



Worship Illustration: Script
The Love Sub
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah-Malachi
Unit 7, Lesson 35

The Prophet Joel

Joel 2:1-2, 13, 25, 28-32

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The setting for The Love Sub scripts (Lessons 35-52) will be set onboard a kaleidoscopic submarine in the late 1960's. The set is designed to look like the interior of an old submarine that also serves as a time travel vehicle. There is a sliding board (the Time Tube) used for the entrance of visitors from the past and a ramp (or steps) to invite children up to participate in object lessons. There are two working portholes; one squirts water and the other contains the Bible. Everything is painted in vibrant colors and has 1960's decor. For extra fun, build windows where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Dr. Helga Sominex is a quirky scientist who has a tendency to fall asleep mid-sentence. She has a German accent. Woodstock P. Havens is an inventor, explorer, and submarine pilot from the hippie era of the late 1960's. He is very "cool" and relaxed and he loves to study the prophets.

Plot: Dr. Sominex shows up on board the Love Sub, a time traveling submarine. She meets Dr. Woodstock P. Havens. They study the prophet Joel and we learn the prophets gave people warnings, choices, and promises from God.

Costumes: Dr. Sominex wears a lab coat, skirt, blouse, pigtailed, and glasses. Woodstock wears a tie-dyed shirt, wig, furry vest, brightly colored pants and shoes, and glasses.

Props: Clipboards, Bible

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: "1960's Surfer music"
2. Record scratch
3. Snoring
4. Submarine alarm sounds, bells
5. Computer voiceover: voice with echo
6. Porthole music suggestion: song clip about power. Music plays when stage right porthole is opened to reveal Bible
7. Warning siren
8. Bell
9. Promise fanfare

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring animated submarine is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Stage left porthole squirts water when opened
3. Stage right porthole holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out, porthole music plays
4. Warning lights: red beacons
5. Warning Slide: **Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm in on My holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. Joel 2:1**
6. Choice lights: blinking stoplight
7. Choice slide: **Render your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity. Joel 2:13**
8. Promise lights: flashing lights
9. Promise slide:
 1. **I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten. Joel 2:25.**
 2. **I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Joel 2:28**

3. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Joel 2:32

10. Fallback slide: **No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!**

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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(SFX: Intro music)

Video Intro: (VFX: Scientific images, SFX: Newsreel music) **Since the dawn of man, scientists have longed to travel through time! In the late 1960's a crack team of geniuses combined their talents to attempt to break the time barrier. In the Florida Keys, Dr. Woodstock P. Havens was given the task of building a special space shuttle—** (SFX: Record scratch)

Woodstock: **Yeah, but I decided to make a submarine instead, man!** (SFX: Intro/outro music, VFX: Animated submarine) **So, come on and join me as we float through time. Climb aboard the Love SUB!** (SFX: Submarine alarm sounds, bells)

Computer Voiceover

Time travel alert! Time travel alert! (SFX: Submarine alarm sounds, bells)

Woodstock (slides in through Time Tube) **Whoa, dudes! That was radical! Oh hey, Dudes and Dudettes, my name is Dr. Woodstock P. Havens, You can call me Woodstock. Hey man, what year is this?** (Children respond.) **Holy Guacamole! I built this time travel submarine out of old sheet metal I found in the junkyard in 1969 and check it out, here I am, like back to the future! I call it the Love Sub because I'm gonna travel through time spreading the**

love of Jesus. This is awesome! I wonder if God had a special reason for bringing me here to the future. (SFX: Warning siren, VFX: Red beacons)

Computer Voiceover

Alert! Alert! We have a visitor in 3-2-1! (SFX: Submarine alarm sounds, bells)

Woodstock

Whoa! We're getting a visitor!

Sominex (enters through Time Tube)

Whee! Uh-oh! Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore.

Woodstock

Greetings and salutations, man! Welcome aboard the Love Sub.

Sominex

Is that where I am? I should have seen this coming on my Time Screen."

Woodstock

Far out, man! You invented a time screen?

Sominex

Yes, it helps me see the past and the future, but I don't know how to get there.

Woodstock

Far out! I invented the Time Tube! It lets me travel to the past and the future, only I can't see where I'm going!

Sominex

Maybe God brought us together?!

Woodstock

Groovy, baby!

Sominex

I'm not a baby. I'm a scientist! My name is Dr. Sominex.

Woodstock

I'm Dr. Woodstock, man. I'm an inventor and I'm kind of like a modern prophet.

Sominex

A prophet! Like Elijah?

Woodstock

Well, not quite ... I mean Elijah and Elisha and Moses they were, like, the first prophets. God gave those guys the power to work miracles, but the prophets that came later were given a message or a warning from God to the people.

Sominex

That's right! Prophets are people who hear from God and then pass that message on to others. That is so amazing— (snores)

Woodstock

Dr. Sominex? Whoa, I think she is asleep. (SFX: Warning siren, VFX: Red beacons)

Sominex (hides her head)

Wah! Air raid! Air raid! Run for cover! What was that?

Woodstock

That's the warning lights, man!

Sominex

Warning lights? What do they do?

Woodstock

They warn people, man! Here, let me get the power source and I'll show you. (opens stage left porthole and water squirts out)

Whoops, wrong porthole, man! Here it is! (opens stage right porthole and removes Bible, SFX: Porthole music, VFX: Beam of light shines from porthole) This is from the book of Joel!

Sominex

I remember him! He was a prophet!

Woodstock (SFX: Warning slide)

Right! God gave Joel this warning for the people of Israel: *Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm in on My holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.*

Sominex

Look it's up there on the Time Screen! Yikes! What kind of day was God warning them about?

Woodstock

The "day of the Lord" was what the prophets called the day when God will come to judge the world.

Sominex

Well he said, *all who live in the land will tremble*. It sounds like they're going to be in big trouble!

Woodstock

Yeah man, they had turned away from God and were not obeying His rules, but there is good news!

Sominex

Tell it to me, quick!

Woodstock

God loved His people, so He sent the prophet Joel to them and He gave them a choice!

Sominex

A choice?

Woodstock

A choice!

Sominex

Choices make me sleepy— (SFX: snoring)

Woodstock

Whoa, she is asleep again. (SFX: Bell, VFX: Blinking stoplight)

Sominex

Wah! What is that?! (VFX: Choice slide)

Woodstock

Those are the choice lights, man, and there is the choice!

Sominex

***Rend your heart and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God, for He is
gracious and compassionate, slow to
anger and abounding in love, and He
relents from sending calamity. That's an
easy choice! Did the people return to the
Lord?***

Woodstock

**They totally did, and God kept His
promise.** (SFX: Promise fanfare, VFX: Promise
slide, flashing lights)

Sominex

Those must be the promise lights!

Woodstock

**You got it, man! Whoa! Joel gave three
promises from God!**

- 1. I will repay you for the years the locusts
have eaten.***
- 2. I will pour out My Spirit on all people.***
- 3. Everyone who calls on the name of the
Lord will be saved.***

Sominex

**That's excellent! I'll take any one of those
promises!**

Woodstock

**God gave us all three! All we have to do is
listen to His warnings from the prophets
and make the right choices to turn our
hearts toward Him!**

Sominex

**Wow! You sure know a lot about God and
His prophets. Could you teach me some
more?**

Woodstock (VFX: Fall back slide)

**It'd be my pleasure, man! You kids come
back next time and you can discover some
more about the prophets, too. Until then,
remember, "No matter where you are in
time, God is good all the time! Peace!"**

(SFX: Outro music)

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