



Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 7

Jesus Teaches: The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

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: 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. Robespierre is a cheating, lying enemy who comes to trick the servants of the King. He speak with a French accent.

Plot: Robespierre tries to rob Squire Gus and Gus ties him up and tells him about the Beatitudes. We learn that King Jesus blesses all who follow Him.

Costumes: tunic, boots, chain mail, musketeer hat, velvet pants, animal print robe, wig, mustache, dress.

Props: Sword, stick horse, toy bee, pouch, rope

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; (i-movies: Timely, pursuit, heroes, flurry, saber.)
2. Horse galloping
3. Swords clanging
4. Yakety Sax by James Q. "Spider" Rich
5. 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.
6. Song Clip: "New Attitude" by Patti LaBelle
7. Horse whinny

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. Scripture Slide: "Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in Heaven!" Matthew 5:12a
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: short 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: horse galloping)

Whoa! Steady Duncan! Hello, children! It is I, Gus the Gallant! I have once again been assigned the task of guarding the castle gates and I have even earned my first week's pay! Three gold coins! This time I shall not let anyone pass! I shall not be fooled!

Robespierre

'Alp! Alp! Someone 'alp me!

Gus

Hark! A cry for help! Who goes there?

Robespierre (stumbles on in disguise)

'Tis moi', a helpless old woman who is injured. If only there was a brave knight-in-training to 'alp me!

Gus (helping her up)

I am a knight-in-training! Fear not, old woman! I will 'alp you!

Robespierre (draws sword)

Hold it right there! Give me all of your gold, you silly knight!

Gus

I thought you were a damsel in distress!

Robespierre (tears off dress)

No, I am Robespierre in *this* dress!

Gus

Robespierre! Have at you! (Flourishes sword)
(SFX: swords clanging)

Robespierre

Ah! Run away!

Gus

Halt, you are under arrest! (SFX: Yakety Sax)
Come back here! (a chase ensues)

Robespierre

Here we go again!

Gus (grabs him)

Aha! I've got you, you rascal! And now, I shall tie you up so that you cannot escape!
(ties him with rope)

Robespierre

What are you going to do to me?

Gus

I am going to read to you!

Robespierre

Oh goody! Is it Goodnight Moon? Zat is my favorite!

Gus

No, it is God's Word! (Opens stained glass window with Bible and lighting) (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords")

Robespierre

It's got it's own theme music!

Gus

Now, what lesson shall I teach you today?

Rufus (pops up)

Bark, bark, bark, bark!

Gus

Oh, hello, Rufus. Do you have a suggestion for today's Bible story?

Rufus

Bark, bark, bark! (Rufus tosses a toy bee)

Robespierre
Sacre bleu! It is a bumblebee!

Gus
A bee? What does this mean? Which Bible story has bees in it?

Rufus (angrily)
BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!

Robespierre
That is one angry dragon!

Gus
He doesn't like to be called a dragon!

Rufus (angrily)
BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!

Robespierre (unties himself)
Wow! That dragon is really giving you some attitude!

Gus
Attitude? That's it! Bee-attitude!

Rufus
Bark, bark, bark, bark!

Gus
Thank you, Rufus; I shall read about the Beatitudes! (Rufus exits)

Robespierre (dances)
I know that song! Hit it maestro! (SFX: "A New Attitude") (Sings along) "...I feel so good from head to my shoes. Know where I'm going and I know what to do! Ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-ohh, I got the beatitudes!

Gus
No, no, no! That's "New Attitude!" These are beatitudes!

Robespierre
Qu'est-ce que c'est? What is Le Beatitudes?

Gus
The Beatitudes were special blessings for the kingdom of God that Jesus shared with His followers! Like this one, "Blessed are those who mourn..."

Robespierre
What does this mean, to mourn?

Gus
It's when we feel very sad because we are going through a tough time.

Robespierre
These are very peculiar blessings! How is it a blessing to be sad?

Gus
Let me finish. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Robespierre
Ah, comfort is good.

Gus
There are other ones, too. Like this one: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

Robespierre
Who are these meek?

Gus
The meek are people who are gentle and do not get angry quickly.

Robespierre
Why do they get to inherit the earth?

Gus
Because, the Bible says so.

Robespierre
But what about me? I'm not meek! I'm loud and boisterous and very French! What do I get to inherit?

Gus

I don't know. These blessing are for the righteous.

Robespierre

Do you mean people like you, who are always trying to do the right thing?

Gus

Exactly! That is me! I try to do the right thing and follow Jesus! The Bible says: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled!"

Robespierre

You will be filled? Filled with what?

Gus

Filled with doing what's right in God's eyes, filled with the Holy Spirit, filled with a heart that follows after God!

Robespierre

So, if I am to understand correctly, hold this please, (hands him rope and ties Gus up) these 'Beatitudes', they are blessings from your King! Whenever His followers do what King Jesus would have done, He blesses them greatly!

Gus

Yes! Sometimes these blessings come to us here, on earth, and sometimes they come later in heaven! In fact, Jesus said: "Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven!" (SFX: Scripture slide)

Robespierre

Well good! If you get a reward in heaven then you won't be needing this bag of gold! (steals pouch)

Gus

What? My gold! Robespierre! Give that back at once! I need that!

Robespierre

Sorry, I would love to stay and chat, but I can see you are tied up at the moment! Ta-ta, my silly friend! (exits)

Gus

Wait! Come back! Untie me, you scoundrel! This is no way to treat a knight!

Robespierre (offstage)

In-training!

Gus

Yes, yes, a knight-in-training! Oh Duncan, I have failed at my training. I have allowed Robespierre to get the best of me, again! Oh, woe is me! (SFX: horse whinny) (SFX: intro music swells) What did you say, Duncan? You are absolutely right, my faithful steed! I shouldn't feel bad about myself because...even if I fail, God still blesses all who serve Him! And after all, "Serving the King is the noblest thing!" (VFX: Closing slide!) See you next time, kids! Hullo! Is anyone good at untying knots? (He hops off stage)