



## **"Lost 2011"**

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### **PUPPETS**

1. Captain Blueberry Beard
2. Jesus
3. Singing Puppet

### **People**

1. Host

### **PROPS**

1. Full Stage
2. Spy Glass

### **SOUND**

1. Ripples Theme
2. Storm
3. Lost 1, Lost 2 & Lost 3

## ACT I

**Scene** – Opening Worship / prayer.

**Host** – Good morning Kids. I didn't hear you... Good morning kids! It is so good to see you all again. I hope all is well with you since the last time we met.

I understand that some of you are learning the story of how Paul was shipwrecked on the island of Malta. Is that correct? A great storm came up and sunk the boat he was on, but because God still had work for him to do he was spared – along with everyone else on the boat.

We often face storms in our own lives that threaten to sink the boat of our faith. The world blows and blows at us and if we do not have a clear direction, we are in danger of going down just like the boat that Paul was in.

Today, Captain Blueberry Beard is in a great storm. He faces his own mortality. Will he make it through? Why don't we see?

**Music:** Lost 1

**Sound Effects:** Storm

**Captain** – Arrg! This is the worst storm I've seen in low these past 40 years under sail. I sure hope my ship Faith can ride her out. She's been a good vessel aye, but I'm afraid the years at sea have taken their tole on the lovely lady. Hold on Faith, don't fail me now in our hour of need!

*(Captain is tossed side to side as the ship fights the storm.)*

I'm afraid, me lady, that this may be our last voyage together. One more wave like that last one and we'll both fall apart. *(Sways)* Ooh and that fish dinner not be sitting so well either. I be having the feeling that I be feeding the sharks soon.

(Raises eyeglass and sees something). Now I know I be losing me barnacle-covered mind! That looks likes a man walkin' on the water.

**Scene** – Jesus walks towards ship.

**Captain** – Well, slap a wig on me and call me Martha! It is a man!

Ahoy matey! What are you doing out on the water... I mean how, ummm why.... Uhmm I don't know what I mean! You've got me timbers all a shiver!

**Jesus** – Be still. (Commands and the storm fades.)

**Sound Effects:** Storm fades out

**Captain** – How did you do that? Am I dead already?

**Jesus** – No, I can assure you that you are quite alive. I have been sent by God to talk with you about a few things.

**Captain** – Are you the boatman? Come to take me to the other side?

**Jesus** – No, I have come to talk with you about your course.

**Captain** – Course? What course are ye talking about? I've never set a course in me entire life!

**Jesus** – Exactly my point. Or should I say God's point.

Captain, how long have you been at sea now?

**Captain** – Well Matey, I've been riding the deep blue for nigh 40 years now.

**Jesus** – And where are you Captain?

**Captain** – I'm on the ocean of course!

**Jesus** – The Pacific Ocean?

**Captain** – I don't know.

**Jesus** – The Atlantic Ocean?

**Captain** – I don't know.

**Jesus** – The Indian Ocean?

**Captain** – I don't know.

**Jesus** – Don't you have a chart Captain?

**Captain** – Of course I have a chart. Every Captain has a chart. (Pauses)

I just don't use it. It get's in me way.

**Jesus** – Then how do you plot your course Captain?

**Captain** – Oh, that's easy Matey. I just go by me feelings. I have amazing feelings and instincts. They're almost never wrong.

**Jesus** – That's very interesting Captain. How's that working out for you? Can you tell me about your first voyage?

**Captain** – Aye. Now that's a voyage that I will never forget.

I had just gotten me Captaincy and was headed out. I had a navigator for a while but all he wanted to talk about was charts and compass headings. I had much more important things to worry about!

**Jesus** – More important... like... ?

**Captain** – Like sailing that's what! Now quit interruptin'. Do ye want to hear me story or not? (Jesus makes like he is zipping his lip)

Anyway, I turned Faith, that's me ship here, into the wind and we sailed to the left. We sailed to the left for nearly 3 weeks on the calmest most beautiful seas ya ever laid yer eye on.

Then all at once out o' the horizon appears this green gem of land just sitting on the sea like a perfect emerald. It was truly a site to behold.

**Jesus** – And was that the Island that you were looking for?

**Captain** – Nah Matey, I tweren't looking for any particular place. I was just headed wherever the wind see'd fit to carry me, my crew and Faith.

At any rate, we pulled down one of Faith's dingys and made our way to shore. And there waiting for us on this pure white sand were the most beautiful natives you would ever lay a good eye on - exceptin' that they were only about three feet tall. We must of looked like giants to them.

Well, the King of these here little folks invites me an' me crew to have a drink with them. And me, not wanting to offend the natives of course, am happy to oblige. Next thing I be knowing, I wakes up with me head a pounding and me arms tied behind me back!

Shortly thereafter I found out that them thar little people were going to be having a great feast. But the worst part of all was that we were to be the main course!

**Jesus** – How did you ever get out of that Captain?

**Captain** – About that time I started praying for God to save me, and just when I thought that hope was lost, the Island's volcano erupted and swallowed up the whole village! Imagine that!

**Jesus** – So God delivered you?

**Captain** – Didn't you just hear me? I said the Volcano exploded.

**Scene** – Both slide down

**Host** – So Kids, what do you think about how The captain is choosing to find his way? Do you think it would be very smart to go somewhere without a map or a plan? What do you think might happen?

Do you know that some people think they can be a Christian without reading the bible or going to church? What do you kids think about that?

Do you think that Captain Blueberry Beard will decide that he needs a map now?

Lets find out shall we?

**Scene** – Both puppets come back up.

**Sound** – Lost 2

**Jesus** – That sounds frightening Captain. So this time, I imagine, when you left the island you used your compass and maps right?

**Captain** – Why would I want to do a fool thing like that?

Nah, I just decided that since left was bad, my feelings were telling me to turn a little to the right this time.

**Jesus** – And then you found happiness and riches right?

**Captain** – Well, not exactly.

**Jesus** – What did you find then?

**Captain** – We sailed for a long time and found nothing at all. For a while I was afraid that we would sail right off the end of the world. That is until...

**Jesus** – Until what?

**Captain** – Until we came upon the biggest, meanest, scariest whirlpool I have ever heard of. It grabbed hold of my faith and tried to suck her into the depths along with me and me crew.

**Jesus** – Whatever did you do then Captain?

**Captain** – Well, I started praying that God would save me when all of the sudden a great wind came up and blew us out of the whirlpool.

**Jesus** – So God rescued you?

**Captain** – Aren't you listening you land lubber? I said a great wind came up and pushed us to safety.

**Jesus** – Oh I see. So now of course you consulted your charts for a proper course and used your compass?

**Captain** – Of course not! Why would I want to do a silly thing like that? I have feelings you know and instincts. Haven't you been listening?

**Jesus** – Uh huh. I see. And when you next sailed on your feelings, what good thing happened then?

**Captain** – Did I say it was a good thing? You don't have real good hearing do ya? I'm afraid you've been standin' next to the cannon too long.

No, the next time we sailed into this place where the sirens live. They called to my men and it was all I could do to keep them from jumping from Faith and drowning.

**Jesus** – How did you get out of that one?

**Captain** – Well, I was praying real hard when out of nowhere came a storm with hail the size of large mackerel that drove the sirens back down to the depths.

**Jesus** – So, God saved you yet again?

**Captain** – Are you brain damaged, dry legs? I said it was hail.

**Scene** – Both puppets slide down (Jesus is slowly shaking his head no)

**Host** – It doesn't look like the Captain has learned his lesson, does it kids? Sometimes we can be so stubborn. Failure after failure comes and we continue to do the same things that caused the problem to begin with. We are blessed to have such a forgiving God that He gives us second and even third chances. Are there things you are doing that God would want you to do differently? Have you read your bible to find the answers to some of the difficult things in your life? Let's see if Captain Blueberry Beard is able to get back on course shall we?

**Sound** – Lost 3

**Scene** – Both puppets come up

**Jesus** – I have just one last question for you Captain. Has it ever worked out for your good when you have gone just by your feeling and instincts?

**Captain** – Well lemme see... (mumbles) There was the iceberg. That was no good. And there was those sea monsters. That was no good. And then there was that crab infestation – that was definitely not good.

Hmm. I guess the answer to your question is no. (hangs head)

Oh I just knew it! I am the most terrible Captain on the high seas.

**Jesus** – Now, now, Captain. It's gonna be all right. I see you have named your boat Faith. Do you really have faith?

**Captain** – Well I *fee*/like I have faith.

**Jesus** – Captain, faith isn't based on feelings. It's based on knowing that we serve the God who created the universe. That is not a feeling. That is a fact.

Every time you were in trouble you did the right thing, you called out to God. But the sad part of it is that you didn't even see God's hand in your salvation. Who do you think lit the volcano, sent the wind, and brought the hail? It was God and none other.

You have been lost on the sea for forty years because you would not look at a map or use a compass. And you have been lost in your faith for forty years because you would not open your bible or follow me.

God has sent me here to tell you that He loves you and has a plan for you, but you must do your part. You cannot always trust your feelings, but you can always trust God. So use His Map, follow His compass and riches await you beyond your wildest imagination.

**Captain** – I promise Lord. I will be a better Captain - and Christian.

**Jesus** – That’s all we ask. Oh.. and Captain?

**Captain** – Yes me Lord?

**Jesus** – My Father says there will be a navigator waiting for you at the next port. He suggests you follow his advice before something really bad happens.

**Captain** – Thank your Father for me.

**Jesus** – Thank Him yourself. And remember Low, I am with you always. (Jesus walks away).

**Captain** – Hey is that a crack about me height? Cause ye now that I’m real sensitive about that. Jesus? Oh Jesus?

Scene – Captain Slides down

Host – We have been given the best map we could ever have. It is called the bible and if we follow it, it will lead us to treasure that is beyond our imagination – that treasure of course is eternity with a God that loves us. But if we don’t follow the map we have been given, then we are certainly lost. Jesus is our navigator and He will steer us to clear weather and smooth sailing. And even if we have to weather the occasional storm, we can rest because we know He is at the wheel... Amen?

Let’s Pray.

**Music** – Ripples Theme

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