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The MUPPET SHOW

DAY 4
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH, 2007
ALMOST FINAL DRAFT

Theme, Verse, and Vision

Theme – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Scripture – NA

Have ever wondered what your last words on earth will be? I know it's kind of a creepy question to find on the VBS Muppet Show program, but a very pertinent question. In many cases, we have to take our lead from Jesus. As Jesus was preparing to ascend into heaven, he delivered his most important message to his disciples. It didn't contain, however, rules, regulations, dress codes, policies, or any of the religious mumbo-jumbo, Jesus final words were simple, yet profound, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world!" And he was gone. At first I'm sure the disciples didn't quite comprehend how he could be with them always and have just vanished before their eyes, but nonetheless they believed and acted upon that belief in faith.

Tonight we will be closing out our VBS and honestly some of the kids who have attended, will never return to us. So we must give them the most important and pertinent information possible... "If they know Jesus, He is always with them!" Many of kids will leave tonight and return to ridiculous home situations and they must know, "Jesus is with ME!" Others will begin a life that leads down a path that we wish they would not travel, however one day when the spirit calls to them, my hope is that they remember, "Jesus is with ME!" For church kids who will continue their stable lives, they must be challenge that Jesus is with them and where they go, what they see, and what they say, Jesus was apart of it and right there.

Our guests this evening our three guys that know that throughout whatever circumstances and situations, Jesus is with them. And if the real Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego could be here, I'm sure they would agree, and with a certain sy of relief express how grateful they are that "Jesus is always with them!"

In-Through-To,



Romans 11:36

Staffing

Band

Leader / Guitar –
 Guitar 2 –
 Bass –
 Drums –
 Keys –
 Saxophone 1 –

John Sanchez
 Andy Tucker
 Chris Moshier
 Mike Klaiber
 Angela Sanchez
 Michael Backenstose

Technical/Production Team

Frontman –
 DJ Power –
 Sound /Lighting –
 Video Switcher –
 Camera 1 –
 Camera 2 –
 Camera 3 –
 Camera 4 –
 Camera 5 –

Michael Cook
 Ryan Torre
 Jordan Moshier
 Eric Jeffery
 Randy Osentoski
NEEDED
NEEDED
Stationary
Stationary

Photography –

Brian Crull

Drama Team

Kermit –
 Assistant –

Joshua Combs
 Josh Towns

Piggy –
 Assistant –

Roy Townsend
 Ryan Turner

Fozzie –
 Assistant –

Tim Simmons
 Justin Haley

Gonzo –
 Assistant –

Dave MacLennan
 Tyler Boston

Dr. Octaleva –
 Assistant –

Michael Bays
NEEDED

Beeker –
 Assistant –

Josh Towns
NEEDED

Shadrach –
 Meshach –
 Abednego –

NEEDED
NEEDED
NEEDED

Rundown

- 6:30 PM (30 minutes prior to start) –
“Muppet Clips” (REPEAT)
- 6:44 PM – Pre-Service Song 1.....John Sanchez and VBS Band
“Rooftops”
- 6:47 PM – Pre-Service Song 2.....John Sanchez and VBS Band
“Bible Story” by Scott Krippayne
- 6:50 PM – VBS Trivia (Round #1).....Drama Team
- 6:55 PM – Rules Video.....Tech Team (Gonzo Video)
- 7:00 PM – “Muppet Show Song”Tech Team and Drama Team
(Including Welcome Sketch with Muppets seamless with welcome by Frontman)
- 7:05 PM – Opening Song.....John Sanchez and VBS Band
“Bible Story” by Scott Krippayne
- 7:08 PM – Offering.....Frontman with Pastor Jim
 Offering Song – **“I smile”**.....John Sanchez and VBS Band
- 7:16 PM – “Who is the Winner?”Frontman (Michael Cook)
- 7:21 PM – Opening Sketch.....Drama Team
- 7:29 PM – Game(s).....Frontman (Michael Cook)
 Game 1 – **“Building the Idol”**
 Game 2 – **“When you hear the music...”**
 Game 3 – **“Toss ‘em in”**
- 7:47 PM – Main Sketch.....Drama Team
- 7:57 PM – Sermon and Decision Time.....**TBD**
 Decision Time Song – “_____”.....John Sanchez and VBS Band
- 8:07 PM – VBS Trivia (Round #2).....Drama Team
- 8:17 PM – VBS News.....Tech Team
- 8:22 PM – Prize Giveaway.....Frontman (Michael Cook) and Drama Team
- 8:25 PM – Closing Song.....John Sanchez and VBS Band
“Bible Story” by Scott Krippayne
- 8:30 PM – Dismissal Sketch.....Frontman (Michael Cook)
(Treats in Gym/Parking Lot and Inflatables under canopy)
- 8:30 PM – “Muppet Closing Song”..... Tech Team and Drama Team

VBS Trivia Continued –

Tie Breaker question

Q 5 – What army was Goliath part of?

- A) Israel
- B) Philistine
- C) Gath
- D) British

A 5 – B) Philistine

- Gonzo declares a winner, then exits to VBS Trivia music!
- Frontman transitions to Rules Video

6:50 PM – Rules Video.....Tech Team

7:00 PM – “Muppet Show Song” ...John Sanchez & Band

- Kermit enters the “O” in Show and says, “It’s the Muppet Show...live at Faith!”

Transition to Video...

- Kermit speaks, “Welcome everyone to the Muppet Show...live at Faith...with our very special guests Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
- Kermit begins, “So to get the show started...”
- Kermit is interrupted by Fozzie who is running around all over the stage looking for Kermit
- Frontman says, “Here we go again!”
- Kermit looks at Frontman and says that he hoped that they could get through one show without any problems
- Fozzie finds Kermit and says that we have a...
- Kermit, very frustrated, says, “Let me guess...a problem!”
- Fozzie stuttering says, well, “Yes.”
- Kermit says, “What is the issue?”
- Fozzie says that the guest are here and ready to do the whole show
- Kermit flips out and says that this show is never going to work because...
- Frontman stops Kermit

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6:55 PM – Rules Video.....Tech Team
(Gonzo Video)

Lights –

Dim all, but light Muppet Show Stage
SPOT ON KERMIT IN THE “O”

Intro Video –

Lights –

Up Full

Welcome Sketch Continued –

- Frontman tells Kermit that the guests are **HERE** and are ready to do the show!
- Kermit realizes that there really isn't a problem!
- Kermit asks Fozzie if the guests are weird in anyway
- Fozzie says that they are really smart and sharp looking gentleman
- Fozzie says that he even asked them if they would need to leave the show for anything
- Kermit and Frontman wait for the response
- Fozzie says that they don't have to leave at all!
- Kermit tells Fozzie to tell Dr. Octaleva and Beaker to get rid of the Bible Character Creator, because we actually have the real Bible characters for the first time
- Kermit, very satisfied, moves on to introducing the 1st act
- Kermit says that tonight's show is going to be amazing
- Kermit says, "So to get this great show up and running, here, once again, is John Sanchez and the VBS Band!"
- Fozzie and Kermit exit
- Kermit and Frontman get back to the stage and introduce, "John Sanchez and the VBS BAND!"

7:05 PM – Opening Song...John Sanchez and VBS Band
"Bible Story"

7:08 PM – Offering.....Frontman with Pastor Jim

Song – **"I smile"**...Tech Team
Song by – Kermit

7:16 PM – "Who is the Winner?"...Frontman

7:21 PM – Opening Sketch.....Drama Team

- Kermit enters, very enthused about tonight's show
- Frontman says that everything has finally come together
- Kermit says, "Ladies and Gentleman please welcome our guests..."
- Kermit is interrupted by Piggy racing in
- Kermit asks Piggy what is going on
- Piggy says that she heard 3 of the most handsome men in the whole world are here as guests today
- Kermit says that they are your typical handsome, geniuses
- Piggy begs Kermit to stay out on stage
- Kermit reluctantly agrees
- Kermit continues his introduction, "Ladies and gentleman please welcome to the stage..."
- "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego!"
- Characters enter, dressed in traditional Biblical attire, however Meshach is wearing a Shaquille O'Neal jersey

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Applause FX –
 Fade out as dialogue begins

Opening Sketch Continued –

- Ms. Piggy squeals with excitement and does some final primping
- Frontman introduces himself, but is quickly bumped out of the way by Piggy (On going rivalry)
- Kermit begins conversing with each character, beginning with Shadrach and Abednego
- Frontman, staying in the conversation, despite Piggy’s efforts, continuously gets the characters names wrong
- Piggy throughout this time just swoons over the guests
- When Kermit reaches Meshach he notices the Shaq Jersey
- Kermit asks if Meshach is a Shaq fan?
- Meshach, highly offended, says, “Me Shaq!”
- Kermit says, “Huh?”
- Meshach repeats, “Me Shaq!”
- Kermit after several times and with the help of Shadrach realizes what is being said
- Shadrach says that Meshach was the 1st Shaq and that Shaquille O’Neal stole his nickname
- Kermit understands and moves on
- Kermit says, “So I heard you guys had an interesting run in with FIRE.”
- As soon as Kermit says, “FIRE,” the 3 guests freak out and go into firefighter prep mode
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego reach behind the puppet stage and grab fire fighting gear and quickly put it on
- Kermit and Frontman are trying to figure out what is going on
- Piggy realizes that her “loves” are leaving and begins begging them to stay
- Shadrach tells Kermit that they would love to stay and be on The Muppet Show, but duty calls
- Kermit, completely frustrated asks, “What duty?”
- Abednego explains that they are firefighters
- The 3 characters finish putting on their gear and race down the center aisle and out
- Piggy yells, “Fine...just leave!”
- Piggy races out pouting
- Kermit and Frontman just stand in complete silence
- Frontman and Kermit look at each other and yell, “Fozzie!”
- Fozzie races in, asks where Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego went
- Kermit and Fozzie remain silent
- Fozzie realizes that the characters left and tries to tell a joke to lighten up the mood
- Kermit interrupts him and asks if there was anything that he had to say
- Fozzie mumbles and then says that the only way the guests would have to leave is if the fire alarm went off...and then Fozzie realizes it went off

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Applause FX –

Fade out as dialogue begins

Character Summary

Shadrach is the leader of the group

Meshach is a large basketball player, who wears his Shaq jersey everywhere he goes...

Abednego

Fire Alarm -

Very Loud

Main Sketch Continued –

- Kermit tells Frontman that he'll get that silly machine back out here for one more show
- Kermit tells Fozzie to get everyone back together for one last Biblical adventure
- Kermit and Fozzie exit
- Frontman begins to transition to games, but is interrupted by a "live" feed from Kidsville Laboratories

- Frontman explains to Dr. Octaleva that the guests had to leave

- Frontman says, "That looked like it hurt!"
- Frontman transitions to games

7:29 PM – Game(s).....Frontman (Michael Cook)

Game 1 – "Build the Idol"

Frontman says that King Nebuchadnezzar built an image of gold that was 90 ft. high by 9 ft. wide, and he wanted all the people to come and worship his golden image.

After this brief teaching time, Frontman explains game!

Game involves 6 kids from each section...in relay race format, kids will line up at the back of their aisle with a different piece of the statue drawn on boxes... the 1st team to have their statue together without falling wins!

Game 2 – "When you hear the music..."

Frontman says that once the statue was built and the people were in the valley, King Nebuchadnezzar instructed the people that when the music started that they must fall down and worship the golden image!

After this brief teaching time, Frontman explains game!

Game involves the entire section...when the music plays, the entire section has to get down behind their chairs...1st section to everyone down, including parents, WINS! This may be repeated to have a little bit of fun!

Video: Video begins with Dr. Octaleva greeting Frontman, then looking for the special guests...Dr. Octaleva, after Frontman explains the guests left, tells kids that he has a new invention that deals with fire fighting...Dr. Octaleva says that this new invention can withstand any amount of fire...Dr. Octaleva puts the suit and Beaker and says that he is going to blow a bomb up next to the suit to ensure that it works...Beaker freaks out...Bomb goes off and of course the suit doesn't work and Beaker is comically char'd! Dr. Octaleva realizes the suit doesn't work and turns off the live feed... Video ends

Exciting Game Songs –
(Sport File)

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(Sport File)

Game 3 – “Toss ‘em in”

Frontman says that the punishment for not obeying King Nebuchadnezzar’s command, was that you would be thrown into the fiery furnace! And only three guys stood up for what they believed...Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego!

After this brief teaching time, Frontman explains game!

Game involves 6 kids from each section...each section has 3 cardboard cutouts that represent Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego...starting from the back, 2 kids one holding the legs and the other holding the head...must race down the aisle, toss the character into the fiery furnace (Puppet stage) and race back to tag the next team...1st group down wins!

7:47 PM – Main Sketch.....Drama Team

- Dr. Octaleva enters, followed by Beaker, who is bringing in the “Bible Character Creator”
- Frontman greets Dr. Octaleva and Frontman
- Frontman tells Dr. Octaleva that there is no way that he is getting in that crazy contraption ever again
- Frontman turns away from Dr. Octaleva and folds his arms
- Dr. Octaleva tells Frontman that he was really hoping that he would get in one more time, because this time he needs a king
- Frontman yells, “What...a king?”
- Frontman starts dancing around yelling, “I’m goin’ be the King!”

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Exciting Game Songs –
(Sport File)

Main Sketch Continued –

- Dr. Octaleva interrupts and says, “BUT...you don’t want to get in the machine!”
- Frontman stops celebrating and begs Dr. Octaleva to let him in the machine
- Dr. Octaleva, after Frontman is on his knees, gives in
- Frontman thanks Dr. Octaleva
- Frontman begins walking around practicing for being the King
- Kermit, Piggy, Fozzie, and Gonzo enter, making tons of commotion
- Kermit says that we are all here
- Dr. Octaleva says that that is great, but there is one tiny, little problem
- Muppets ask what it is
- Dr. Octaleva says, “Well...we only need...” (Dr. Octaleva’s voice trails off
- Muppets in unison say, “What?”
- Dr. Octaleva, very nervously, says, “For this show we don’t need Piggy!”
- Piggy yells, “What...” and then gives Dr. Octaleva a “Hy-ya!”
- Dr. Octaleva, after a brief recovery time, says, “I knew that was coming!”
- Dr. Octaleva explains that we need a Shadrach, a Meshach, a Abednego, and a King
- Dr. Octaleva repeats that there is no place for Piggy
- Piggy begins to cry, just a little and exits
- Fozzie, Kermit, Gonzo, and Frontman go into “The Bible Character Creator”
- As Dr. Octaleva begins sequence, he notices that his shoe is untied
- As Dr. Octaleva bends down to tie his shoe, Piggy races into the machine
- Dr. Octaleva says that the team is complete
- Dr. Octaleva closes the door on the “Bible Character Creator,” turns the knob to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego setting

(During this period, all actors exit as lights are down)

- As sequence ends, characters emerge from “Bible Character Creator”
- Characters begin exiting machine, Kermit, Fozzie, and Gonzo wearing Biblical garb
- At this point no one else will exit the BCC
- Kermit, Fozzie, and Gonzo briefly walk around, but are interrupted by a the news cast...

- As Newscast enters, Fozzie says, speaking for the three of them, “We cannot do that...we worship only the true God”
- Kermit and Gonzo agree
- Suddenly several other puppets enter stage, dressed in Biblical attire

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Transition Sequence –

Lighting, smoke, sound effects, and Frontman freaking out

Video: Breaking News Bulletin...The King has completed his oversized statue and has required all citizens to come to the valley to worship it! Reporter reads from papers, “The King’s specific instructions are that when the music plays everyone must bow down, otherwise they will be thrown into the fiery furnace!” Reporter shivers a little and then says that this event is taking place right now!”

Main Sketch Continued –

- Puppet 1 says, “Well, I’ll guess we’ll wait right here until the music starts!”

(Music Begins – 50’s style rock)

- All puppets bow down out of sight, except for the three Hebrews
- Puppet 1 comes back up and tells the guys to bow down or else The King’s evil guards will come and get them
- Kermit says, “We can’t bow down, because we believe in the one true God!”
- Suddenly giant foot steps begin approaching the 3 Hebrews, as they begin to shake
- As this reaches a climax, Piggy exits the BCC, wearing armor
- Piggy, Fozzie, and Gonzo are stunned
- Gonzo says, “You’re not suppose to be in the story!”
- Piggy says, “Well I’m in it now, hose nose!”
- Piggy then transitions to playing The King’s guard
- Piggy, using here spear, says that it is time to go see The King
- Muppet move from far stage right, towards Bible Character creator
- As they do, (Band plays a blues riff), as The King (Frontman) exits from the BCC
- Frontman looks down at his clothes and realizes that he is the King
- Frontman says, “Wait a minute...this isn’t the King...”
- Frontman whines and then accepts his role
- The King (Frontman), in an Elvis accent, says, pointing to himself, “The King...would like to know why ya’ll didn’t bow down before my image?”
- Kermit begins to speak, but is interrupted by The King
- The King (Frontman) says, “The King...knows why, ya’ll just didn’t hear the music...KING LAUGHS...just get back out there and do better next time for THE KING...otherwise I’ll have to through you in the furnace!”
- Very scared, Fozzie and Gonzo quickly say, “Ok King!”
- Fozzie and Gonzo go to exit, but are stopped when Kermit says, “Sorry King...but we can’t do that”
- The King (Frontman) says, “Come again...The King...didn’t hear you?”
- Kermit repeats what he said again and The King gets very angry
- Fozzie tells Kermit, “You really made him mad...should I tell him a joke?”
- The King tells his guard to heat the furnace 7 times hotter and toss these fellas in...because The King...said so
- The King stands back
- Suddenly flames begin rising on stage right

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Music Note –

When “The King” is said, a Blues riff is played!
To help this joke work The King will constantly talk in 3rd person

Main Sketch Continued –

- Piggy as the guard, forces Kermit, Fozzie, and Gonzo into the flames, as the three Hebrews fall out of sight
- However, Piggy reacts and says that it is too hot
- Piggy falls out of sight, as smoke rises
- Puppet 3 and 4 enter, walk by where Piggy is and say, “Mmmmm...Pork roast!”
- Puppet 3 and 4 exit
- The King says, “That is done...The King...says so!”
- The King, after pulling out a mirror and primping himself, looks down into the furnace
- The King notices and says, “I thought we tossed three men in the furnace, but I see 4 walking around the 4th is like the Son of God!”
- Flames go out of sight, as Kermit, Gonzo, and Fozzie reenter, not burnt
- The King (Frontman) says, “That was amazing and even in the flame your God saved you and was WITH YOU!”
- The King (Frontman) says that his jump suit is getting a little tight, and it’s time to get back to VBS
- Characters all load into the BCC, as The King acts like he is dragging in Piggy

(During this period, all actors exit as lights are down)

- As sequence ends, characters emerge from “Bible Character Creator”
- Frontman is last and still has his King glasses on
- Frontman tells the kids what an amazing adventure that was
- Piggy exits, saying that she is never going near a stove again
- Frontman thanks the Muppets for coming to VBS this year
- Frontman has the kids show their appreciation
- Muppets say goodbye and exit

7:57 PM – Sermon and Decision Time...**TBD**

Theme – When you are God’s...He is always with you!

Scripture – TBD

Decision Time Song – “_____”...John Sanchez and Band

Transition Sequence –

Lighting, smoke, sound effects, and Frontman freaking out

<p>8:07 PM – VBS Trivia.....Drama Team (Gonzo)</p> <p>Band Plays VBS Trivia Song – Fade out as Gonzo speaks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonzo enters and welcomes everyone to VBS trivia • Gonzo has the section leaders select 2 girls and 2 boys from each section to be the team • Each team stays separated from the other team on the front of the stage, in front of their section • Gonzo will ask the question...each team will get a chance to right he answer down on their dry erase board...Gonzo will then ask each team to show their answers...Each team will be rewarded based on whether the answer is right or not
<p>Q 1 – What is the King’s name in today’s story?</p> <p>A) King Nebuchadnezzar B) King James C) King Tutt D) King of Rock ‘n Roll</p> <p>A 1 – A) King Nebuchadnezzar</p>
<p>Q 2 – What was the image made of?</p> <p>A) Silver B) Bronze C) Gold D) Cubic Zirconium</p> <p>A 2 – C) Gold</p>
<p>Q 3 – Who showed up in the Fiery Furnace?</p> <p>A) Piggy B) King Nebuchadnezzar C) Son of God – Jesus Christ D) A Firefighter</p> <p>A 3 – C) Son of God – Jesus Christ</p>
<p>Q 4 – What happened to the guards who threw the men into the fiery furnace?</p> <p>A) Sunburn B) Flames killed them C) Third degree burns D) Took sick leave</p> <p>A 4 – B) Flames killed them</p>
<p>* At this point declare a winner or move to tie breaker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tie Breaker question</p> <p>Q 5 – What nationality were our 3 heroes?</p> <p>A) Hebrews B) Persian C) American D) Slovakian</p> <p>A 5 – A) Hebrews</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonzo declares a winner, then exits to VBS Trivia music! • Frontman transitions to VBS NEWS

<p>VBS Trivia.....Drama Team (Gonzo)</p> <p>VO: Welcome to VBS Trivia...here is your host The GREAT GONZO! APPLAUSE FX (Fade out as dialogue begins)</p> <p>Scores must be updated on Screen!</p> <p>Sound FX’s should correspond to correct and incorrect answers!</p> <p>APPLAUSE FX – Fade out as News begins</p> <p>Winning Team (whole section) gets candy!</p>

8:17 PM – VBS News.....Tech Team

8:22 PM – Prize Giveaway...Frontman and Drama Team

- Frontman gets basket of registration cards and pulls out a few winners...who receive prizes!

8:25 PM – Closing Song...John Sanchez and VBS Band

“_____”

8:30 PM – Dismissal Sketch...Frontman (Michael Cook)

- Frontman begins to transition, but is interrupted by the whole Muppet gang entering (Kermit, Piggy, Fozzie, Gonzo, and Beaker)
- Frontman tells Muppets that he is glad they made it back
- Kermit says that they have had a great week here at Faith for VBS
- Frontman says that there is one problem though
- Kermit asks what that is
- Frontman says that he needs to apologize to Ms. Piggy
- Fozzie and Gonzo comment on how nice that would be
- Piggy tells the Frontman what a sweetie he is
- Frontman apologizes for all the mean things that he has said and done
- Frontman finishes by saying, “And I’ll never call you a FAT PIG again!”
- Piggy laughs, then abruptly stops and says, “I don’t remember you calling me a FAT PIG.”
- Frontman says, “Well I didn’t say that in front of you I just...”
- Frontman realizes that Piggy is heating up and of course...
- Piggy gives Frontman a “Hy-ya,” knocking him down on the stage
- Piggy looks to the crowd and says, “Thank you everyone for coming! Bu-bye!”
- Piggy begins chasing Fozzie, Gonzo, and Kermit around the stage
- Muppets wave goodbye to the kids

8:30 PM – “Muppet Closing Song”...John Sanchez and Band and Drama Team

VBS News...Tech Team

Applause FX –
Fade out as song ends

