



**Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 8**

Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:3-5; 16

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: Gus is embarrassed because he asks too many Bible questions. Sir Praisealot tells him about Nicodemus. We learn that we must be born again of the Spirit and when we first come to God it is natural to ask questions as we grow.

Costumes: tunic, boots, chain mail.

Props: Sword, stick horse, mask, pocket Bible.

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. 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. Scripture Slide: In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:5
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: 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!

Praisealot

Tally ho! Tally ho! Clear a path! Servant of the King coming through! Stay Shadow!
(stick horse falls over) **Good boy! Hello Children, it is I, Sir Praisealot, Praise God! Squire Goofus was supposed to meet me here for today's Bible lesson. You children haven't seen him, have you?**

Rufus

Bark, bark, bark, bark!

Praisealot

Rufus, have you seen young Gus?

Rufus

Bark, bark, bark!

Praisealot

You have? Where is he?

Rufus

Bark, bark! (Tosses out mask)

Praisealot

What is this? A mask? He's going to a masquerade ball? He's in disguise?

Rufus

Bark, bark, bark, bark!

Praisealot

He's in disguise? But why?

Rufus

Bark, bark, bark!

Praisealot

What's that? He's afraid? Afraid of what?

(Rufus tosses a small pocket Bible)

Praisealot

This is a Bible! Gus gave his heart to Jesus. Why would he be afraid of the Good News?

Gus (appears in window)

I'm not afraid of the Bible. I'm afraid to ask Bible questions.

Praisealot

Gus! Are you back there behind Rufus? Come out here!

Gus

I don't want to.

Praisealot

What is wrong?

Gus

I am worried about what God thinks of me.

Praisealot

Don't be silly! Come out here at once!

Gus (enters wearing disguise)

All right.

Praisealot

Why are you wearing that silly get-up?

Gus

I don't want God to recognize me.

Praisealot

Are you embarrassed because Robespierre tricked you? Many knights have been fooled by him before.

Gus

Even you?

Praisealot

Oh no, not me, of course. But Gus, why do you want to hide from God?

Gus

I've been asking a lot of questions about the Bible lately and I don't want God to think I don't like Him.

Praisealot

Nonsense! God knows you love Him. Besides there's nothing wrong with asking questions, that's how we learn and grow. I ask questions, so do the kids.

Gus

You do? They do?

Praisealot

Of course they do! Don't you kids?
(response) You know, Gus, you remind me of Nicodemus.

Gus

Who is this Nickelodeon?

Praisealot

Not Nickelodeon, Nicodemus! He's in the Bible. Here, I'll show you, right now!
(Opens stained glass window with Bible and lighting) (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords") Ah! Here we are! There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus who came to see Jesus at night.

Gus

Why did he come at night time?

Praisealot

He was a very wise, religious man, but he had questions for Jesus. Perhaps he didn't want others to see that he didn't know all the answers already.

Gus

I know exactly how he feels!

Praisealot

He wanted to believe in Jesus because He knew that Jesus must have been sent from God or else He would not have been able to do so many wonderful miracles.

Gus

What did Jesus say to Nostrodamus?

Praisealot

Nicodemus! The Bible says: In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." (VFX: Scripture slide)

Gus

But that's silly. A grownup can't be born again! What is he supposed to do put on a diaper and drink his ba-ba?

Praisealot

Do you know that Nicodemus asked that same question?

Gus

He did? Well, how did Jesus answer?

Praisealot

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."

Gus

Well, I want to enter heaven! And I want the kids to enter heaven too! I don't have any spirit but I do have water! (Pulls out squirt bottle and squirts kids)

Praisealot

No! No, Gus! That's not what Jesus meant!

Gus

Well, what is this born of water and Spirit?

Praisealot

Have a seat and I shall try and explain. You see, when you were a little baby you were born of flesh. We each came from a mommy's belly.

Gus

Yes, and she was so happy to have a little baby Gus!

Praisealot

I'm sure she was. But you see, Gus, you had no choice whether you were going to be born or not.

Gus

Well, of course not! What was I going to do? Hide in mama's belly?

Praisealot

Exactly! But you see, now you are older and you can make your own choices.

Gus

Yes, and I choose to follow Jesus!

Praisealot

Exactly! And when you chose to follow Jesus it was like your life had started all over again!

Gus

That's true! Since I began following Jesus, everything is brand new. I see everything in a new way!

Praisealot

Right! And that is because now you see things differently with the Holy Spirit inside you!

Gus

Oh, so it is like I am a brand new, spiritual baby. I am born again when it comes to the things of God!

Praisealot

Yes! And that is why you have so many questions - because you have been born again. And babies need to learn everything!

Gus

I am a spiritual baby! Maybe I should get some spiritual diapers!

Praisealot

I don't think you'd look good in a diaper.

Gus

I have very nice legs. Wanna see?

Praisealot

Why don't we just recite our Kingdom Code? Say it with us kids!

Both

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Outro music)

Gus

Fare well, Children!

Praisealot

Hasta la vista, babies!

(They exit)