

**GOD IS . . . FAITHFUL
PART 2**

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CHARACTERS - PEOPLE:

SHERLOCK DOORLOCK
JONAH
KING
IDOL
DANIEL
GUARD

CHARACTERS - PUPPETS:

NIV
SHADRACK
MESCHACH
ABEDNEGO
LION

PROPS:

PUPPET STAGE
ROCK THE WORLD PUPPET STAGE FOR WHALE
LOW WALL FOR PUPPET TO TRAVEL STAGE
CAPE
HAT
LARGE MAGNIFYING GLASS
OBJECTS IN WHALE'S STOMACH, i.e. OLD TIRE, BOOT, ETC.
"SEAWEED"
THRONE
KINGLY ATTIRE
GOLDEN IDOL ATTIRE
FURNACE
ATTIRE FOR GUARD

SPECIAL EFFECTS:

TIME TRAVEL MUSIC

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LIGHT CUE - UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - GOD IS FAITHFUL

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS & HOUSE, UP ON PORTABLE

Sherlock Doorlock enters down center aisle to portable.

SHERLOCK: WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER WEEK AT ROCK THE WORLD. I AM THE GREAT DETECTIVE SHERLOCK DOORLOCK AND I WILL BE WITH YOU AS WE TRAVEL BACK IN TIME TO WITNESS SOME GREAT ACTS OF PAST FAITHFULNESS. AND, AS USUAL, MY ASSISTANT DATSON IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. SO I WILL NEED SOMEONE ELSE WITH GREAT KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM TO ASSIST US IN OUR JOURNEY. WHO COULD POSSIBLY HELP US? WHO KNOWS ABOUT THE BIBLE? (*encourage kids to say NIV*)

LIGHT CUE - UP ON CENTER STAGE

NIV: (*comes up in puppet stage*) HELLO, SHERLOCK.

SHERLOCK: (*climbs to center stage & NIV*) OH, NIV . . . JUST THE PERSON WE NEED. I TOOK YOUR ADVICE AND BEGAN READING YOUR PAGES AND I'M SO EXCITED OVER ALL THE THINGS I FOUND. THE KIDS AND I WERE JUST GETTING READY TO HEAD BACK IN TIME AND LOOK AT MEN WHO WERE FAITHFUL TO GOD. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME WITH US?

NIV: I WOULD BE DELIGHTED. GREAT STORIES OF THE BIBLE IS MY AREA OF EXPERTISE AFTER ALL.

SHERLOCK: WELL, OFF WE GO THEN!

SOUND CUE - TIME TRAVEL SOUNDS

Sherlock and NIV disappear and reappear stage right near whale.

LIGHT CUE - SLIGHTLY DIM CENTER STAGE , UP ON STAGE RIGHT

SHERLOCK: WOW! THAT WAS INCREDIBLE! NIV, WHO'S THAT? AND WHY IS HE IN THE BELLY OF THAT GREAT BIG FISH?

NIV: THAT'S JONAH. HIS STORY IS SO IMPORTANT THAT HE HAS A BOOK OF THE BIBLE NAMED AFTER HIM.

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SHERLOCK: HE MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY FAITHFUL TO GOD!

NIV: NOT AT FIRST. HE ACTUALLY THOUGHT HE COULD RUN AWAY FROM GOD. SILLY MAN! LET'S WATCH . . .

JONAH: (*peering out of fish's mouth*) WHERE IN THE WORLD AM I? . . . AND . . . PEEEUUGH!! WHAT IS THAT SMELL? (*begin throwing out various objects*) I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING TO ME! SEE IF I EVER TAKE THE TARSHISH EXPRESS AGAIN!! BOY, ARE THEY GONNA HEAR FROM ME!! (*begins picking seaweed off of himself*) O.K., WELL MAYBE GOD TOLD ME TO GO TO NINEVAH AND WARN THE PEOPLE THERE THAT HE WAS UNHAPPY WITH THEM, BUT . . . WELL, MAYBE I JUST DIDN'T FEEL LIKE GOING TO NINEVAH AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. I WOULD HAVE GONE . . . EVENTUALLY. IS THAT ANY REASON TO LOCK ME UP IN THIS LIVING SARDINE CAN?

SHERLOCK: HE DOESN'T SEEM TO REALIZE WHAT HE HAS DONE.

NIV: NO. IT WILL TAKE HIM THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS BEFORE HE SEES THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS.

JONAH: I'VE HAD ALL I CAN STAND AND I CAN'T STAND NO MORE! I QUIT! YOU WIN!! (*begins praying*) IN MY DISTRESS I CRY OUT TO YOU LORD AND IN YOUR MERCY YOU HEAR ME. FORGIVE ME GOD. WHAT I HAVE PROMISED YOU, I WILL DO. I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF NINEVAH.

NIV: GOD IS FAITHFUL TO FORGIVE US WHEN WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO HIM.

SHERLOCK: DID JONAH EVER GET TO NINEVAH?

NIV: YES, GOD HAD THE FISH RELEASE JONAH AND HE KEPT HIS PROMISE TO GOD AND WARNED THE PEOPLE. THEY REPENTED OF THEIR SINS AND GOD SAVED THEM.

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SHERLOCK: WOW! THAT'S A WHALE OF A TALE! GOD WAS FAITHFUL TO MEN. BUT NIV, WERE THERE ANY MEN WHO WERE FAITHFUL TO GOD?

NIV: YES, THERE WERE. LET'S CONTINUE ON INTO THE PAST . . . (*exits down behind wall*)

SOUND CUE - TIME TRAVEL SOUNDS

LIGHT CUE - DOWN RIGHT & CENTER STAGE, UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - JONAH SONG

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP ON STAGE LEFT

King and idol are already in place & motionless.

SOUND CUE - TIME TRAVEL SOUNDS

Sherlock and NIV come up behind wall stage left. Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego also come up behind wall a little closer to furnace.

SHERLOCK: NIV, WHERE ARE WE NOW?

NIV: WE'RE IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL. YOU'LL WITNESS HOW SHADRACH, MESCHACH, AND ABEDNEGO REFUSED TO BOW DOWN AND WORSHIP ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE ONE TRUE GOD. THEY STAYED FAITHFUL TO GOD TO THE POINT OF DEATH!

KING: WHAT A BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN IDOL I HAVE (*idol begins primping*)
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING AS GLORIOUS? (*idol scratches head as if thinking about the question*) I KNOW WHAT I SHALL DO. I WILL ISSUE A DECREE DECLARING THAT ALL PEOPLE SHALL WORSHIP THIS GOLDEN IDOL AS I DO. AND WOE TO ANYONE WHO REFUSES TO BOW!!

SHERLOCK: DID SHADRACH, MESCHACH AND ABEDNEGO BOW DOWN TO THE IDOL?

NIV: NO. THEY KNEW IT WOULD BE COMPROMISING THEIR FAITH IN GOD. LET'S WATCH WHAT THEY DID.

KING: WILL YOU BOW TO MY GOLDEN STATUE, SHADRACH, MESCHACH,

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AND ABEDNEGO?

SHADRACH/MESCHACH/ABEDNEGO: *(all say together)* WE WILL BURN, BUT WE WILL NOT BOW!

KING: THEN YOU WILL BE THROWN INTO THE FIERY FURNACE! *(puppets act as if thrown into furnace; king walks over and looks into furnace, amazed)*
WAIT! DID WE NOT THROW THREE INTO THE FURNACE? NOW THERE APPEARS TO BE FOUR, AND ONE IS LIKENED TO THE SON OF MAN! QUICK, LOOK!

The idol walks up and peers in. king turns and screams.

NIV: THE LORD HONORED THE TEENAGERS' FAITHFULNESS BY PROTECTING THEM FROM BEING BURNED IN THE FIRE.

SHERLOCK: WOW! THAT WAS SOME SMOKIN' STORY!! CAN YOU TAKE US ANYWHERE ELSE?

NIV: CERTAINLY! AWAY WE GO! *(Sherlock and NIV disappear, King & idol exit during song)*

SOUND CUE - TIME TRAVEL SOUNDS

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON STAGE LEFT , UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - FIERY FURNACE SONG

LIGHT CUE - DOWN ON SINGERS, UP ON CENTER STAGE

SOUND CUE - TIME TRAVEL SOUNDS

Sherlock and NIV come up behind wall/shrubbery center stage. Lion comes up also a distance away

SHERLOCK: *(screams)* AAAGH!! NIV, WE'VE GOT TO GET OUTTA HERE! LOOK, THERE'S A LION AND HE . . . HE LOOKS HUNGRY!!

NIV: NO, STAY WHERE YOU ARE. WATCH HIM.

Daniel enters and kneels and begins to pray. Lion begins making noises like he can't open his mouth but he's trying to talk.

SHERLOCK: WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM? CAT GOT HIS TONGUE? *(chuckles quietly)*

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NIV: NO. AN ANGEL OF THE LORD. DANIEL REMAINED FAITHFUL TO GOD AND REFUSED TO WORSHIP KING DARIUS, SO GOD IS KEEPING THE LION'S MOUTH CLOSED SO THAT DANIEL DOESN'T GET HARMED. GOD IS FAITHFUL TO ALL HIS PROMISES AND LOVING TOWARD ALL HE HAS MADE.

SHERLOCK: WELL NIV, I THINK IT'S TIME TO GO HOME.

NIV: YES, I BELIEVE IT IS.

SOUND CUE - TIME TRAVEL SOUNDS

Sherlock and NIV disappear.

LIGHT CUE - LIGHTS DIM ON CENTER STAGE, UP ON SINGERS

CUE SONG - DANIEL SONG

LIGHT CUE - LIGHTS DOWN ON SINGERS, UP ON CENTER STAGE

SOUND CUE - TIME TRAVEL SOUNDS

Sherlock and NIV come up in puppet stage.

SHERLOCK: WELL, WE MADE IT. WE SURE MET A LOT OF INTERESTING PEOPLE.

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NIV:AND THERE ARE MANY MORE YET TO LEARN ABOUT. BUT TO WRAP UP OUR STUDY ON GOD IS FAITHFUL, I WOULD LIKE TO TEACH YOU A NEW SCRIPTURE.

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME:

BUT THE LORD IS FAITHFUL
AND HE WILL STRENGTHEN
AND PROTECT YOU
FROM THE EVIL ONE.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

WORSHIP LEADER: Closing prayer

CUE SONG - YOU ARE THE FAITHFUL ONE
