

Worship Illustration: Script Kingdom Adventures Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus Unit 3, Lesson 15

The Last Supper

Luke 22:19-20

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.

<u>Characters</u>: 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. Robespierre is a cheating, lying enemy who comes to trick the servants of the King. He speaks with a French accent.

Plot: Robespierre brings Gus a package containing communion elements. Gus tells Robespierre about the Last Supper and offers him the opportunity to partake. We learn that Jesus left us the sacrament of communion to remember Him and the sacrifice He made.

<u>Costumes</u>: Tunic, boots, chain mail, wig, musketeer hat, velvet pants, animal print robe, mustache.

Props: Sword, stick horse, dragon puppet, bible, a roll or slice of bread, crackers and cup.

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 -: 80; (i-movies: Timely, pursuit, heroes, flurry, saber.)
- 2. Horse galloping
- 3. 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: And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. John 22:19-20
- 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! (SFX: horse

galloping over video)

<u>Gus</u>

Hello children, 'Tis I, Squire Gus, Senior Knight in Training! Wow, I didn't drop my sword! Since I got my promotion my skills are improving! But, I also have so many extra responsibilities. Today I must guard the entire courtyard! I may need your help to watch all of this vast area. So, if you see any enemies afoot, let me know!

Rufus

Meow, meow, meow!

Gus (drops to the floor)

Hit the decks! It's a mountain lion!

Rufus

Meow, meow, meow!

Gus

Oh, it's you Rufus! Are you still giving up barking for Lent?

Rufus

Meow, meow, meow!

Gus

Strange choice, but you do make a lovely kitty cat. Have you seen any suspicious characters lurking about?

Rufus

Meow, meow, meow!

Gus

You have? Who? (Rufus tosses a piece of bread) A roll? No, crust? No. Bread!

Rufus

Meow, meow, meow!

Gus

Aha! Bread! What kind of bread? Sour dough, pumpernickel? French bread?

Rufus

Meow, meow, meow!

Gus

French bread! That can only mean one thing Robespierre! (<u>SFX</u>: dun-dun-dun) (Robespierre pops up) Let me know if you see him.

Rufus

Meow, meow! (exits)

Gus (hunting for Robespierre)

What's that? You saw him? Where? I don't see him! I've got an idea. Knock, knock!

Robespierre (hiding from Gus)

Who's there?

Gus

Robespierre.

Robespierre (pops up)

I am Robespierre!

<u>Gus</u>

Aha! I've got you!

Robespierre

Oh no! I fall for that one every time!

Gus

Robespierre, what are you doing up there?

Robespierre

Talking to you, you silly man!

Gus

I meant, how did you get in here?

Robespierre

I came in through the French doors, Mr. Knight in Training!

Gus

Senior Knight in Training! I got a promotion and by my new authority I command you to come down here at once!

Robespierre

No! You are going to chase me!

Gus

Of course I am. It's my job.

Robespierre

Well, I have a job too. I am here in an official capacity.

Gus

No you're not!

Robespierre (reads note)

Oui, I am! And I have a note to prove it from the ambassador of France. Dear Mr. Senior Knight in Training, Please accept this gift from the good people of France. Sincerely, the Ambassador.

Gus

You have a gift...for me? What is it?

Robespierre

I don't know. But it looks really nice.

Gus

Well, bring it down here.

Robespierre (descends)

Do you promise not to chase me?

<u>Gus</u>

I don't know. What do you think, children? Should I trust him? All right, truce! I promise on my honor as a Knight in training!

Robespierre

Okay, coming down. Here you are.

Gus (Reads box label)

It says, "Remember me". I wonder what this could be? Oh, it's the last supper.

Robespierre

You mean you're never going to eat again? You're going to get awfully hungry!

Gus

Oh no, it's not my last supper ever. It was the Lord's Last Supper... we celebrate it with communion, you know, a special meal to remember Jesus by.

Robespierre

Is there any French toast in there?

Gus

No, Holy Communion is made up of bread and grape juice.

Robespierre

Doesn't sound like a very filling meal!

Gus

It's not meant to fill up our bellies. It's to remind us of the way Jesus loved us. Don't tell me you never heard of the Last Supper.

Robespierre

I never heard of the Last Supper.

Gus

I asked you not to tell me that. It's a beautiful story. You must hear it. Let me get the Bible! (Opens stained glass window and removes Bible.) (<u>SFX</u>: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords") Now, in this report, Jesus and His followers went to an upper room to celebrate the Passover feast.

Robespierre

Oh, I love a good feast! Did they have croissants or crepes suzette?

Gus

That's not usually served at the Passover meal.

Robespierre

If I was there, I would have at least brought French fries!

Gus

It wasn't that kind of feast. This meal was important to Jesus because it was the last time He would eat with His friends before He would suffer and die.

<u>Robespierre</u>

Qu'est-ce que c'est? Feasts are supposed to be big, happy parties! Now, you're telling me that Jesus was going to die?

Gus

That's why this meal had special meaning! Jesus knew that His death would pay for all our wrongs. So He gave up His life.

<u>Robespierre</u>

He did?

Gus (SFX: Scripture slide)

Oh yes, and He gave us this communion meal to remember Him. Look what the Bible says: And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. Luke 22:19-20

Robespierre

A new covenant?! What is a covenant?

<u>Gus</u>

It's kind of like a promise. The old covenant said that if we obeyed every rule, we could enter heaven and have eternal life with God.

Robespierre

Every rule? But that's impossible! No one can obey *every* rule!

Gus

No one... except Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life. He obeyed every rule and then He sacrificed himself on the cross so that we could enter heaven.

Robespierre

This Jesus, He sounds like an amazing man.

Gus

He is amazing. In the new covenant, Jesus promised that if we follow Him, we'll live forever close to God.

Robespierre

That sounds like quite a promise!

<u>Gus</u>

It is a great promise. That's why we remember Him with this meal. You could share it too...if you choose to follow Him.

Robespierre

Oh...I don't think I am ready to make that kind of covenant. I've still got a lot of sins in my life that I am not quite ready to say goodbye to, but thank you for the invitation. Enjoy your crackers and juice, mon ami. (exits)

Gus

Robespierre is right. We should never take communion unless we are truly committed to following the King. Maybe someday Robespierre will be ready and then he will know the truth of our Kingdom Code. Say it with us, kids! Serving the King is the noblest thing! (VFX: Closing Slide) Come Duncan, let's go make some memories! (exits)