



# **Advent 4:**

# **Worshiping the King**

**Luke 2:8-20**

**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." The Philistine was an evil enemy who wanted to take over King City; recently he has changed his evil ways (appears on video or on a side stage).

**Plot:** Scripture Guy reminds Kingdom Crusader that the angel announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds. They agree to leave King City in the hands of the children as they say goodbye and move to Godly Acres to help the Philistine fight the Iron Cobra. This is the final scene of King City Chronicles.

**Costumes:** Superhero costumes: capes, face masks, body suit, tights, etc., "SG" emblem on Scripture Guy costume, "KC" emblem on Kingdom Crusader costume. Philistine: Black

robe, red mask, Princess Leia wig

**Props:** Bible, letter.

**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. Voiceover: "Incoming Message! Incoming Message! Stand by for a message from Godly Acres."
4. Organ blast (chord)

**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. ALERT! Slide (with voiceover)
5. Philistine video available at ResourceWell.org
6. Scripture Slide: **"The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told." Luke 2:20**
7. 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 51**  
**Worshiping the King**  
**Luke 2:8-20**

**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!**

**Scripture Guy** (enters)

**Hey kids, Scripture Guy here. Well, things have been pretty corn shucking quiet around here since we locked up the Obliterator. King City is at peace and her citizens are safe once more. Just the way they ought to be.**

**Kingdom Crusader** (enters)

**Hey, Scripture Guy. I got a letter from Uncle Phil. He says thanks for sending him that early Christmas present; it's the best gift ever.**

**Scripture Guy**

**I beg to differ, Uncle Philistine gave us the best gift when he saved our city!**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**What did you get him anyway?**

**Scripture Guy**

**An inventor's tool kit.**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**Wow, that is a great gift! I don't think anyone could have thought of a better gift than that!**

**Scripture Guy**

**Oh, I do. God thought of the greatest gift ever and I can prove it. I'll get the Bible out right now! (He opens box, SFX: Good News, VFX: Beam of light shines from box) Ah yes, this is the story of when the shepherds received their Christmas gift.**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**Oh, I remember that! They were watching their sheep at night and an angel appeared and the glory of the Lord shone all around and they were scared!**

**Scripture Guy**

**Yes, but the angel said, "*Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord...*"**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**And then the skies were filled with a whole bunch of angels ...**

**Scripture Guy**

**A heavenly host.**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**What's a heavenly host?**

**Scripture Guy**

**A whole bunch of angels! Heaven's army, to be exact.**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**Yeah, a heavenly host and they were praising God and saying ...**

**Both**

***"Glory to God in the highest. and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."***

**Scripture Guy**

**You see, we know why Jesus was put on earth. He came to save us from our sins. But, that night the shepherds learned why we are put on this earth ... to worship Jesus, our King.**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**That's my favorite part! Read 'em what the shepherds did after they ran to the manger.**

**Scripture Guy** (VFX: Scripture slide)

**It says, "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**Wow! With shepherds and angels all praising God, that must have been the biggest celebration ever!**

**Scripture Guy**

**If you think about it, Jesus was born in the humble, quiet, little town of Bethlehem, but with all those shepherds running around praising Him and a sky of angels praising Him as well, it was quite an announcement that the King had come to earth!**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**Amen! That's kind of how it feels around here at Christmastime. Everyone I meet is rejoicing and celebrating the King.**

**Scripture Guy**

**King City is especially thankful to Jesus this year because there is peace in our city once more!**

**Voiceover** (VFX: Alert slide)

**Incoming Message! Incoming Message! Stand by for a message from Godly Acres.**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**Godly Acres? It must be Uncle Phil calling! Merry Christmas, Uncle Phil!**

**The Philistine** (appears on video)

**Merry Christmas to you, as well.**

**Scripture Guy**

**I heard you liked my gift.**

**The Philistine**

**Oh yes, thank you, it was very thoughtful. But, I'm calling about a much more pressing matter.**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**Is it Aunt Tillie? Is she all right?**

**The Philistine**

**Yes, she's fine, but we need your help. An old enemy of yours has been slithering around Godly Acres stirring up a lot of trouble. I'm talking about ... Iron Cobra! (SFX: Organ blast)**

**Scripture Guy**

**Iron Cobra? (SFX: Organ blast)**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**Iron Cobra? (SFX: Organ blast)**

**The Philistine**

**Yes, Iron Cobra! (SFX: Organ blast) Since you chased him out of King City he thought he would come over here and ruin Christmas in Godly Acres.**

**Scripture Guy**

**Never fear, we shall come right away and save the day!**

**The Philistine**

**But, aren't you needed in King City?**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**Actually, things have been pretty peaceful here now that the city has found her King! We'll be home for Christmas!**

**The Philistine**

**Thanks, Redeem Team! We really need your help. Over and out! (VFX: End video)**

**Scripture Guy**

**Well, you heard it kids. The Redeem Team is needed in Godly Acres, so I guess this is goodbye.**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**We'll miss you, but we know you can hold down the fort while we're away.**

**Scripture Guy**

**In fact, we're leaving you in charge! Protect God's city and help her keep on growing!**

**Kingdom Crusader**

**We hope you have a very Merry Christmas!**

**Scripture Guy**  
**Merry Christmas!**

**Kingdom Crusader**  
**And, if you only remember one thing,  
remember to say our motto everyday!**

**Scripture Guy**  
**Let's all say it together one last time!**

**Both**  
**We give everything to honor our King! (SFX:  
"Heroic music," VFX: Motto Slide) **So long, kids!**  
**Merry Christmas!** (exit)**