



Worship Illustration: Script
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges through Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 40

David and Jonathan

1 Samuel 18:1-9, 12; 20:19-22, 35-42

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The set for Units 7-10 is designed to look like the outside of the King City Herald, a large newspaper building circa 1940's. A door leads to the office. A phone booth provides the place for the superheroes' quick costume changes. The center panel can be removed to reveal the superheroes "Secret Lab," filled with screens and gadgets (similar to Batman's Bat Cave), where the heroes watch over the city. There is a useable fire escape with a door and a ladder down to ground level. There is a ramp on stage right. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Scoop Gibson is a street-wise, savvy reporter who hides his secret identity as superhero "Scripture Guy." Kasey Carter is a young, college-educated reporter (can be male or female) whose secret identity is superhero "Kingdom Crusader." The Philistine is an evil enemy who wants to take over King City. The Obliterator is another evil enemy who wants to take over King City (appears on video or on a side stage).

Plot: Scripture Guy tells Kingdom Crusader about King David's friendship with Jonathan. The Obliterator and the Philistine attack. Kingdom Crusader saves the day because of his covenant with Scripture Guy. We learn that a covenant before God is a forever promise.

Costumes: Superhero costumes worn underneath (capes, face masks, body suit, tights, etc.) "SG" emblem is on Scripture Guy costume. "KC" emblem is on Kingdom Crusader costume.

Black robe, red mask, Princess Lea wig, helmet, goggles, leopard coat, gloves.

Props: Post cards, lab coats, clipboard, X-ray screen, newspaper, Bible

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: Heroic music
2. Newspaper box: "Good News" or other triumphant song clip. Music plays when box is opened to reveal the Bible.
3. Telephone ringing
4. Radio static
5. Strange electronic sound

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring superheroes is available at: ResourceWell.org
2. Fallback slide reads "King City Chronicles"
3. A newspaper box holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
4. Philistine video available at ResourceWell.org
5. Scripture slide: **Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD saying, 'The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.'" 1 Samuel 20:42a**
6. Strobe lights in phone booth
7. Colorful moving lights or spinning gobo

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 at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover (VFX: short video intro)

Dateline: King City, a city devoted to the glory of God. But in her dark underbelly, there are villains gathering...evil men who seek to steal God's glory! Will King City find her hero? Can she be saved and restored to her former glory? For the answer to these questions and more, tune in every week to the King City Chronicles!

Scripture Guy (at secret lab)

Look at all this hate mail! Dear Scripture Guy, I don't like you, signed the Iron Cobra. Dear Scripture Guy, I'm going to get you back for putting me in jail, signed the Obliterator. Or this one, Scripture Guy, even though you saved me, I'll never forgive you, signed the Philistine. Everyone wants to be my enemy. If only I had one faithful friend, like Jonathan.

Kingdom Crusader

Wasn't Jonathan King Saul's son?!

Scripture Guy

He was and he was David's best friend.

Kingdom Crusader

But I thought King Saul hated David?

Scripture Guy

Yes, King Saul was jealous because David was a better warrior and the people loved him more! I'll get the Good News and explain. (opens box, SFX: "Good News," VFX: beam of light shines from box) King Saul wanted to kill David. He even threw a spear at him!

Kingdom Crusader

David must have been worried when the king turned against him!

Scripture Guy

Yes, but God knew David's heart. He knew that David needed the help of a true friend like Jonathan. Jonathan told David to hide in a field while Jonathan went to King Saul to see if he was really trying to kill David.

Kingdom Crusader

Wow. That took courage!

Scripture Guy

Yes! When Jonathan stood up for David, King Saul hurled a spear at him, too! So Jonathan told David he must run away.

Kingdom Crusader

How did David know he could trust him?

Scripture Guy

Jonathan and David had made a covenant of friendship. A covenant is an important promise that people make between each other and before God.

Kingdom Crusader

I bet they were both sad that David had to go away.

Scripture Guy (SFX: Scripture slide)

Yes, but they hugged and Jonathan reminded David of their covenant. Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.'" 1 Samuel 20:42a

Kingdom Crusader

Wow, that covenant even included their children and grandchildren!

Scripture Guy

A covenant is a forever promise. (SFX: phone ring) I'll get it. (answers phone in phone booth) Scripture Guy here! (VFX: Obliterator with remote and x-ray machine on video or on side stage)

Obliterator

Scripture Guy, this is Dr. O. It's time for your annual health screening.

Scripture Guy

Is it that time already? Where's my regular doctor, Dr. Hart?

Obliterator

Oh, he's a little tied up at the moment. I'll be giving you the test.

Scripture Guy

Well, okay, please excuse me Crusader? I'm due for a checkup.

Kingdom Crusader (exits)

Oh sure, I'll go...get a newspaper.

Obliterator (VFX: strobe in phone booth)

Scripture Guy, thanks to modern technology I can send this screening machine right to your phone booth. Ready? (SFX: zap sound)

Scripture Guy (gets screen)

Here it is! What do I do now?

Obliterator

If you would just step behind that screen, I'll call in my colleague. Dr. Phil, would you come in here? (VFX: Philistine enters on video or side stage)

Philistine

Don't mind if I do, Doctor!

Scripture Guy

Philistine?! You're no doctor!

Philistine

That's right, Super Doofus! You fell for the oldest trick in the book!

Scripture Guy

Help me, Dr. O!

Obliterator

I'm not a doctor either, although I do play one on television. Don't you recognize me? I'm your old friend, the Obliterator!

Scripture Guy

How can it be? I put you in jail!

Obliterator

It can be and it is me. I promised I would get you back for putting the Philistine and me behind bars!

Philistine

Together, we have you trapped behind the Screen of Uncertainty!

Scripture Guy

My feet! Can't move...can't escape!

Philistine

No one can escape from the Screen of Uncertainty!

Obliterator

Are you sure?

Philistine

Pretty sure.

Scripture Guy

What does this contraption do?

Obliterator

Once you are trapped inside, anything we say into this microphone goes directly into your heart and makes you uncertain about the truth.

Scripture Guy

No!

Philistine

Yes! Let's try it. You really don't know anything about the Bible at all, do you Scripture Guy? (SFX: electronic sound, VFX: spinning gobo)

Scripture Guy

I'm not sure...

Obliterator

It's working! My turn. You have no friends.

Scripture Guy

I don't?

Philistine (high fives Obliterator)
Oh, this is glorious! Hi five! Ouch!

Obliterator
King City doesn't need you. You should move away!

Scripture Guy
Do you really think so?

Philistine
Oh yes, the whole city took a vote and they think you've got cooties!

Scripture Guy
Oh, maybe I should just go away!

Kingdom Crusader (enters)
Hey, Scripture Guy! Look! I thought that doctor looked suspicious! Look at this picture in the Herald. That's the Obliterator!

Obliterator
Oh gee, aren't you the smart one?

Kingdom Crusader
That's him and the Philistine! Come on Scripture Guy! Let's get them!

Scripture Guy
Do you think that's a good idea?

Kingdom Crusader
What do you mean? You're a hero!

Philistine
Your hero can't help you, Kingdom Crusader! He's all helpless and full of doubt!

Kingdom Crusader
Is that true?

Scripture Guy
I think so.

Kingdom Crusader (moves screen)
It's this screen. I'll get rid of this!

Obliterator and Philistine
No!!

Scripture Guy (recovering)
They made me doubt my true friendships! Let's get 'em!

Philistine
You'll never find us! You don't know where we are!

Kingdom Crusader
That sign behind you says King City Hospital!

Obliterator
Uh oh!

Philistine
Run away, Dr. O!

Obliterator
Wait for me, Dr. Phil! (they exit)

Scripture Guy
Thank you, Kingdom Crusader. You risked your own life to rescue me from a certain uncertainty. You are a true friend, just like Jonathan.

Kingdom Crusader
When I joined the Redeem Team I made a covenant to help you even in times of danger!

Scripture Guy
Don't forget our other covenant! Say it with us kids!

All
We give everything to honor our King! (exit through audience, SFX: "Heroic music," VFX: fall back slide)