**Week One Bible Basics: Night at the Museum**

**Bottom Line: The Bible is one BIG book that tells the story of God and what He’s done for us.**

Location: Lots of locations for the opening scenes, but a majority of this episode will be on the 4th floor, by the King James Bible display.

Location

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Fully Animated Part

(Very quick B-Roll of Talent Traveling. Airport, plane, driving through DC, etc.)

 (Patrons enter the museum, excited, with music playing (Night at the Museum song-Alan Silvestri), high fiving each other & looking around. Lots of B-Roll, from when the Museum is open, to establish that they are at the Museum of the Bible.)

(Main Entrance Atrium)

***Cael***: Man! I am SO excited we are finally here at the Museum of the Bible. It feels like it took forever! I felt like the Israelites walking in the desert for 40 years. How did Moses do that?

***Alyssa***: Ok, it didn't take us QUITE that long, but we have been counting down the days. Now that we’re here, where should we start? Did you know there are 6 floors for us to explore, all packed full of exhibits!

***Cael:*** Let’s hit the gift shop now! I promised I’d bring my mom something home & I don’t want to forget.

Alyssa: (looks slightly confused) You don’t want to start at the History of the Bible exhibit, or maybe see the museum’s scroll collection?

***Cael:*** Oh come on! It’s for my mom!

(Montage…fun music and video of them walking around the shop and making a purchase… again signify that a significant amount of time has passed… also film when Museum is open so people are in the background)

***Alyssa:*** Ok, you got your gift for your mom, now let’s head up to the 4th floor, where we can... (Comic host interrupts!)

***Cael: Or*** maybe the 6th floor!! I heard the Manna Restaurant has chicken tenders that were “dropped down from Heaven”. Maybe even better than Chick-Fil-A. Let’s go there!

**Alyssa:** But we’ve already wasted so much time and there are SO many exhibits for us to explore. Plus, you are SUCH a slow eater!

***Cael:*** (looks offended) Am not!! And anyway, we’ve got plenty of time for all that stuff… food first!

(Montage transition indicating that a significant amount of time has passed… include BRoll of them ordering food at Manna and eating, while the museum is still open, so people are around… get a shot of the comic host refilling water/drink many times, and taking a very long time to eat. Lot’s of talking breaks. Credible host checks watch multiple times and rolls eyes. B-Roll of people clearing out of the restaurant until it’s empty...)

(Patrons getting up from the table)

***Alyssa*** Ok, I’ll admit it, those chicken tenders were delicious! Now it’s time to explore the…

(Lights shut off suddenly)

***Cael:*** Well, that’s weird...

***Alyssa:*** Maybe there was a power outage? Let’s go see what’s going on...

(Quick transition down to first floor)

(on the main level near a large entrance door that can act as the “locked door”)

***Alyssa How long were we eating up there?***

***Cael:*** I don’t know, but... where did everyone go? This place is completely empty!

(cavernous shots of the empty museum. Look for big spaces like the entrance, staircase, etc. to make it feel very big and very empty.)

(both go to the door, and see a large chain around the handles, with an oversized padlock)

***Credible Host***: (pulls on door handle to make sure it’s locked) Oh no, I think they’re closed! That means we’re locked in the Museum of the Bible all night, all by ourselves. (concerned tone)

***Comic Host:*** Oh man… (starts disappointed…looks up, as if he/she has had an exciting realization)… Wait a minute, we’re locked in the Museum of the Bible all night, all by ourselves!! (excited tone)

(both look at each other, excited, and then look at the camera and move their eyebrows up and down (think Kevin from Home Alone)

(Begin montage of talent running around and having fun in the museum. Ideas: Run back and forth in entrance of museum, go to different levels of the staircase and wave to one another, weave between exhibits on the 2nd floor, spinning shot in circular display on the 2nd floor.)

(Eventually, characters end up at the King James Bible exhibit on the 4th floor, this is where they will meet Moses and Paul)

***Cael***: This place is amazing! Did you see the fancy writing on the wall back there? I think it was in Hebrew, just like the Old Testament was originally written in! Do you think it was talking about those delicious chicken tenders??

***Alyssa***: Well, I can't read Hebrew… but I doubt it said anything about chicken tenders. Man, what would it have been like to live back when Moses lived?

(The two look away like they’re thinking or imaging, then they hear a voice behind them…)

***Moses***: Well, we didn't have chicken tenders!

(hosts both jump in terror/shock, and spin around)

(camera shows their view, and at first they see nothing… then they hear the same voice)

***Moses:***  Down here!

(hosts look down and realize the Bible is glowing, and fluctuates in brightness every time moses speaks)

***Moses***: As I was saying, we didn’t have chicken tenders, but we did have lots of lentils and chickpeas!

(Both hosts have shocked looks on their face)

***Alyssa:*** What’s going on?? Who are you

(patrons are leaning over the Bible at this point)

Moses: Ooops! I forgot you can’t see me yet! Come on in!

(Patrons faces start to light-up and they are pulled into the Bible/animated world. This is the start of the fully animated portion of the video.)

***Alyssa:*** (looking around, stunned!) This cannot be happening!

***Cael*** This is the best museum EVER!!

***Alyssa:*** Wha… Wha…What is going on??

**Moses:** I heard your question about the Bible, and figured you could come see for yourself! Plus,I figured I could help answer your question about the Bible, since I wrote the first 5 books.

***ALyssa:*** Wait, does that mean you’re Moses?

***Moses:*** You bet!

(A new voice chimes-in)

***Paul:*** 5 books, huh? I wrote 13!

(animated Paul steps into the scene)

**Paul:** Though, admittedly, they are quite a bit shorter than the books Moses wrote (smiles). And anyways, it’s not about either of us, it’s all about the story of God!

***Cael & Alyssa:*** PAUL!!??

***Paul:*** That’s me!!

***Cael*** Seriously, what is going on???

***Alyssa:*** I can't believe we are standing here with two of the authors of the Bible. We came here to learn more about it, and who better to learn from!

***Paul:*** Well, there’s plenty for us to share!

Cael: BEST. NIGHT. EVER!

***Alyssa*** Great! We want to hear all about the Bible, but before we do, will you settle a debate for us? We know that the Bible is split into two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament, but we can’t agree on which part is more important.

***Moses:*** Well, in the OT, you can read about God creating the world, Joseph & his colorful coat and Queen Esther.

***Paul:*** True! And in the NT you can read all about the miracles of Jesus AND the Mary’s.

(Both patrons look at each other (confused) and then to Paul (confused))

***Alyssa:*** The… Mary’s?

***Paul:*** You know them! Jesus’s mom, Mary Magdalene, then there’s Martha’s sister Mary, and more……all named Mary!

***Moses:*** Those are good points Paul, but the Old Testament also has the story of Noah and the great flood, Samson with his long hair & super strength, and Daniel surviving the lion's den.

***Paul:*** Well, what about in the New Testament where we read about Jesus feeding thousands of people, not once but twice! And when God blinded me on the road to Damascus to get my attention. Boy, did He get my attention, that changed my life forever!

***Alyssa:*** AND your name! You used to be named Saul, but now we know you as Paul!

***Cael:*** If God ever changed my name, I wonder what He would change it to? (looking, as if thinking, into the distance. Create a thought bubble with random names fading in and out)

***Alyssa:*** *(elbowing the comic host)* Hey,pay attention! I want to hear more from Moses and Paul. Can you tell us all about the Bible??

**TEACHING MOMENT**

***Moses***: To start with, the Bible is one big book that tells the story of God & what He’s done for us. Though it’s one big book, it’s actually made up of 66 smaller books. The original Bible included 3 different languages… Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic… and it was written by over 40 different authors, over the span of 1600 years! That’s a LOT of time, yet there is one consistent story that is woven throughout the whole Bible… that God created us, loves us, and wants to have a relationship with us. It’s the most important book ever written!

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The Bible is divided into two important parts: The Old Testament & the New Testament. The Old Testament is made up of 39 books and is divided into 4 parts:

(Some additional animation, including words, lists, etc. would be really helpful)

* Part 1 is The Law - this is the part I wrote and it’s made up of the first 5 books of the Bible *(if you want to put them on the screen while Moses talks: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy).* In those first 5 books I wrote about the creation of the world, God’s relationship with his people and the rules He made for us.
* Part is History - just like there are books about US history, these 12 books *(If you want to put them on the screen: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings,1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther)* share about the history of the nation of Israel.
* Part 3 is Poetry - Poems in the Bible are written by people to express their feelings to GOD. There are 5 books of Poetry in the Bible. People like King David & King Solomon wrote a lot of poetry.
* Part 4 is the Major & Minor Prophets - A prophet was a person who had a special message from God to give to the people. There are 5 Major Prophets *(Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel)* and 12 Minor Prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi). All together, the prophets make up 17 books of the Old Testament and the only difference between the major prophets and the minor prophets is that the major ones are longer and the minor ones are shorter.

**Paul:** Moses, you did a GREAT job describing to our friends the Old Testament. I’ll take over from here and handle the New Testament since I’m so familiar with it! The New Testament has 27 books and is divided into 4 parts:

* Part 1 is the Gospels - Gospel, means “good news”. These 4 books, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell us of the good news of Jesus and his life, miracles, death & resurrection.
* Part 2 is the book of Acts - this 1 book tells us all about the very first church and is filled with amazing stories of the apostles and how they spread the news about Jesus to everyone they met! My good friend Luke wrote that book and he even included me in some of it.
* Part 3 is the Letters - this section is my personal favorite! These letters, also called “Epistles” were written to churches and Jesus followers and were meant to encourage them and challenge them to stay faithful to God and to continue to spread the good news of Jesus. There are 21 letters in all, I wrote 13 of them, some I even wrote while I was in prison.
* Part is called Revelation - this is the last book of the New Testament and one hard book to understand. This one has lots of symbolism and metaphors, but it tells us all about who God is and His plan to return one day to save the world!

END OF TEACHING MOMENT:

***Moses:*** Well said Paul. You did a great job explaining the New Testament. Remember friends, the Bible is the MOST important book ever written. Which brings me back to the debate you two brought up (gestures to hosts). In the Old Testament, you can read about Ruth, who was in the family line of Jesus, Samuel who was the prophet who anointed King Saul and later King David, the story of David defeating Goliath and my personal favorite, God parting the Red Sea!

(Moses pounds his staff on the ground and music plays as he motions with his arms the water parting, make it dramatic)

***Paul:*** (sarcastically)It’s always about parting the Red Sea… The New Testament has John the Baptist who *actually* baptized Jesus, in water. There is also the woman who touched Jesus’ robe and was healed because of her great faith. And the guy whose friends dropped him through a roof all so that he could be healed by Jesus.

Alyssa: *(waving his hands to stop the discussion between Moses & Paul)* Wait, wait, wait! Listening to you two has taught me something. Both the Old Testament and New Testament are SUPER important, you can’t separate the two, which makes it hard to compare them. They are both the Word of God! This reminds me of our memory verse for this month. **“The word of God is alive and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit. It can separate bones from joints. It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12**

***Cael:*** So true! The whole Bible is God’s Word!

(Moses and Paul look at each other with a slight smile on their faces)

Moses: Sounds like you two have learned what you came here to learn (snaps fingers)

(Suddenly the patrons are back in the real world by the the King James Bible exhibit)

***Cael:*** We’re back! How’d that happen??

***Alyssa:*** I don’t know, but I can’t believe we just learned about the Bible from two of its authors! I feel like I’ve learned so much! I loved the bottom line that Moses mentioned:

Bottom Line: **The Bible is one BIG book that tells the story of God and what He’s done for us.**

*(Footstep sound effect and jangling keys. Footage of feet walking, keys jangling, hand holding a flashlight, etc. Make it obvious that it’s a night guard, without showing their face.)*

***Cael:*** Wait… shh shh…what’s that sound??

***Alyssa:*** It’s probably the night guard! Oh man, I knew we were going to get in trouble.

***Cael:*** Not if they can’t find us! Let’s go!

(Episode closes with characters moving to a different section of the Museum)