



Worship Illustration: Script
Commander Cosmos
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 1, Lesson 2

The Holy Spirit Comes

Acts 2:1-8, 12-17, 21, 36-39

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The set for Units 1-4 is designed to look like the interior of the spaceship Skylab Omega. There are colored Plexiglas panels with lights behind them, computer parts, knobs, buttons, and a built-in view screen. The Command Center is on B-deck (upper level or stage right). A-deck (lower level or stage left) has a sliding entrance upstage center and a teleport. There is a tube where messages and the Bible can be received. Virtual Bible is a screen or monitor displaying the Bible verses in the script. For extra fun, build windows where characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Commander Cosmos is the pilot of Skylab Omega. He is a strong, confident leader with a bit of a strut in his walk. Lieutenant Ruby Starlight is the first mate. She is anxious to explore and to please the commander and his God. She is bubbly and always ready to learn.

Plot: Ruby is nervous about meeting people who don't speak her language. Commander Cosmos tells about the events on Pentecost. We learn that God promised to send the gift of the Holy Spirit to everyone who follows Jesus.

Costumes: Cosmos and Ruby wear space suits and boots.

Props: Clipboard, Bible

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: Space-themed songs
2. Fanfare
3. Wind and rumbling

4. Voices speaking in many languages
5. Plexiglas window suggestion: Handel's Messiah "Hallelujah Chorus". Music plays when window is opened to reveal Bible.
6. Computer keyboard typing sounds. (For more humorous elements, add SFX such as cowbell, foghorn, etc.)
7. Virtual Bible theme suggestion: "Close Encounters" Theme

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring space ships and rockets is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Swirling gobo
3. Video of flames
4. Sliding Plexiglas window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
5. Scripture Slide (on Virtual Bible): ***"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.'" Acts 2:38-39***
6. Closing Slide: "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever!"
7. Fall back slide: Traveling rocket ship

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)

Scripture ... the finest frontier. These are the voyages of Skylab Omega. Its five month mission to spread the Gospel to the galaxy, to share God's love with civilization, to boldly go where one Savior has gone before! Come with us now as we blast through the Bible with Commander Cosmos: Space Ranger!

Ruby (rushes in)

Attention crew! Officer approaching! (SFX: fanfare) All hands on deck for Commander Cosmos: Space Ranger!

Cosmos (steps into room and trips)

I meant to do that! At ease, men. Lieutenant Ruby, check our coordinates.

Ruby (checks panel)

Aye, aye, Commander! We are entering the galaxy of Samaria.

Cosmos

Excellent, Lieutenant! We'll be reaching planet Jerusalem in no time.

Ruby

That's what I'm afraid of.

Cosmos

Afraid? I thought you were looking forward to exploring new places.

Ruby

Well, I am...but, well...Jerusalem's far away and not everyone speaks our language and...what will I say?

Cosmos

Start with hello.

Ruby

Of course, but what I mean is, we have ambassadors from every country on earth stationed on all of these planets around the galaxy. How are we going to bring God's Word to all these different people?

Cosmos

Fear not, Ruby Starlight, the Spirit of God will give us the words.

Ruby

How can you be so sure?

Cosmos

I checked the flight manual. It tells me that God's Spirit is for ALL people who follow Jesus. Let me get it out, right now!

(Opens window, SFX: "Hallelujah Chorus," VFX: Beam of light shines from box)

Communication is not a new obstacle, Lieutenant. God has dealt with this kind of thing before.

Ruby

He has?

Cosmos

Oh yes, here's a great example on the day of Pentecost.

Ruby

What's a Pentecost?

Cosmos

Oh, about one cent. Ha, ha, I kill me. No, actually Pentecost was a holiday that the Jewish people celebrated. But on this day of Pentecost, Peter and all of the apostles Jesus had chosen were gathered together.

Ruby

We're they still waiting?

Cosmos

They were! Just as Jesus had told them to, they were waiting for the Holy Spirit of God to come. But on this day, there was a huge crowd of people who spoke all different languages gathered in Jerusalem.

Ruby

Wow! That is like our situation. Did Peter and the others learn all those languages in school?

Cosmos

No.

Ruby

Then how could they talk to each other?

Cosmos

The Holy Spirit came, just like Jesus had promised He would.

Ruby

The Holy Spirit just showed up and suddenly everyone spoke Hebrew?

Cosmos

No, it was a little more spectacular than that. Let me use the computer to show you. Computer, please simulate the verses I'm about to read. (VFX: dim to blues) *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly,* (SFX: Wind and rumbling, VFX: swirling gobo) *a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire* (VFX: fade to reds, flames on video) *that separated and came to rest on each of them.* (SFX: add ambiance in other languages) *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.* (All FX: build to a crescendo and then blackout, quick fade up to original setting)

Ruby

Woah! That was amazing! That sounded like a spaceship taking off!

Cosmos

Imagine how amazed the people of Jerusalem were!

Ruby

Yeah, but it must have been confusing hearing all of those strange languages at once!

Cosmos

That's the miraculous thing, the Bible says, "each one heard them speaking in his own language."

Ruby

So, the Holy Spirit helped them understand each other?

Cosmos

That's what happened! And Peter used that special gift to tell everyone about how our Lord, Jesus had died and come back to life to save us all from our sins!

Ruby

Well, what did the crowd of people do?

Cosmos

They asked themselves that same question. They said, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Ruby

And...what did Peter tell them?!

Cosmos (pushing buttons)

I'll open up the "Virtual Bible" and we can all read it together! (SFX: Virtual Bible theme) (VFX: Scripture Slide) *The Bible says, Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

Ruby

So, the gift of the Holy Spirit is for everyone who follows Jesus!

Cosmos

That's what I've been trying to tell you.

Ruby

No, I mean EVERYONE who follows Jesus! This verse says it was for them and their children...

Cosmos

And for every generation that came after them.

Ruby

That's us! And it also says for all who are far off, like the people living in other countries...

Cosmos

Or people living in space stations on other planets!

Ruby

Well, what are we waiting for? There are people on planet Jerusalem waiting to hear about God's Holy Spirit!

Cosmos

Amen Lieutenant Ruby, full speed ahead!

Ruby

Aye, aye, Commander!

Cosmos

See you next time, kids. And remember...

Both

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever! (SFX: Outro music, VFX: Fallback slide)

(Exit)