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# INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the Scottish Sleuths Vacation Bible School curriculum series. Each year, our Scottish Super Sleuths, Angus McTavish and Professor Dabney Thornwell, are called in to solve a Biblical “case” with the help of the VBS children. The detective characters symbolically portray the message that we want the students to learn to become thoughtful investigators of Biblical truth.

This year, our case involves an in-depth study of the Book of Esther. This Old Testament book presents an amazing story of God’s providential protection of His people. The overall goal of this study is to lead your children into a knowledge and a love for God, the “Hidden Hero” of the story of Esther. This year’s skit follows McTavish and Thornwell as they interview five heroic “suspects” from the Bible.

## THE PLAYERS

### **Narrator**

*Introduces and concludes the skit. Also moves props when necessary.*

### **Hero “Suspects”**

*Dressed in different outfits each day. Four male personas; one female. Can be played by two actors or more.*

### **Super Sleuth Angus McTavish**

*Scottish accent required. Dressed in a long trenchcoat. Often holding an old-fashioned pipe.*

### **Professor Dabney Thornwell**

*Also Scottish. Wears a tweed jacket and holds a large magnifying glass.*

## THE PROPS

Sleuth outfits  
 Raincoat and umbrella  
 Set of blueprints  
 Royal Egyptian-style robe  
 Sack of grain  
 Large, open Bible  
 “Moses” outfit; beard; sandals  
 Long “rod”  
 “Joshua” outfit; no beard  
 A small wagon filled with a few bricks  
 “Queen Esther” outfit; crown  
 Hangman’s noose  
 Poster board for daily themes

## THE SET

The set is McTavish’s drawing room. The background can be any furniture and decor that make up a parlor or living room. A chair must be located on the stage for the suspect to sit in. A large, open Bible should be on the set for the Sleuths to peer into as they investigate.

Make sure that the set allows the characters enough room to walk around as they interview the suspects.





# DAY ONE

## TODAY'S THEME: God has a Perfect Plan for His People

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### Day One Props

Raincoat and umbrella  
Set of blueprints

### Day One Setup

A chair set up for the suspect

*McTavish and Thornwell are standing—frozen in position as the scene opens.*

### **Narrator**

Good day, boys and girls! Are you ready to begin a new and exciting Bible mystery? Excellent! Our super sleuths, Angus McTavish and Professor Dabney Thornwell, are here to lead the way. They have been able to solve 99.8% of all their Bible cases. But this one just may be their toughest one yet! Will they discover the identity of the Hidden Hero? Or, will they become mired in confusing conundrums? Let's find out...

*McTavish addresses Thornwell.*

### **McTavish**

Have you assembled all of our suspects in the library as I requested, my Super-Sleuth Sidekick?

### **Thornwell**

The last person arrived just moments ago. Do you really think one of them is our Hidden Hero?

### **McTavish**

That is our mystery, my Pondering Professor! If, in fact, the Hidden Hero isn't among these suspects, we may at least gained some vital clues. Bring in our first hero!

*Thornwell escorts in a raincoat-wearing, umbrella-holding suspect from off-stage. McTavish motions for the suspect to sit down.*

### **McTavish**

*Addressing the suspect.* Hmm. It appears to me that you have managed to stay perfectly dry when so many others did not. How did you manage that, my dear sir?

### **Hero Suspect**

*Pulling a set of blueprints out of his jacket, he shows it to the sleuths.* I just followed these intricate plans—and built a very big boat.

### **Thornwell**

*Frantic.* Are you telling us that YOU designed this perfect plan to save yourself and your family? Is that what you're saying? Is that what you would have us to believe?

### **Hero Suspect**

*Agitated.* No, no, no, it wasn't me...I...I'm just the obedient boat builder. Never in a million years could I have thought up this plan!

### **McTavish**

Fascinating! Even though it would seem that you could be called a HERO for saving your family from the most horrible flood in all of history...you say it wasn't even your plan... Hmm...



# DAY ONE (CONTINUED)

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## Thornwell

Sir, I find that just too hard to believe!

## Hero Suspect

*Emphatically.* Well, it's true! It wasn't me!  
Honest! I am NOT the Hidden Hero!

## McTavish

Alright, alright...you may return to the library. But give me those blueprints... and don't leave town. We may have more questions for you in the future...

*Suspect gives McTavish the blueprints and exits the room.*

## Thornwell

Well, one down, four to go, right McTavish?

## McTavish

*Stroking his chin.* It seems that way, my Conclusive Co-conspirator...it seems that way.

## Narrator

Is our first suspect really off the hook? Will our super Bible sleuths discover who designed that perfect plan? Study hard today, junior detectives—and come back tomorrow for more of the *Case of the Hidden Hero*.

## End Day One