



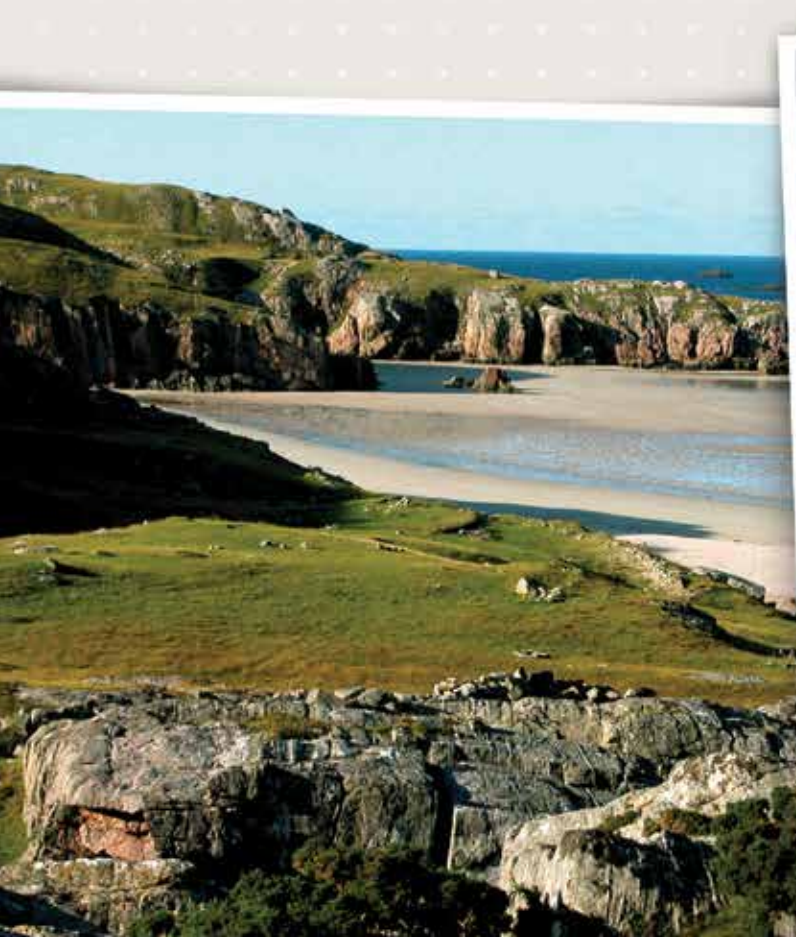
THE SCOTTISH SLEUTHS

..... and

THE CASE OF THE EVANGELICAL ENCOUNTERS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM
SKIT MANUAL

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INTRODUCTION

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, *the Case of the Evangelical Encounters* brings us to a study of the life of Christ. Specifically, we will learn what happens when people meet Jesus! Mary and Joseph, Nicodemus and John the Baptist, and the Pharisees and Sadducees all had “evangelical” encounters with Jesus. They were impacted with the GOOD NEWS in the person of Christ, whether they knew it or not. We will also learn from Christ’s encounters with the Canaanite woman, the woman at the well, doubting Thomas, and the men on the road to Emmaus.

THE PLAYERS

Narrator/Male Bible Characters

Introduces and concludes the skit. Also plays various Bible characters.

Penelope, Maid/Female Bible Characters

Dressed in maid outfit. Also plays various Bible characters.

Super Sleuth Angus McTavish

Scottish accent required. Dressed in a long trenchcoat. Holds an old-fashioned pipe.

Professor Dabney Thornwell

Also Scottish. Wears a lab coat and holds a large magnifying glass.

THE PROPS

Sleuth outfit

Lab coat

Maid outfit

Bible character outfits for:

— Day 1: Mary, Joseph, Simeon, Anna

— Day 2: Nicodemus, John the Baptist

— Day 3: Pharisee, Sadducee

— Day 4: Canaanite woman, woman at well

— Day 5: Thomas, Emmaus Road disciples

Decorated door frame to use as time portals, complete with knobs and switches.

Swaddled baby doll

Tea set

Plate of cookies

Glass of water

Poster board for daily themes

THE SET

This year’s skit takes place in Professor Thornwell’s basement—the place where he builds all his crazy inventions. His newest invention—the Bible Time Portal—can be a simple decorated doorframe with knobs, switches, and other bells and whistles.



DAY ONE

TODAY'S THEME:

Jesus is **REVEALED** as Savior

Day One Props

A swaddled baby doll

Day One Setup

In Thornwell's basement, in front of his time portal

Narrator

Hello, junior Bible investigators! Are you ready to assist our Super Bible Sleuths with another case? Professor Thornwell has invited McTavish and his maid, Penelope, to his home in order to REVEAL his NEW invention! This should be very interesting. Pay close attention as good Bible detectives!

McTavish, Thornwell, and Penelope are walking around Thornwell's basement.

McTavish

Well, my Suspenseful Sidekick, are you ready to unveil your latest invention?

Penelope

Oh yes, professor, I'm so excited! Have you finally invented your "ultimate food enhancer" which makes fabulous meals out of recycled garbage?

Thornwell

Actually, that invention still needs a lot of work. Can't quite get the taste and smell components correct. *Motioning to the time portal.* Here it is! My masterpiece!

McTavish and Penelope study it closely.

McTavish

Hmm...fascinating...is this what I think it is?

Thornwell

Yes it is! I call it my SSS-BTP 1.0: The Super Scottish Sleuth-Bible Time Portal!

Penelope

Wow! That's quite a mouthful! You mean that we can finally go back to Bible times? I'll go pack my bags!

Thornwell

Hold on there, Penelope: this is a one-way Time Portal, not a two-way Time Machine! Time travel technology is WAY above my professorial abilities!

McTavish

Splendid, my Inventive Investigator, just splendid. This certainly opens up our sleuthing opportunities tenfold! So...are we ready to test it?

Penelope

You mean, we will have people from Bible times right here in Thornwell's basement? I better put on the tea kettle! *Penelope exits.*

Thornwell

Yes, McTavish, I believe we are ready to test the SSS-BTP 1.0. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

Thornwell SLOWLY turns on the knobs and buttons on the time portal.



DAY ONE (CONTINUED)

McTavish

How does the time portal know WHO to bring forward into our time?

Thornwell

Now that's a good question...

In somewhat of a daze, Mary and Joseph, with a baby, step out of the portal.

McTavish

Well, hello there. Welcome to the 21st century! What are your names?

Joseph

We met him as a baby. I didn't think I would be around to see him. Sure glad that angel showed up when he did.

Thornwell

Okay... And, who are you referring to?

Mary

I sang a song about him as I treasured so many things about his birth in my heart. I still can't believe it...

Dazed, the couple walk back through the portal.

McTavish

It looks like you still have some bugs to fix on this magnificent time portal.

Thornwell

Twisting more knobs. I just need to figure out how to properly program it now.

As Thornwell continues to fiddle around, Anna and Simeon walk through the portal, dazed and confused.

Thornwell

Hey, they're back! But...they look a little bit different, don't you think?

Anna

I was an eighty-four year old widow when I first saw him. I had been waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem for so long!

Simeon

My wait was long too! So when I saw him for the first time, I blessed his mother. I had finally seen my salvation!

McTavish

Well, Professor, it looks like your newest invention has brought us a mysterious Bible case. Just WHO have all of these people met? And what happened to them when they met him? Very interesting...

The actors freeze in place...

End Day One