



# THE SCOTTISH SLEUTHS

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## THE CASE OF THE TITANIC TRANSFORMATION

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM  
SKIT MANUAL

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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.

The Case of the Titanic Transformation takes us through the opening chapters of the Book of Acts. The focus is on investigating the beginnings of the early church and its application to our lives today. Christians are baptized in the Spirit and the Church is built by the Spirit. We also learn how the Church is given the boldness of the Spirit, does battle in the strength of the Spirit and adds believers by the work of the Spirit!

## **Professor Dabney Thornwell**

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

## THE PROPS

Sleuth outfits  
Tour guide outfit  
Rough drawing of an ancient church  
Poster with “de Beaumont” written on it  
Cell phone  
Two plastic swords  
Bible  
Poster board for daily themes

## THE PLAYERS

### **Narrator**

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

### **Effie Flanagan, Junior Tour Guide**

*Scottish accent required. Dressed as a tour guide.*

### **Super Sleuth Angus McTavish**

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

## THE SET

This year’s skit takes place in front of the ruins of St. Andrews Castle in Fife, Scotland. The set consists solely of the castle ruins in the background. The actors will stay on the outside of the castle. You may use any picture of the castle ruin as your model, with the North Sea in the background.

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# DAY ONE

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## TODAY'S THEME: The Church receives the Baptism of the Spirit

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### Day One Props

Rough drawing of an ancient church

### Day One Setup

In front of the St. Andrews Castle ruins

### **Narrator**

Hello there, junior sleuths! Are you ready to help our Highland Heroes with another amazing Bible case? McTavish and Thornwell have been summoned to the ruins of St. Andrews Castle by a junior tour guide, Effie Flanagan. What do you think is going on at this historic Scottish site? Let's pay attention and find out!

*McTavish and Thornwell arrive at the ruins of St. Andrews Castle.*

### **Thornwell**

It's so nice to get out of my laBORatory and get a breath of fresh seaside air! I always did love field trips to ancient Scottish ruins in my primary school days.

### **McTavish**

Well, my Reminiscing Right-hand man, I'm afraid this may not be the entertaining sight-seeing trip you are accustomed to!

### **Thornwell**

*Nervously.* What do you mean? Don't tell me that there are Baskerville hounds roaming around these ruins!

### **McTavish**

Nothing of the sort, my Anxious Ally. *Pointing.* Oh look, there's the young lass who called us in on the case!

*Enter Effie Flanagan, junior tour guide.*

### **Effie**

*Reaching out to shake hands.* You must be the famous Scottish Bible Sleuths. I saw your picture in the paper after you solved the Case of the Cardiac Crusader. What a pleasure to meet you!

### **McTavish**

Great to make your acquaintance as well; and, glad to be of service, my lady. You sounded pretty upset on the telephone. What can we do for you?

### **Effie**

*Looking nervously about, and whispering.* Well, I know this is going to sound a bit loony...but... I think that these castle ruins are...HAUNTED!

### **Thornwell**

*Jumping back.* Haunted? You mean, as in GHOSTS?

### **Effie**

Yes, professor: ghosts! That's silly, right? There are no such thing as ghosts...at least that's what my dear old mum--may she rest in peace--always used to tell me.

### **Thornwell**

Hmmm. Very interesting. So if you mum was right, why do you think these ruins are haunted by ghosts?

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## DAY ONE (CONTINUED)

**Thornwell**

*Interrogating tone.* And much more importantly, why did you request our presence? Shouldn't you have called...I don't know...Ghostbusters?

**Effie**

*Ignoring Thornwell.* Well, at first I just ignored it, thinking I was hearing things. But as I closed up the visiting areas night after night, I kept hearing and feeling STRONG WINDS swirling about.

**Thornwell**

Isn't that to be expected, right here on the WINDY North Sea?

**Effie**

That's what I thought...but you see, the WIND was only on the INSIDE—on totally WIND-LESS nights!

**McTavish**

Now that is quite phenomenal, my Worried Waif. But you mentioned something else on the phone...what was that again?

**Effie**

Oh yes, I found this yesterday. *Holds up the rough drawing of a church.* It just appeared, carved on one of the stone walls of the castle!

**Thornwell**

Is that a...it looks like an ancient depiction of a church building.

**Effie**

That's what I thought! And that's one of the two reasons I decided to call St. Andrews' own Bible Sleuths.

**McTavish**

So, if I may be so bold, what was the other reason you enlisted our service?

**Effie**

Well, since we may be dealing with an infestation of GHOSTS here, I remembered that the Bible speaks to the subject. You know...the HOLY GHOST.

**Thornwell**

*Dismayed.* I must say... I didn't see that coming!

**McTavish**

Ahh, my surprised sidekick, you should have! This case fits us so perfectly!

*The trio freeze in place.*

**Narrator**

Haunted ruins? Ghosts? A strange carving on the wall? What does it all mean? Study hard today, and come back tomorrow for more of *The Case of the Titanic Transformation!*

**End Day One**