



Zechariah and Haggai

Zechariah 1:3; 4:6 and Haggai 1:5

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: 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 device. 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; the stage left porthole squirts water and the stage right porthole contains the Bible. Everything is painted in vibrant colors and has 1960's decor. For extra fun, build windows where characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: To play on the fact that two prophets were sent with a similar command, Zechariah and Haggai are portrayed as two colorful, excitable professional wrestlers.

Plot: Zechariah and Haggai make an appearance and tell their story in "tag-team" fashion. We learn that God helps us make good choices in our spiritual life.

Costumes: Zechariah and Haggai wear spandex costumes, wigs, gloves, robes, championship belts, boots or sneakers.

Props: Bible, scroll, championship belts

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: "Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor or "Get Ready 4 This" by 2 Unlimited
2. Porthole music suggestion: Song about God's power such as "Power in the Blood"

3. Warning siren
4. Choice bell
5. Promise fanfare
6. Submarine alarm sounds, bells
7. Boxing ring bell

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring animated submarine is available at ResourceWell.org.
2. Search lights
3. Posed picture of the two prophets
4. Stage right porthole holds the Bible. When it opens, a light shines out and music plays.
5. Warning Lights: Red beacons
6. Warning Slide: ***Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways." Haggai 1:5***
7. Choice Lights: Blinking stoplight
8. Choice Slide: ***Therefore tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Return to me," declares the Lord Almighty, "and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty! Zechariah 1:3***
9. Promise Lights: Flashing lights
10. Promise Slide: ***So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty." Zech. 4:6***
11. 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

The Love Sub
Unit 9, Lesson 46
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Video Intro: (available at ResourceWell.org)
(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 music, VFX: Animated sub) **So, come on and join me as we float through time. Climb aboard the Love Sub!****

(SFX: Boxing ring bell, VFX: Search lights across stage)

Voiceover

Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the main event! The Love Sub, in conjunction with WWE, the Wild World of Evangelism is proud to present. All the way from 520 BC, the reigning tag team prophecy champions! (VFX: Posed picture of the two prophets) **Give it up for Haggai and Zechariah, the Power Prophets! Let's get ready to rumble!** (SFX: Intro/outro music)

Zechariah

Yeah! (slides down pole) **Look out below!**

Haggai (enters though slide)

Geronimo! Oh yeah, give it up! I am Haggai!

Zechariah

And, I am Zechariah! And we are ...

Both (they bump chests)

The Power Prophets! Hoo-wah!

Haggai

Our good friend Woodstock asked us to come aboard and tell you our story.

Zechariah

It's good to be on board; thanks for having us! But, since we both prophesied the same message to the same king we wanted to tell you our message as a team!

Haggai

Yeah! God called me during the reign of ... Zerubbabel, the Govenator.

Zechariah

And me! God called me, too. He said I should go talk to Governor Zerubbabel and to Joshua the high priest!

Haggai

Is that when you saw that flying squirrel?

Zechariah

Scroll! It was a scroll, like an important message, only it was big!

Haggai

And it flew!

Zechariah

Yeah, you see, God gave me this vision of a scroll like this, (holds up scroll) but, it was almost the size of this room. On one side it said, "Do not steal." And on the other side it said—

Haggai

I brake for garage sales!

Zechariah

It did not! Don't lie! It said ... well, that's what it said, "Do not lie!"

Haggai

"Do not steal" and "Do not lie." What do you think the Lord was trying to say to us?

Zechariah

Don't steal or lie!

Haggai

Amen! No wonder you're a prophet! Anyway, back in our time, the people of God had started to take Him for granted. They were fixing their own houses but—

Zechariah

They had let the temple of God crumble and fall apart! God wanted the people to rebuild His house!

Haggai

But, He wanted to make double sure they got the message! So, 0 he sent two prophets!

Zechariah

Right! The first tag team prophets! (they bump chests) Hoo- wah! God told me to go to Joshua and Zerubbabel and warn them that He would send a curse on the land!

Haggai

He also sent me with a message for Joshua and Zerubbabel. That's hard to say. Say Zerubbabel three times fast.

Zechariah

Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel.

Haggai

You're good! No wonder you're a prophet.

Zechariah

So, what was your message?

Haggai

What message?

Zechariah

The message for Joshua and Zerubbabel.

Haggai

Oh, find me a Bible and I will show you a message!

Zechariah

I ain't got a Bible! Let's ask the scroll. Oh, flying scroll, point us to God's Word! (points to Power Source) He says it's in here!

Haggai (they slap hands)

All right! Tag me in! (Opens stage right porthole and removes Bible, SFX: Porthole music, VFX: Beam of light shines from porthole)
Got it!

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

(SFX: Warning siren. VFX: Warning lights and slide)

Zechariah

Yeah! Good warning! High five!

Haggai

God was warning them to change their ways. Stop wrestling with your faith and let God pin your heart to the mat!

Zechariah

Ooh, I got a message! Tag me in! Tag me in!

Haggai (they slap hands and Haggai hands the Bible to Zechariah) **You got it, Bro!**

Zechariah

Here it is!

Therefore tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Return to me," declares the Lord Almighty, "and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty!

Both

Says the Lord Almighty! (SFX: Choice bell, VFX: Choice lights and slide) **Yeah! Hoo-wah!** (they bump chests)

Haggai

That's the goods! That's the choice! Tag me in!

Zechariah (they slap hands)

You're up, man!

Haggai

You see, God was good enough to give His people a choice!

Zechariah

A choice!

Haggai

He told them, "Come back to me, rebuild my temple and I'll come live in it!"

Zechariah

Preach it, brother!

Haggai

He even promised that the new temple would be more glorious than the old one!

Zechariah

Glory!

Haggai

It would be a place of peace! Now, you might be wondering, "How we gonna get this place of peace?"

Zechariah

Oh, I know! I know! Tag me in!

Haggai (they slap hands)

Bring it home, brother!

Zechariah

An angel came and woke me up!

Haggai

Say what? An angel?

Zechariah

An angel of the Lord!

Haggai

What? What? What'd that angel say?

Zechariah

So he said to me,

"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty."

(SFX: Promise signal, VFX: Promise lights and slide)

Both (strutting and celebrating)

Yeah! Hoo-wah! (chest bump)

Haggai

That's the goods!

Zechariah

That's the power!

Haggai

That's the Spirit of the living God! And only by His power can we change our ways!

Zech

But, the good news is He gives each and every one of us His power. He helps us make good and wise choices.

Haggai

Yeah, you've got a temple inside of you. Why don't you rebuild it and ask God to be the reigning champ of your heart?!

Zechariah

Amen! We gotta get back to our time so, thanks for inviting us aboard "The Love Sub!" Until our next event, I'm Zechariah.

Haggai

I'm Haggai, and together we are the prophecy tag team champions—

Both

The Power Prophets!

Zechariah

We're here to remind you, "No matter where you are in time—

Haggai

Say it with us!

Both

God is good all the time! (SFX: Intro/outro music, VFX: Fallback slide) **Yeah! Hoo-wah!** (chest bump) **That's power! God's got power!**

(exit)