

**ROCK THE WORLD**  
**BACK TO THE BEGINNING: INTRO**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 1999**  
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| <b><u>CHARACTERS - PEOPLE:</u></b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b>    | <b>4</b> |
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| WORSHIP LEADER                     | Jennifer  | Cathy    | Rose Anne   | Alyssa   |
| ANNOUNCER                          | Rob       | Jeanette | Chelsea     | Alyssa   |
| MICHAEL J. FLOX                    | Zac       | Anthony  | Ryan        | Alyson   |
| PROFESSOR-"DOC"                    | Jeff C    | Brian    | Randy       | Cathy    |
| JULIE (MICHAEL'S SISTER)           | Valentina | Hannah C | Sarah A     | Tanyr    |
| ZACK                               | Josh      | Sarah K. | Nathan      | T. Ray   |
| KID #1                             | Kyle      | Briana C | Johnathon   | T. James |
| KID #2                             | Matthew V | Rebecca  | Frankie     | T. Paul  |
| KID #3                             | Matthew W | Audrey C | Stephanie   | Erin     |
| CARD HOLDER                        | Cecilia   | Rachel   | Danae/Sarai | Alyssa   |

**CHARACTERS - PUPPETS:**

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| GOLIATH (DOG)    | Bruce   | Friend   | Friend/Alex | Birdie |
| CLEOPATRA (CAT)  | Kristy  | Krista   | Shaunean    | Kyla   |
| ZZA, ZZA (BUNNY) | Pavlova | Savannah | Briana VP   | Birdie |

**PROPS:**

GARAGE STUFF (TIRES, JUNK, RAFTERS, PEG BOARD OF TOOLS  
WORKBENCH (SMALL TABLE & CHAIR)  
SKATE BOARD  
SCREWDRIVER  
RATCHET  
HAMMER  
PROFESSOR'S COAT, WIG & GLASSES  
TIME MACHINE WITH RED FLASHING LIGHT  
SHEET FOR UNVEILING TIME MACHINE  
PUPPET STAGE WITH TOOL PEG BOARD AS BACKGROUND  
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION CARDS: "DON'T DO IT", "WACKY",  
"BUBBLE GUM?", "SSSHHH!", "GO FOR IT", "OH NO!", "PRAY",  
NUMBERED CARDS 1, 2, 3, 4  
YELLOW CHICKEN FEATHERS  
DIPPITY DO, BLACK FACE PAINT  
TENNIS SHOE

**SOUND EFFECTS:**

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| STAR WARS SNIPPET | TIME MACHINE NOISES |
| RATCHET NOISE     | FOOTSTEPS           |

**MUSIC:** BACK TO THE BEGINNING, FINISHING TOUCH, ATTITUDE, 1-2-3-4

**LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS**

**WORSHIP:** GOOD MORNING! LET'S STAND UP AND LIFT OUR HANDS AND SING TO THE LORD!

**[01] CUE SONG - BACK TO THE BEGINNING**

WORSHIP LEADER: WE'RE STARTING A BRAND NEW SERIES CALLED: BACK TO THE BEGINNING. ACTUALLY, WE'RE GOING TO THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE BIBLE! DO YOU KNOW THE NAME OF THE FIRST BOOK IN THE BIBLE?

KIDS: GENESIS!

WORSHIP LEADER: THAT'S RIGHT. NOW, WE'RE GOING TO HELP OUT THIS MORNING SO LET'S GO TO OUR ANNOUNCER! TAKE IT AWAY!

**LIGHT CUE - RIGHT, CENTER, & LEFT STAGE UP**

**OPENING SCENE:** Michael is working on his skateboard while the professor is under the sheet fixing the final wires on his machine. All we can see are his legs. The puppet animals are watching the professor as he moves left to right, up and down (choreographed with key words to cue the puppets)

**ANNOUNCER:** (stage right by worship leader, closest mic to center stage)  
WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURES OF . . .

**[02] SOUND CUE - STAR WARS SNIPPET**

**ANNOUNCER:** "BACK TO THE BEGINNING!" WHERE YOU, THE AUDIENCE, GET TO HELP THE CHARACTERS MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS. BE PREPARED TO GIVE YOUR BEST ADVICE WHEN THE CUE CARD IS HELD UP. HERE'S ONE RIGHT NOW (whisper to audience what the card says)

**CARD HOLDER:** Holds up card - “DON’T DO IT”

**KIDS:** “DON’T DO IT”

**ANNOUNCER:** “DON’T DO IT!” GOOD! BUT THIS TIME SAY IT WITH FEELING . . . READY.....(point to kids) GO!

**KIDS:** “DON’T DO IT!”

**ANNOUNCER:** VERY GOOD! WE BEGIN OUR STORY AT “THE BEGINNING” OF COURSE . . . WITH MICHAEL J. FLOX FIXING HIS SKATEBOARD. HE’S IN THE GARAGE OF DOC, HIS NUTTY PROFESSOR FRIEND, WHO UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF HIS PETS (each pet pops up as introduced) GOLIATH, CLEOPATRA, AND ZZA, ZZA, IS WORKING ON A MYSTERIOUS PROJECT. LET’S LISTEN IN . . . (point to card holder)

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up card - “SSSHHH!”

**KIDS:** “SSSHHH!”

**ANNOUNCER:** (whispering) VERY GOOD! YOU REMEMBERED . . BY THE WAY, THIS STORY HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THE WORD “REMEMBER” . . . LISTEN . . .

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| <b>LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS</b> |
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**DOC:** (sings “What’s New Pussycat” by Tom Jones. When he sings the first line, “what’s new pussycat”, he’s standing up & leaning way over to the right, fixing something. When he sings the second line, “whoa, whoa, whoa”, he’s squatting down low. The cat, dog, and bunny follow, in unison, with their heads going up and down. The professor sings the two lines through twice. “WHAT’S NEW PUSSYCAT, WHOA , WHOA, WHOA, WHAT’S NEW PUSSYCAT, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, OH” . . . HEY MICHAEL, YOU BETTER TIE THAT SHOE BEFORE YOU GO SKATEBOARDING TONIGHT.

**MICHAEL:** I BETTER GET THIS SKATEBOARD FIXED. I’VE GOT TO JET OVER TO ZACK’S HOUSE. HIS PARENTS ARE HAVIN’ A PARTY TONIGHT AND ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD’S GONNA BE THERE. (stops short, embarrassed that he might have hurt Doc’s feelings) AHH . . . EXCEPT

FOR YOU DOC . . . I'M SORRY YOU WEREN'T INVITED . . . I WISH EVERYBODY LIKED YOU . . . THEY JUST THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE . . .

**LIGHT CUE - RED LIGHT FLASHES UNDER SHEET**

**DOC:** (professor is under sheet as light flashes; he cries out in pain & shakes hand as if he got shocked) WHAZZOODLE!

**MICHAEL:** NO, . . . NOT A LITTLE "WHAZZOODLE" . . . MORE LIKE A LITTLE . .

**CARD HOLDER:** (Holds up sign "**WHACKY**")

**KIDS:** "WHACKY!"

**MICHAEL:** YEAH! THAT'S IT. A LITTLE WACKY . . . KINDA CRAZY. (looks over at Doc under sheet) WHAT ARE YOU MAKING THERE? YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA SHOW ME TWO WEEKS AGO!

**DOC:** (comes out from under sheet, all excited, dances & yells with delight) OH-HO MICHAEL . . . I'M ALMOST DONE. I NEED YOUR HELP! (quickly dives back under sheet with one hand sticking out to receive tools) NURSE?

**MICHAEL:** (Stands at attention) YES, DOCTOR?

**DOC:** SCREWDRIVER!

**MICHAEL:** (reaches up over animals heads to peg board. They watch as though mechanically timed, following Michael's hand . . . look up, look over, look up, look over as Michael hands off tools) SCREWDRIVER! (professor uses it once, gives back)

**DOC:** RACHET?

**MICHAEL:** RACHET! (professor uses it twice, gives back)

**[03] SOUND CUE - RACHET SOUND**

**DOC:** HAMMER?

**MICHAEL:** HAMMER! (Doc noisily **whacks hammer twice**, gives it back)

**DOC:** BUBBLE GUM?

**CARD HOLDER:** Holds up card - **“BUBBLE GUM?”**

**KIDS:** BUBBLE GUM?

**MICHAEL:** (makes weird face at audience).

**PUPPETS:** (stand up straight very quickly as if in shock)

**DOC:** (explaining) I RAN OUT OF GLUE!

**MICHAEL:** BUBBLE GUM! (wipes fingers on side of pants) AREN'T YOU EVER GONNA FINISH THIS THING?

**DOC:** REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU, MICHAEL. THE THINGS I BEGIN I MAY OR MAY NOT FINISH . . . BUT THE THINGS GOD BEGINS, NOW YOU CAN BE SURE HE WILL FINISH WHAT HE BEGINS.

**LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON STAGE, UP ON SINGERS**

**[04] CUE SONG - THE FINISHING TOUCH**

**LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP ON ALL OF STAGE**

**DOC:** (goes over to the main button and prepares to unveil his masterpiece to Michael)  
ALL RIGHT MICHAEL, I WILL LET YOU GO BEHIND THE CURTAIN TO TAKE A PEEK....READY...LET'S COUNT.....

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up sign - “1”

**KIDS:** “ONE”

**DOC:** FOR THE MONEY

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up sign - “2”

**KIDS:** “TWO”

**DOC:** TWO FOR THE SHOW

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up sign - “3”

**KIDS:** “THREE”

**DOC:** THREE TO GET READY

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up card - “4”

**KIDS:** “FOUR”

**DOC:** AND FOUR TO GO!

**MICHAEL:** (Runs to peek behind the sheet off time machine-**but not in it!**)

**DOC:** (pushes button.)

**[05] LIGHT & SOUND CUE - FLASHING LIGHTS ON TIME MACHINE,  
TIME MACHINE BELLS, WHISTLES, ETC.**

**MICHAEL:** WOW! WHAT IS IT?

**DOC:** IT’S A “BACK TO THE BEGINNING” TIME MACHINE . . . YOU CAN GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF TIME AND SEE AND REMEMBER ALL THE GREAT THINGS GOD DID.

**MICHAEL:** WOW! NOW THAT’S WHAT I CALL A LIVING BIBLE . . . (opens door and looks in) I WANNA GO BACK AND SEE DAVID FIGHT GOLIATH. (pretends to shoot with sling shot) CAN I? CAN I? COME ON . . . LET’S GO!

**DOC:** WAIT A MINUTE. I GOTTA MAKE SURE IT WORKS RIGHT. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE’RE ABLE TO GET HOME TOO. SO FIRST I NEED TO TEST IT OUT ON (secretly hinting with head and pointing with thumb over at the animals) SOME FURRY CREATURE (quickly turns to pets) HOW BOUT IT GUYS? IT’S THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME . . . WHO WANTS TO VOLUNTEER? (animals look at each other)

**CARD READER:** Hold up card - “GO FOR IT”

**KIDS:** “GO FOR IT!”

**DOC:** (Animals look at audience & dive down) HEY, YOU BUNCH OF CHICKENS!  
(Animals make chicken noises from behind stage and blow chicken feathers up over puppet stage)

**JULIE:** (skipping in, stage left) HEY, MIKEY, MOM WANTS YOU TO COME HOME BEFORE WE GO TO THE PARTY . . . AND YOUR WEIRD FRIEND ZACK AND HIS BUDDIES ARE RIGHT BEHIND ME . . . THEY’RE LOOKIN FOR YOU . . . BYE! (exits stage left)

**MICHAEL:** (calls after Julie) O.K. TELL MOM I’LL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES. (turns back to Doc) BOY DOC, THESE GUYS MAKE FUN OF EVERYBODY AND ALWAYS PUT ME DOWN BECAUSE I AM A CHRISTIAN. I WISH THEY WOULD CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE . . . I JUST DON’T KNOW HOW TO TELL THEM.

**DOC:** I DO . . . (grabs old guitar and does air guitar to song) COME KIDS, HELP ME OUT!

**LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON STAGE, UP ON SINGERS**

**[06] CUE SONG - ATTITUDE**

**LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP ON STAGE**

**MICHAEL:** OH, NO! HERE COMES ZACK AND THE GANG. WE’VE GOTTA HIDE THIS THING QUICK . . . THEY DON’T NEED ONE MORE REASON TO MAKE FUN OF YOU. (quickly they begin to pull sheet to better cover time machine, Zack & buddies slowly come down center aisle) LISTEN, I’M GONNA HIDE . . IF THEY DON’T SEE ME, MAYBE THEY’LL LEAVE QUICKER.

**DOC:** WHERE CAN YOU HIDE IN THIS MESS? AND TIE YOUR SHOE, YOU’RE GONNA KILL YOURSELF FALLIN DOWN IN THIS MESSY GARAGE . . .

**MICHAEL:** YOU GO OUT TO MEET THEM AND TRY TO GET RID OF THEM. I’LL FIND SOME PLACE TO HIDE. (quickly professor goes out to edge of center stage to meet them) WHERE CAN I HIDE? (looks to right and left)

AHH- HA! (snaps fingers, grabs skateboard and goes under sheet into door of time machine)

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up card - “DON’T DO IT!”

**KIDS:** “DON’T DO IT!”

**DOC:** HEY, GUYS! NICE NIGHT FOR A PARTY . . .

**ZACK:** WELL, IT’S THE NUTTY PROFESSOR. (steps up on stage & walks right past him into the garage; other boys follow) I THOUGHT MICHAEL MIGHT BE HERE SINCE HE’S ALWAYS HANGING OUT IN YOUR GARAGE . . . I MEAN (snickering) “LABORATORY!”

**ALL KIDS:** (making frankenstein faces and ringing hands like mad scientist) BOO-HA, HA, HA (snickering)

**DOC:** WELL, I GUESS YOU DON’T SEE HIM HERE . . . I’LL TELL HIM YOU STOPPED BY . . . (looking around, wondering where Michael went)

**KID #1:** (touching sheet) HEY, WHAT’S BEHIND THE CURTAIN?

**DOC:** DON’T TOUCH THAT! (kid pulls off sheet)

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up card - “OH NO!”

**KIDS:** “OH NO!”

**KID #2:** WOW! IT’S SOME KIND OF EXPERIMENT CHAMBER (all kids gather round)

**DOC:** IT’S A TIME MACHINE.

**ZACK:** YOU’VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!

**DOC:** NOPE, IT’LL TAKE YOU BACK TO THE BEGINNING TO LEARN ABOUT GOD . . . TO REMEMBER HIS GREAT DEEDS . . . TO SEE AND KNOW HOW GREAT HE REALLY IS.

**KID #3:** WHY WOULD ANYBODY WANT TO DO THAT? I’D RATHER GO INTO THE FUTURE.

**DOC:** GOD REMINDS US OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT WE SHOULD REMEMBER HOW FAITHFUL HE IS . . . REMEMBER HOW HE PARTED THE RED SEA AND SAVED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL . . .

**ZACK:** (walks over to press button) HEY, HERE'S A BUTTON, LET'S FIRE THIS THING UP!

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up card - "DON'T DO IT!"

**KIDS:** "DON'T DO IT!"

Zack presses button. When lights and sounds start, kids get scared & bunch up together, backing away from Time Machine towards stage right.

**[05] LIGHT & SOUND CUE - TIME MACHINE FLASHING LIGHT & SOUNDS**

**DOC:** (runs over and pulls the plug) I THINK YOU BETTER GO . . .

**ZACK:** (leaving down steps, stage right) YEAH, LET'S GET OVER TO THE PARTY. I'M SURE MIKE'LL SHOW UP.

**DOC:** (looks to the left & right for Michael) I HOPE SO! (kids walk away down center aisle. Doc quickly scurries around garage looking for Michael) MICHAEL, THEY'RE GONE . . . COME OUT! (asks kids) IS HE UNDER HERE?

**KIDS:** NO

**DOC:** WHERE WOULD HE HIDE?

**KIDS:** Kids point to sheet

**DOC:** OH NO! THAT'S WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF! (lifts sheet up) OH NO! (looks down at bottom of door) THERE'S A SHOE LACE HANGING OUT THE DOOR . . . HE'S JUST GOT TO BE IN THERE. MAYBE MY MACHINE DIDN'T WORK. (opens door, holds up lone tennis shoe with shoe laces undone) HE'S GONE . . . BACK TO THE BEGINNING . . . LET'S LOOK AND SEE HOW FAR BACK IT WAS SET FOR (looks at time clock) GOOD GRIEF! YOU CAN'T GO BACK ANY FARTHER THAN THAT . . . THE GARDEN OF EDEN (paces back and forth) WHAT SHOULD I DO? I'VE GOT TO GET HIM BACK . . . (to kids) WHAT WOULD YOU DO???

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up card - “PRAY”

**KIDS:** “PRAY”

**DOC:** PRAY! THAT’S A GREAT IDEA. (walks over to machine) OH LORD, PLEASE HELP ME BRING MICHAEL BACK HOME SAFE AND SOUND. IN YOUR NAME I PRAY . . . AMEN. . . WELL, HERE GOES (to the kids) COUNT WITH ME

**CARD HOLDER:** Hold up card - “1”

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**DOC:** AND FOUR TO GO! (presses button)

**[05] LIGHT & SOUND CUE - FLASHING LIGHTS & TIME MACHINE**

(Michael bursts out of door with his hair slicked up with dippity do and black on his face.)

**DOC:** (excitedly) MICHAEL, YOU’RE BACK! WHAT HAPPENED?

**MICHAEL:** WOW! I DON’T KNOW. I NEVER DID END UP ANYWHERE. I WAS FLYING FASTER THAN WARP SPEED . . . YOU MUST HAVE DIALED

ME BACK BEFORE I COULD LAND ANYWHERE . . . HEY, LET'S GO  
BACK TO SOMEWHERE . . . YOU AND ME!

**DOC:** LET'S GET YOU WASHED UP. YOU'RE MOM IS WAITING FOR YOU.  
(both exit stage left)

**LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON STAGE, UP ON SINGERS**

**ANNOUNCER:** WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL ALL BE GOING ON SOME  
GREAT ADVENTURES WITH DOC AND MICHAEL. WE'LL BE GOING  
"BACK TO THE BEGINNING" . . . I CAN'T WAIT TIL NEXT WEEK . . .  
ONE THING IS SURE . . . GOD HAS A PLAN. MAYBE HE WANTS TO  
HELP US REMEMBER SOME OF HIS GREAT DEEDS BY TAKING US  
THERE . . . WOW!

**WORSHIP LEADER:** REPEAT AFTER ME:

LET ALL THE EARTH FEAR THE LORD; LET ALL THE  
INHABITANTS OF THE WORLD STAND IN AWE OF  
HIM. FOR HE SPOKE AND IT WAS DONE; HE COMMANDED  
AND IT STOOD FAST. PSALM 33: 8-9

LET'S PRAY.

**CUE SONG – [01] BACK TO THE BEGINNING / [06] ATTITUDE**