



**Worship Illustration: Script  
Commander Cosmos  
Prophets & Promises 1: Acts - Revelation  
Unit 2, Lesson 8**

# Peter and Tabitha

**Acts 9:36-42**

**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. The 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 young and bubbly and always ready to learn.

**Plot:** Lieutenant Ruby is concerned about the dangers of flying through enemy territory. Commander Cosmos tells her about how Peter bought Tabitha back to life. We learn that when the Holy Spirit lives in us, everything we do points people to the Lord.

**Costumes:** Commander Cosmos and Ruby wear space suits and boots.

**Props:** Clipboards, Bible

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: Space-themed songs
2. Fanfare
3. Computer Voiceover: "Aye, Aye Commander."
4. Plexiglas window suggestion: Handel's Messiah "Hallelujah Chorus." Music plays when window is opened to reveal Bible.
5. Computer keyboard typing sounds. (For more humorous elements, add SFX such as a cowbell, foghorn, etc.)
6. Virtual Bible theme suggestion: "Close Encounters" Theme

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Video Intro featuring space ships and rockets is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Sliding Plexiglas window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
3. Scripture Slide (on Virtual Bible): ***This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Acts 9:42***
5. Closing Slide: "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever!"
6. 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** (enters)

**Hey guys! Good news, our visit to planet Jerusalem was so successful that we are moving on to another planet. I don't know which one. Maybe it'll be planet Lydda or Damascus or Tattooine! I hope it's a friendly place. (SFX: Fanfare) Uh-oh, time to announce the Commander! All hands on deck for Commander Cosmos: Space Ranger!**

**Cosmos** (enters to fanfare)

**Thank you, thank you, men! (trips) I meant to do that! At ease, men. I have a special announcement to make. We are heading due east for the planet Joppa.**

**Ruby**

**Planet Joppa? But, isn't that in the Degobah system?**

**Cosmos**

**As a matter of fact it is, very good, Lieutenant Ruby.**

**Ruby**

**But Commander, that whole quadrant is patrolled by the Pharisees from planet Pharis.**

**Cosmos**

**So, it is.**

**Ruby**

**But they're our sworn enemies!**

**Cosmos**

**That's their choice, not mine. I never choose to swear!**

**Ruby**

**But, but, Commander, we could be captured or tortured or worse!**

**Cosmos**

**Our mission is to carry God's Word to the entire universe, Lieutenant. We have been called to visit Planet Joppa and we shall answer that call.**

**Ruby**

**But, aren't you afraid to travel into enemy territory?**

**Cosmos**

**Ruby Starlight, the Bible says, "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship."**

**Ruby**

**I guess you're right, Sir.**

**Cosmos**

**Of course, I'm right. I'm quoting the promises of God and God always keeps his promises!**

**Ruby**

**Sir, how do you always manage to point everything that happens back to the Lord?**

**Cosmos**

**Because everything points to Jesus.**

**Ruby**

**You mean miracles?**

**Cosmos**

**I mean everything! Miracles, everyday occurrences, even the way we live our lives, it all points to Jesus. Tabitha could have told you that.**

**Ruby**

**Tabitha? Is she in the Bible?**

**Cosmos**  
She is.

**Ruby**  
I had a feeling she was. I'll get the Bible out, right now! (Opens window, SFX: "Hallelujah Chorus," VFX: Beam of light shines from window) Here you go.

**Cosmos**  
Ah yes, Tabitha lived in Joppa, she was a follower of Jesus and she was always doing good things and helping the poor.

**Ruby**  
Aw, that's nice.

**Cosmos**  
Then she became sick and died.

**Ruby**  
Oh, why did you tell me that?

**Cosmos**  
It's important to the story. You see, Peter was in a nearby town so they sent a couple of guys to ask him to come to her house.

**Ruby**  
Is this the same Peter, the fisherman who was friends with Jesus?

**Cosmos**  
Yes, Peter was one of the original twelve disciples. When he got to her house all the widows were crying. They showed him all the robes and clothing Dorcas had made.

**Ruby**  
Wait, who's Dorcas?

**Cosmos**  
That's another name for Tabitha.

**Ruby**  
If I was her, I'd stick with Tabitha.

**Cosmos**  
The point is everybody loved her. She made beautiful clothes and gave them to

people. She had a reputation for helping people and everyone missed her.

**Ruby**  
Well, that's sad, but there wasn't much Peter could do about it.

**Cosmos**  
Oh, but there was. Peter sent them all out of the room and knelt down and prayed. Then he turned to her and said, "Tabitha, get up!"

**Ruby**  
He told a dead lady to get up?!

**Cosmos**  
He did.

**Ruby**  
And did anything happen?

**Cosmos**  
The Bible says, "She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up."

**Ruby**  
Wow! That's just like when Jesus brought Lazarus back from the dead!

**Cosmos**  
Peter was becoming more like Jesus. Remember, Jesus did promise us that the Holy Spirit would give us power to do greater miracles than He had done!

**Ruby**  
But, why would God bring Tabitha back to life?

**Cosmos**  
God does everything for a reason —to bring glory to Himself so that more people will follow Him. This was a chance for so many to see the power of the Lord. Look what it says in the virtual Bible. (SFX: Virtual Bible Theme, VFX: Scripture Slide) *This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.*

**Ruby**

**So, the way to get people to give their heart to Jesus is perform a great miracle!**

**Cosmos**

**No.**

**Ruby**

**But you said people believed in the Lord because of Tabitha's miracle.**

**Cosmos**

**They did. But people also believed in Jesus because they knew that one of His followers was really kind to them, made clothes for them, helped the poor...**

**Ruby**

**I see what you're saying! They saw the kindness of Jesus in her life. Miracles are important...**

**Cosmos**

**They are. Miracles change people's lives.**

**Ruby**

**But...when we live our lives for Jesus, everything we do points to Jesus!**

**Cosmos**

**Everything about us points to Jesus. When the Holy Spirit lives in us, people can't miss Him.**

**Ruby**

**Wow! I've got the Holy Spirit living in me. So, I can point people to Jesus just like Tabitha did! Computer, send an interstellar message please.**

**Computer V.O.**

**Aye, aye, Lieutenant.**

**Ruby**

**Attention friends and Pharisees, Skylab Omega will be spreading God's Word throughout your galaxy. All are welcome to come aboard and hear about the power of our Lord. Your friend, Lieutenant Ruby Starlight.**

**Cosmos**

**It sounds like the Holy Spirit has made you bold like Peter.**

**Ruby**

**That's no surprise. After all...say it with us, kids!**

**Both**

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

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