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INTRODUCTION

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

This case brings the students back to the “baffling” beginnings of the world. Starting in the first chapter of Genesis, this study presents the stories of God’s perfect creation, the fall of man, the consequences of a fallen world and the flood, God’s covenant with His people, and the restoration of creation in Christ. The overarching truth is that God is lovingly sovereign over all His creation.

The Scottish Sleuths examine “The Case of the Baffling Beginnings” while enjoying a friendly game of golf. Their Australian caddie, Wally, is an atheist who refuses to believe that God created all things or that man is a sinner by nature, in need of salvation. The skits use an interesting “golf course analogy” to explain the baffling beginnings of human history.

THE PLAYERS

Narrator

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

Wally, the Aussie Caddie

Dressed in a traditional caddie outfit. Australian accent required.

Super Sleuth Angus McTavish

Scottish accent required. Dressed in knickers and jacket. Often holding an old-fashioned pipe.

Professor Dabney Thornwell

Also Scottish. Wears a tweed jacket and knickers. Holds a large magnifying glass.

THE PROPS

Two traditional Scottish golf outfits, with knickers
Caddie outfit
Two sets of golf clubs, one for each sleuth
Flagstick

THE SET

The set is the Old Course at St. Andrew’s Golf Club in Scotland. The sleuths, accompanied by their Aussie caddie, will be solving a case on the course. The background may include: the clubhouse in the distance, trees, water hazards, green fairways, putting greens, etc.



DAY ONE

TODAY'S THEME: In the Beginning, God Created All Things

Day One Props

Golf clubs for each sleuth

Day One Setup

The first tee at the Old Course of St. Andrews, Scotland.

The Sleuths are standing at the first tee, getting ready to begin their golf game. They are waiting for the caddie and their clubs.

Narrator

What a glorious day for a friendly game of golf! Believe it or not, boys and girls, even hard-working Bible Sleuths need to take some time out to relax and enjoy God's creation (*Sleuths nod*). But be sure to pay attention, junior sleuths, because our heroes are always ready to take on a Bible case—even when recreating...

Thornwell

Where on earth is that caddie? He was supposed to be here with our clubs fifteen minutes ago.

McTavish

Ahh, my plaintive professor, be patient! Our man Wally is from Australia—you know those islanders are always late. He's probably finishing up wrestling a crocodile or something...

Wally, the Aussie caddie, rushes on stage carrying both golf bags, loaded down with clubs. He sets them down, breathing heavily.

Wally

Sorry for the delay, mates—couldn't be helped. That croc was quite a challenge... But ole Wally took care of 'im. (*McTavish nods knowingly to Thornwell*) Hey, wait a minute...I know you blokes. Aren't you the world-famous Scottish Bible Sleuths?

Thornwell

At your service, my good man.

Wally

Crikey! I'm a big fan! You two sure have cracked a lot of mysterious Bible cases. (*The sleuths nod.*) But, you don't really believe all of that stuff, right? It must just be part of the act...

McTavish

What exactly do you mean, my Cynical Croc hunter?

Wally

Well, for starters, you don't *really* believe that God created all things, do you? I mean, how do you know? *Were you there?*

Thornwell

(Visibly angry) Well, of course not, but...

McTavish

(Interrupting Thornwell) That's a very good question, my curious caddie. But, before we answer it, I'd like to ask you a few of my own questions first, if you don't mind.



DAY ONE (CONTINUED)

Wally

No worries, mate. Have at it.

McTavish

Right. Now just take a look at this beautiful golf course for a moment. *(All three look out into the audience.)* How did it get here? Where did it come from?

Wally

Umm, what do you mean, mate?

McTavish

Did this golf course just appear one day out of the blue? Did ancient weather patterns move all of this water and sand and grass into their exact locations?

Wally

Scratching his head. Hmmmm.

McTavish

Or perhaps, was there an intelligent designer who planned every detail of this course and prepared it all according to his plan? What do you think?

Thornwell

Interesting...

Narrator

This looks like the beginning of another baffling case for our sleuths! But, as usual, it also appears that they are already on to a solution. Study hard today and come back tomorrow to hear how this Aussie caddie answers McTavish's queries...

End Day One