



**Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 21**

**The Great Commission
Matthew 28:16-20**

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.

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.

Plot: Robespierre gets sad news from home. Gus tells him about when Jesus appeared to his disciples and gave them the Great Commission. We learn that Jesus has commanded all of us to go into all the world and teach people to follow Jesus.

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

Props: Sword, stick horse, dragon puppet, 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 -: 80; (i-movies: Timely, pursuit, heroes, flurry, saber.)
2. Horse galloping
3. Trumpet fanfare
4. 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: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20
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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Jesus: His Great Commission
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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

Hello Children! Squire Goofus the gallant at your service! (he practices sword strokes) Ha, huh, ho! Did you see that? I didn't drop my sword! In fact, I haven't dropped it in weeks. Aren't you impressed? Sir Praisealot is an excellent teacher. And I want to be just like him. So I have invited Robespierre to meet me here so that I can teach him more about the Word of God. Have you seen him?

Robespierre (Enters through the audience)
Oh Gus, Gus, where are you? Ah, there you are! Wait for me! I am coming! Oh mon ami, I am so sorry that I am late. I got a very upsetting letter from home.

Gus

Is it bad news?

Robespierre

Oui, very bad. It seems that my brother, Robermueller has been arrested!

Gus

No!

Robespierre

Oui!

Gus

No!

Robespierre

Oui! He was accused of stealing!

Gus

What a shame! Is he innocent?

Robespierre

Oh no, he is very guilty. I come from a long line of thieves.

Gus

Oh, I'm sorry. That is sad news.

Robespierre

Oui, but the good news is he will get to see our mother and father. They'll all be sharing the same cell.

Gus

Are all of your family members in prison?

Robespierre

Oh no, no, my Grandmother lives at home. She's on parole.

Gus

It sounds like you could use some good news! Let me get the Bible! (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords")

Robespierre

There is good news in there just for me?

Gus

Not just for you. This good news is for everyone! Now, this report is about The Great Commission.

Robespierre

I beg your pardon? What is The Great Condition?

Gus

Not condition, commission...mission!

Robespierre (Hums Mission Impossible theme)

Ah, oui! Like Mission Impossible!

Gus

Not quite, with God nothing is impossible!
This takes place after Jesus had risen from
the dead. He told His followers to go to
Galilee and He would meet them there.

Robespierre

Did Jesus show up?

Gus

Oh yes, Jesus always keeps His word!

Robespierre

What did His followers say when they saw
Jesus?

Gus

They didn't say anything. They just
worshipped Him.

Robespierre

Worship is a good idea!

Gus (VFX: Scripture Slide)

Worship is always a good idea, but Jesus
had something very important to say to
them. He said:
*Therefore go and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, and teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded you. And
surely I am with you always, to the very
end of the age."*

Robespierre

Wow! That sounds like He was giving them
marching orders!

Gus

Yes, notice how Jesus said, "Therefore
go!" That's not a suggestion that's a
command!

Robespierre

Oui, he was giving them a mission.

Gus

He was giving them a co-mission.

Robespierre

Qu'est-ce que c'est? What is a co-mission?

Gus

It's a mission that we do together! But this
mission also has a promise.

Robespierre

Oui! I see the promise! "Surely, I am with
you always..."

Both

"To the very end of the age!"

Gus

That's right! Jesus promises that He will
be with us.

Robespierre (sadly)

Oui! With us always...

Gus

Robespierre, this is good news. Why do
you look so sad?

Robespierre

I love the way that Jesus is always with us
here in the Kingdom! I just wish Jesus
could be in France, as well. My people
could really use a Savior.

Gus

Your people can know the Savior! King
Jesus did say to take His message to all
nations.

Robespierre

I am afraid no one will ever go to my
family. For some reason people don't seem
to trust them.

Gus

I wonder why?

Robespierre

If only my own family could hear these
wonderful stories! I am sure they would
want to serve the King.

Gus

Maybe you should pray and ask Jesus to spread His message to your family.

Robespierre

Yes .. and all over France! That would be tres magnifique! Will you pray with me?

Gus

Yes, my friend! We shall pray that the Holy Spirit will send a team of believers to spread God's Word all over the French countryside!

Robespierre

Oui! And that my family will hear God's Word and be changed.

Gus

And that all of your friends and neighbors will want to serve the King! After all Jesus sent the disciples out and it set the world on fire!

Robespierre

Is that what they mean by "Global Warming?"

Gus

Not that kind of fire! I mean a spiritual fire. We can change the world simply by choosing to obey the King's command.

Robespierre

Wait a minute. *We* can change the world?

Gus

Sure.

Robespierre

The King wants us to go?

Gus

Well...yes, Jesus wants all of His followers to carry His message to the world!

Robespierre

Gus! Look! Perhaps God is calling you and me to go to France! Perhaps he is sending us out with His Great Co-mission!

Gus

Oh, no! Robespierre, I can't.

Robespierre

You want to obey God's command, don't you?

Gus

No! I mean yes...but, I don't think...I mean, I have my training... and...

Robespierre

Oh Gus, you are going to love my little village. I can't wait to introduce you to Grand Mere. She will make you the tastiest escargot and then we can visit Mama and Papa and Robermueller in prison...

Gus

Robespierre, no! Wait...wait...

Robespierre

There is no time for waiting, mon ami! There is so much to do. I must pack and write a letter to my family and steal a horse...I mean, buy a horse! Au revoir, mon ami! (exits and re-enters) Oh and Gus, thank you so much. (exits)

Gus

Ah...ah...you're welcome? Oh man, I'm not sure what I got myself into. I want to serve the King but I wasn't expecting this. What would Theophilus and Sir Praisealot do? I must pray and ask the Lord how He wants me to serve him. After all...Serving the King is the noblest thing! (VFX: Closing slide.) Come Duncan, we have much to pray about! (He exits)