



**Worship Illustration: Script  
Kingdom Adventures  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus  
Unit 4, Lesson 20**

**Jesus Talks With Peter  
John 21:15-17**

**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. Robespierre is a cheating, lying enemy who comes to trick the servants of the King. He speaks with a French accent. Rufus is a dragon puppet that thinks he is a dog. He delivers messages from the King.

**Plot:** Now that he is saved Robespierre tries to enter the Kingdom. Gus tests him by reading to him about when Jesus told Peter to feed his sheep. We learn that Jesus wants all of us to help new believers to know God's Word and grow in their faith.

**Costumes:** Robe, tunics, white wig and beard, sandals, boots, chain mail.

**Props:** Sword, stick horse, dragon puppet, Bible, doctor's mask, bib, baby food.

**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. Dramatic music motif
4. Yakity 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.

**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: ***Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." John 21:16***
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)

**Gus** (Enters at gate)

**Hello children, good morrow to you! Today I, Squire Gus have been given the task of guarding the Kingdom gate! So, will you let me know if you see any suspicious characters?** (Response) **Thank you!**

**Rufus** (Offstage)

**Bark, bark, bark!**

**Gus**

**Halt! Who goes there? Ah, it's you Rufus and you're barking again, good! What is your message?**

**Rufus**

**Bark, bark, bark, bark.**

**Gus**

**Watch out for who?**

**Rufus**

**Bark, bark.** (Tosses a doctor's mask)

**Gus**

**A mask? What is this, Halloween? Who wears a mask? Super heroes? Spies? Robbers? Doctors?**

**Rufus**

**Bark, bark, bark!**

**Gus**

**Watch out for doctors! Watch out for doctors? What are they going to do? Sneak up and heal me?**

**Robespierre**

**I think he means watch out for robbers!**

**Gus**

**Oh thank you, Robespierre.** (SFX: Dramatic music) **Robespierre! Halt!** (SFX: Yakity Sax) (Chase ensues) **Aha! Got you! You're under arrest!**

**Robespierre**

**Wait! Let me explain!**

**Gus**

**I'll wait for nothing!**

**Robespierre**

**Please, Mr. Knight, I'm trying to tell you I have permission to be here.**

**Gus**

**By whose authority do you come into this kingdom?**

**Robespierre**

**By the authority of Prince... What's his name? Prince Fancy-pants.**

**Gus**

**Prince Loves-a-lot?**

**Robespierre**

**That's the one!**

**Gus**

**Ha! Do you expect me to believe that Prince Loves-a-lot would give you a pass to enter this gate?**

**Robespierre**

**Here you are. One pass!**

**Gus**

**Let me see that! Dear Gus, Please welcome my friend, Robespierre into the Kingdom. He wants to hear more about the King. Love, Prince Loves-a-lot. Did you write this?**

**Robespierre**

Would I do that? Prince Loves-a-lot told me about Jesus and we prayed so that I could enter the Kingdom.

**Gus**

I'm not convinced but because you have this pass I will let you enter. But, I'm keeping an eye on you.

**Robespierre**

Oh yeah...what are you going to do with the other eye?

**Gus**

Perhaps, I'll use it to read God's Word! Are you familiar with God's Word, Robespierre?

**Robespierre**

Which word is that? Hallelujah?

**Gus**

Aha! You don't know God's Word at all, do you?

**Robespierre**

No, but if you hum a few bars I'll try to sing along.

**Gus**

I thought so, you don't have a clue. I'll get God's Word out, right now! (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords") Ah, this is when Jesus appeared to His disciples after He died and rose again.

**Robespierre**

Wow, Jesus sure got around.

**Gus**

Did you know that after He rose from the dead, Jesus appeared to over 500 of His followers?

**Robespierre**

Sacre Bleu! I did not know that!

**Gus**

On this day the disciples were fishing and Jesus was cooking some fish on the shore. He invited Peter and the boys to join Him.

**Robespierre**

Did they have French Toast?

**Gus**

Good question. Actually, they just had fish. But then Jesus started to ask Simon Peter some questions.

**Robespierre**

Like on Jeopardy? I'll take Old Testament for 500, Alex!

**Gus**

No, Jesus asked Peter, "*Do you truly love me?*"

**Robespierre**

What did Simon Peter say?

**Gus**

He said, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you."

**Robespierre**

Good answer! What did Jesus say?

**Gus**

*Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."*

**Robespierre**

Hold on, what does loving Jesus have to do with farm animals?

**Gus**

Jesus wasn't talking about animals. He was calling the people who follow Jesus His lambs.

**Robespierre**

Why? Did they have fluffy tails?

**Gus**

No! But just as young lambs need help to grow, new followers need help to grow in their faith.

**Robespierre**

**So did Peter give them carrots?**

**Gus** (SFX: Scripture Slide – John 21:16)

**No, Jesus actually questioned Peter three times. The Bible says:**

***Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"***

***He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."***

***Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."***

**Robespierre**

**Now he has to take care of sheep?**

**Gus**

**It's another way of Jesus saying feed and care for My followers.**

**Robespierre**

**They sure are hungry all the time.**

**Gus**

**That's because they're growing. Their faith is growing... The Bible is like food for their faith. Oh, you sure do ask a lot of questions!**

**Robespierre**

**That's because I don't know anything!**

**Gus**

**Of course! Now I see why God led me to this story. I'm supposed to feed you!**

**Robespierre**

**I just ate. How about if I feed you? (Picks up bib and baby food) Here you go! Put on your bib! Now, open the hangar! Here comes the airplane! Zooom!**

**Gus**

**Stop! I don't want vanilla custard!**

**Robespierre**

**Would you prefer strained peas?**

**Gus**

**No! I want to feed you!**

**Robespierre**

**I'm sorry, I don't have a bib!**

**Gus**

**I don't want to feed you food. You are now God's lamb and I think He wants me to help feed your faith.**

**Robespierre**

**He does?**

**Gus**

**Yes, of course! Jesus wasn't just talking to Peter! He was telling all of us that it's our job to help new believers to know God's Word and grow in their faith. And we're also to feed the poor, to help the sick and to be a servant to others! That's how we serve the King and...after all, "Serving the King is the noblest thing!" (VFX: Closing Slide ) (SFX: Outro music) **Come Robespierre, let's read another Bible story, I can't wait to feed you!** (They exit.)**