader 1

Amen! Let's give a round of applause for what God has done here today. All of the angels in heaven celebrate with us when anyone chooses to follow Jesus and become part of God's forever family.

Leader 2

Now if you are thinking, "I wish I had asked Jesus into my heart," I want you to know that you can do that any time with your teacher or your parent or even all by yourself. There is never a wrong time to ask Jesus into your heart.

Leader 1

Let's celebrate now and take time to thank God for making a way for all who believe in Jesus to be in His forever family. Close by singing "Away in a Manger," or a Christmas hymn of celebration.

*Option: The A-B-C Prayer is also offered during THE WAY as directed in the Teacher's Guide. If you prefer to only offer the prayer one time, then close here by singing "Away in a Manger." Then continue to THE WORD and THE WAY and offer the A-B-C prayer during THE WAY as directed in the Teacher's Guide.