



Worship Illustration: Script
King City Chronicles
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges through Esther
Unit 8, Lesson 42

David and Mephibosheth

2 Samuel 9:1-11

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 was an evil enemy who wanted to take over King City; recently he is trying to change his evil ways. The Obliterator is another evil enemy who wants to take over King City.

Plot: The Philistine disguises himself as a poor man and tries to rob Kasey Carter. Kasey realizes the Philistine is her long lost uncle and decides to keep her promise to his aunt and help her uncle. We learn God helps us keep our covenant promises.

Costumes: Fedoras, 1940's Zoot suits (high-waist, wide-legged, tight-cuffed pegged trousers, long coat with wide lapels and wide padded shoulders) and/or 1940's dress suit

(padded shoulders, thin belt), Superhero costumes worn underneath (cap, face masks, body suit, tights, etc.), "SG" emblem on Scripture Guy costume, "KC" emblem on Kingdom Crusader costume. Black robe, red mask, Princess Leia wig, shawl.

Props: Lunch box with mini-donuts, ray gun, 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

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. Scripture Slide: **"Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul and you will always eat at my table." 2 Samuel 9:7**
5. Motto slide: **"We give everything to honor our King!"**

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!

Kasey (enters at editor's office)

Look at this! They printed my latest story on the front page! (read) "The Philistine: Friend or Foe? The Philistine surprised King City this week when he was seen chatting on friendly terms with the Redeem Team. The question on everyone's mind is: 'Has the Philistine turned over a new leaf?'"

Scripture Guy (appears on fire escape)

That is the question on my mind as well. Has the Philistine truly changed?

Kasey

Scripture guy! I think you are going to be surprised again. (looking at mail) He sent you a thank you card!

Scripture Guy

The Philistine? I'll be right down.

Kasey

It says: "Dear Redeem Team, Thanks for helping me change my ways. The Philistine. And then there's a whole lot of hate mail.

Scripture Guy (looking at mail)

Let me guess. The Obliterator, The Iron Cobra, The Steel Magnolia. We hate you, we hate you, revenge, revenge, blah, blah, blah. Hey, this one's for you!

Kasey (tears it open)

It's from my Aunt Tillie back home! I'm her favorite niece! (reads) Dear Favorite Niece, Don't forget to look for your uncle. Remember, you promised. Love, Aunt Tillie.

Scripture Guy

Where's your uncle?

Kasey

I wish I knew. He left our little town of Godly Acres for King City five years ago to try to sell his invention. We never heard from him again. When I moved here, I promised my aunt I'd look for him.

Scripture Guy

You made a covenant.

Kasey

I did? You mean like when David and Jonathan promised to be kind to each other's families forever.

Scripture Guy

Right, but Saul and Jonathan died in battle, so David became king.

Kasey

Hey, no one was left to see if David would keep his promise. So, David was off the hook!

Scripture Guy

No, David's covenant was a forever promise and he was about to find a way to keep it through a man named Mephibosheth.

Kasey

God bless you!

Scripture Guy

That was no sneeze. Mephibosheth was a real person. Let me get the Good News.

(SFX: Phone rings) Hold that thought.

(answers phone) Scripture Guy here. Oh, hello Scoop Gibson....Oh, I forgot about that. I'm on my way!" (hangs up phone)

Forgive me, Kasey Carter. I promised my friend, Scoop that I would help him move his office furniture. A super hero always keeps his promises. (VFX: Motto slide) Say it with me, kids, "We give everything to honor our King!" (exit)

Kasey

Hey, Scripture Guy, you forgot to tell me where to look. Oh well, I guess, I'll get out the Bible myself. Where do you think it is? In the phone booth? Up on the fire escape? Oh right, in the office? What's that? In the Good News box? I'll give it a try. (opens box, SFX: "Good News," VFX: beam of light shines from box) Here it is. According to this, David went to Saul's servant, Ziba and asked if there was anybody left in Saul's family that he could show God's kindness to for Jonathan's sake. Wow, remember how David had made his covenant to be kind to all of Jonathan's family? David went out of his way to keep his promise, what a great friend. Ziba said that Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet. That means he couldn't walk. So David had Mephibosheth brought to him. Mephibosheth must have been worried.

(VFX: Scripture slide) "*Don't be afraid,' David said to him, 'for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.'"*

Wow, what a great heart King David had. No wonder God loved him so much.

Philistine (enters through audience wearing ragged shawl disguised as a beggar)

Alms! Alms for the poor! Could you spare some change for a poor man?

Kasey

Hey there, poor guy, I'll help you. I think I have some change.

Philistine

Oh, thank you, kind sir. You are so generous. (pulls out ray gun) Now, hand over all your money!

Kasey

Philistine! You tricked me!

Philistine

I know. It's so easy! Now, show me the money! Show me the money!

Kasey

But, I thought you were trying to change your evil ways!

Philistine

Well, I was, I mean, I tried...but, it's not easy to make a living being a "nice" Super Villain!

Kasey

So are you still working with the Obliterator to try to take over King City?

Philistine

No...he kicked me out of our evil, secret hideaway. He said I was no longer evil enough to hang out with him. Now, I have to walk the streets begging for pocket change. This is no way for a super villain to live.

Kasey

Oh, I'm so sorry.

Philistine

Don't be nice to me! I'm evil, remember?

Kasey

Maybe you're just misunderstood.

Philistine

Maybe you're a knucklehead!

Kasey

Wait a minute. Only one person in my life ever called me a knucklehead. Uncle Phil, is that you?

Philistine

Nobody has called me that in five years. You must be little Kasey!

Kasey

Uncle Phil! I've been looking for you! Come give me a hug! (hugs Philistine)

Philistine

Get off, get off, get off! Not used to shows of emotion.

Kasey

Uncle Phil, what happened to you? You left Godly Acres to sell your invention. We never saw you again!

Philistine

Yes, the Plutonium Heart! My greatest invention! A replacement heart that could run for a hundred years on a single plutonium chip! I showed it to the King City Science Club, and they stole it from me! So, I vowed that I would never rest until I got revenge on all of King City! But right now, I'd just like to get some lunch. So, give me some cash!

Kasey

Uncle Phil, you don't need that gun.

Philistine

Oh, you're right. Anyway, the batteries died and I can't afford new ones.

Kasey

There are some donuts over there in my lunch box, if you're hungry.

Philistine (gobbles donuts)

Thank you. But, why are you being so kind to me?

Kasey

You remind me of Mephibosheth.

Philistine

You watch your mouth, youngster!

Kasey

Mephibosheth was Jonathan's son. David kept his promise and invited him to eat at the King's Table. The point is, God helped David keep his promise and now God is helping me keep my promise to Aunt Tillie.

Philistine

Tillie? That name sounds familiar.

Kasey

It should, she's your wife and my aunt. Come on, let me treat you to lunch and we'll get caught up.

Philistine

Can I get a milkshake?

Kasey

Sure. Why not?

Philistine

You sure are kind and giving.

Kasey

What can I say? I give everything to honor my King! (exits through audience, SFX: "Heroic music" continues, VFX: fall back slide)