(music begins to "Star Quest")

NARRATOR: *(on recording) In a galaxy far away . . . in the not too distant

future, the starship Star Quest J-316 is on a mission, spreading

God's love in the greater Omega Galaxy. Paper has been

outdated, and all written communication is now digital. Believers in the galaxy rely entirely on their Cyber Bibles, and have

forgotten the outdated practice of Bible memorization.

Song: "Star Quest"

CAPTAIN: (meas. 86) Lieutenant Nova, set course for the Omega Galaxy!

LT. NOVA: Yes, Captain! Course laid in.

CAPTAIN: Full speed ahead!

*(The voice of "Narrator" is pre-recorded on the split-track Accompaniment CD, or you may choose to perform this introductory line live from off stage. It is the only Narrator line in the musical.)

SCENE 2

**(Lights come up on starship Star Quest J-316 with Captain Holly Grammar, Commander Jimmy P. Trekker and Lieutenant Nova sitting on the bridge at their consoles. Zita, a science robot, works in the background.)

LT. NOVA: (reporting to Captain) All systems are functioning normally,

Captain. We are approaching an uncharted world, planet

B-6241. It appears to be inhabited.

COMMANDER: (to Captain) This could be a new opportunity to share God's

love.

CAPTAIN: Agreed. Proceed with our standard communication greeting.

(motioning to the screen and speaking as if she is connected) On screen. Greetings to the inhabitants of planet B-6241. We are Star Quest J-316, on a mission to spread the Good News to the planets in the Omega Galaxy. Requesting permission to

transport down to the surface. (SFX 1–No Response 1)

^{**&}quot;Optional SFX—Spaceship Atmosphere" can be found on Accompaniment DVD, Disc #2 and can play behind dialogue in this scene.

COMMANDER: (confused) That's strange. The transmission didn't go through.

Trying again. Greetings, inhabitants of planet B-6241. We are Star Quest J-316. Requesting permission to transport down to

the surface. (SFX 2–No Response 2)

ZITA: (in a robot voice) Captain, I am not reading any electronic

signals coming from the surface. This planet does not seem to

have interstellar communication capability.

CAPTAIN: Alright, let's take the ship in for a surface landing.

COMMANDER: Zita, please notify Chief Engineer Stella to prepare our Bible

Introduction Modules, and our portable replicators in case these

citizens are in need of food and clothing.

ZITA: Yes, Commander. (She tilts her head) (SFX 3–Message Sent/Initial

Descent) Message sent.

LT. NOVA: Approaching planet B-6241. Reducing speed for atmospheric

entry. Initiating landing procedures.

STELLA: (entering with Boogie) Captain, Boogie and I have encountered

something strange in the Intergalactic Bible Database.

CAPTAIN: Strange? What do you mean "strange"?

STELLA: I just tried to access a Bible verse to share on the planet. The

verse—it . . . it wasn't there.

COMMANDER: Wasn't there? What do you mean it "wasn't there"?

(Boogie taps Stella as if to say something)

STELLA: (turns to Boogie) What is it, Boogie?

[music begins to "It Wasn't There (Underscore 1)" Boogie

pantomimes playing a percussion device]

(Kids look expectantly to Stella to translate)

STELLA: (translating) It wasn't there.

COMMANDER: (taking out a triangular tablet) It's the Intergalactic Bible

Database, our only scripture source for generations! There's no way that it would just "not be there." That's how we read the

Bible!

ZITA: (logically) Perhaps it is malfunctioning.

CAPTAIN: (dry and joking, over her shoulder) **Did you try blowing on it?**

ZITA: (confused) I do not see how blowing on it will—

CAPTAIN: I'm joking, Zita. Ancient electronics sometimes used to start

working if you hit them or blew into them.

ZITA: (tilting head, in a jerking manner) **Fascinating.**

COMMANDER: (indicating triangular tablet) Well, looks like I am still able to

access our mission verse. But just to be safe, will you look into it, Zita? (Zita nods to acknowledge request) (SFX 4–Zita

Acknowledges/Spaceship Landing)

CAPTAIN: (confidently) Wonderful. I'm sure Zita will be able to reboot the

system and we will be able to read the scriptures again in no

time.

ZITA: (tilting head) Landing is complete. Ready to disembark Star

Quest J-3-1-6. (*Zita spells out each number*)

CAPTAIN: Let's go, crew! Tablets out. (The main crew takes small, triangular

"tablets" out and reads along.) As you know, our mission verse is

Mark 12:29-31.

COMMANDER: (leading them to answer) And what's our mission?

(music begins to "Love the Lord Your God")

ALL: To boldly show the love of God to everyone we meet!

Song: "Love the Lord Your God"

(Far off to stage right in a spotlight we see Deletor, with his curly villain mustache, and his apprentice, Zappy. He is on his own ship, but looking into a device that shows the crew of Star Quest J-316. Center stage we see the "planet," which can be created by adding a few potted trees in front of the ship's console and a few chairs, to suggest a scenery change.) ["Deletor Observes (Underscore 2)"]

DELETOR: (with disdain) Look at them. Getting off their ship without a care

in the world.

ZAPPY: (super perky and smiley) You're pretty diabolical, sir. I'm so

excited to start working with you. It's not often you get to be the apprentice of a real villain! Do you think they suspect what

you're doing?

DELETOR: (Satisfied and smug) They have no idea. All we have to do is

finish erasing the Bible from the Bible Database, verse by verse, so nobody notices! They'll never even know anything's wrong

until long after I've deleted the whole thing!

ZAPPY: Bah-ril-liant!

DELETOR: Soon the Intergalactic Bible Database will be no more! (Evil

laugh – Muh-hu-wah-ha-ha-haaaa)

ZAPPY: (giggles and snorts sweetly)

DELETOR: No. No. No. You can't giggle if you're going to be diabolical.

Villains don't giggle. For heaven's sake. You need to laugh, like this. (Evil laugh-Muh-hu-wah-ha-ha-ha-ha) And then you twirl

your mustache-

ZAPPY: Ehhh...(comes up with idea) permission to twirl my hair?

DELETOR: Granted.

ZAPPY: (Zappy tries to laugh diabolically and fails)

DELETOR: No. Let me write it down-you start with the mu-hu, wah-ha-

real low and get a little louder-ugh-we'll work on it. (They exit) (Captain, Commander, Stella, Boogie and Zita walk onto stage, looking around a beautiful planet.) (Camryn, Sebastian and Mia

walk onstage)

CAMRYN: (warmly) Greetings, visitors. I'm Camryn. Welcome to

Harmonia.

CAPTAIN: Thank you. We are the crew from Star Quest J-316.

MIA: A starship? Wow! Does it fly?

[music begins to "Of Course the Starship Flies (Underscore 3)"]

STELLA: He says, "Of course, the starship flies!"

MIA: Wow! Who ... er ... what is that?

STELLA: He's a Boogiewok, and his species communicates solely through

percussion. We rescued him from a meteor shower on Planet Rhythmia a few years ago. His brain translates his thoughts into

rhythms, and he taps them out!

SEBASTIAN: And you understand him? How?

STELLA: (sheepishly, as everyone looks at her in awe) I... took a class at

Star Quest Academy.

CAPTAIN: Our mission is to share the love of Jesus with everyone in the

galaxy.

CAMRYN: We are Christians, too. We are so happy to meet others in the

family of God!

ZITA: Excuse me, Captain. I have been attempting to access the Bible

and it does not appear to be just a glitch. Apparently, there are many verses missing from the Intergalactic Bible Database.

CAPTAIN: Hmm. (to Zita) Alert the crew. (to Camryn) I'm sorry to cut our

visit short, but we need to return to the ship to investigate this

situation further.

CAMRYN: Maybe we can help!

CAPTAIN: You are so kind, but I'm afraid the problem seems to be

galaxy wide. These Bible verses have been completely erased

everywhere!

ZITA: I'm afraid it is more serious than we realized, Captain. I have

just checked. The entire Intergalactic Bible Database has been

erased. It no longer exists.

CAPTAIN: (aghast) No!

NOVA: It can't be!

MIA: (stepping forward) I have Bible verses memorized! In my heart!

CAPTAIN: (turns to Mia) You do?

ZITA: Do you know any verses in (tilting head) Romans?

SEBASTIAN: (volunteering) I do!

CAPTAIN: (music begins to "Living Sacrifices") Then let's all go to the ship!

We will be grateful for your assistance! (The crew and kids walk off stage briefly and back on to the "bridge" of the stage to sing.)

Song: "Living Sacrifices"

(Crew and guests gather on bridge of Star Quest J-316; kids look around in awe)

SEBASTIAN: (walking around in awe) Wow! A real spaceship!

MIA: What does this button do? (pushes something on console)

(SFX 5-Self-Destruct Sequence Initiated/Terminated) ("SELF-DESTRUCT INITIATED. COUNTING DOWN . . . 10 . . . 9 . . . 8

 \ldots 7 \ldots 6 \ldots 5 \ldots 4 \ldots 3 \ldots ")

COMMANDER: (rushing over, spoken over self-destruct) Augh! Let me just push

this.

(Computer: "SELF-DESTRUCT TERMINATED")

COMMANDER: (visibly relieved) Whew! No harm done.

ZITA: (turning to address guests) We are honored to have you aboard

Star Quest J-3-1-6.

MIA: *(candidly)* You talk funny.

ZITA: I am a droidbot. I was assembled in the year twenty sixty-five

(2065). My incredibly sophisticated internal processor can calculate up to two thousand petabytes of data per second.

SEBASTIAN: WOAH. A real robot!

ZITA: **Droidbot. And I'm** (suddenly laughing diabolically) **Muah ha ha**

ha ha ha ha!

LT. NOVA: (walking over to Zita, puzzled) Zita? Did you just . . . do an evil

villain laugh?

ZITA: (looking confused) Why, I suppose I did. I apologize, Lieutenant.

LT. NOVA: Captain, I've managed to reprogram Romans 12:1-2 back into

the Intergalactic Bible Database! So we've got two verses now.

KIDS: Yav!

ZITA: Only 31,100 verses to go.

KIDS: (disappointed) **Oh.**

CAPTAIN: Well, I'm very impressed that you had actually committed this

Bible verse to memory.

SEBASTIAN: I memorized that one with my family when I was really little. It

reminds me that I can worship God by the way I live.

MIA: And being transformed by the renewing of my mind means that

God changes my heart and mind, and helps me live for Him

each day!

LT. NOVA: What a unique idea—memorizing the Bible!

ZITA: Ancient earth civilizations used the practice of Bible

memorization. It faded away with the advent of the

technological age in 2030. (SFX 6-Zita Glitch) Ancient . . . faded

away . . . used the . . . 2030 . . . 2030 . . .

2030 . . .

CAPTAIN: (cutting her off) Thank . . . you, Zita. Are your circuits

functioning normally?

ZITA: I think so, Captain. (tilts head a few times)

CAPTAIN: (not convinced) Eh... why don't you let Chief Stella take a look

at your data processors?

STELLA: **Right away, Captain.** (Zita and Stella stand to side of bridge, while

Stella inspects back of Zita's head with "tools")

LT. NOVA: Captain, I've confirmed that the Intergalactic Bible Database

has been completely erased. I wish I had the comfort of Psalms

right now.

CAMRYN: (trying to be helpful) I know lots of Psalms!

CAPTAIN: Great. Boogie, will you enter one in for us?

[music begins to "Yes (Underscore 4")]

(Boogie plays a longer rhythm. Everyone looks expectantly at Stella

to translate.)

STELLA: **He says...yes.** (Boogie uses a tablet to enter the verse as they

sing)

CAMRYN: I love Psalm 103! It reminds us to praise the Lord, and also to not forget all the wonderful things He does for us!

(music begins to "Praise the Lord, My Soul")

Song: "Praise the Lord, My Soul"

(Deletor and Zappy are in a spotlight stage right, while Stella "inspects" Zita, stage left)

DELETOR: (triumphantly) The Intergalactic Bible Database is empty! My

plan worked!

ZAPPY: And that rad robot is hacking into the system for us without

even knowing it!

DELETOR: Ehhhhxcellent. I'm sick of that Star Quest J-316 traveling

around, sharing their (mocking) "Cyber Bibles." They came to my home planet, M-nezia last year, and everyone loved them. Everybody wanted to know about this God, the one who created the universe. I told them, "Don't worry about who created it. Worry about who's running it!" But they wouldn't listen. That's

when I vowed to remove God from their memories.

ZAPPY: But . . . what if they find the compromised circuits in the

robot's data processors?

DELETOR: They won't. (giddy with glee) And now that it's gone, I'm

the only one with the codes to restore the database. This is just so much fun. Watch this. The circuits we implanted will make the robot do whatever we want. (SFX 7–Zita Intercept)

(talking into his device) You're a sweet little bird.

ZITA: (with hands under armpits, flapping like a bird) **Tweet, tweet,**

tweet, tweet!

STELLA: (surprised) Oh, my goodness, what's happening?

DELETOR: You're a sheep!

ZITA: **BAAA.**

STELLA: (getting more alarmed) Zita, what is going on?

DELETOR: You're an ancient earth rock star!

ZITA: (pantomimes playing guitar) (SFX 8–Rock Star Guitar)

STELLA: Oh, my goodness!

DELETOR: You're a pastor!

ZITA: (in a "pastor" voice) Every head bowed, every eye closed . . .

STELLA: (panicked) Zita's circuits seem to be overloading! She's . . .

giving an altar call! (Zita runs off stage; Deletor and Zappy exit)

Zita—wait! (Stella and Boogie exit quickly)

(Lights come up center stage on the bridge of the ship. Captain Grammar, Lt. Nova, Camryn, Sebastian and Mia are inputting Bible

verses as quickly as they can.)

CAPTAIN: Do you have any other verses memorized?

CAMRYN: How about John 14:6? "I am the way (and) the truth and the

life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

(SFX 9-Database Entry 1) (Lt. Nova types as Camryn dictates)

LT. NOVA: *(nodding head)* **Got it! Another verse entered!**

MIA: I have one! John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches.

If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit;

apart from me you can do nothing . . . "

(SFX 10-Database Entry 2)

CAPTAIN: I love both of those verses. They remind us that Jesus is the

only way—the only way to the Father, and the only way to bear

fruit!

STELLA: (running in) Captain, I'm sorry to interrupt, but we have a

situation with Zita.

[music begins to "Something's Wrong (Underscore 5)"]

STELLA: (agreeing) You've got that right, Boogie. Something has gone

terribly wrong!

CAPTAIN: Why don't we contact Starbase 23 for an engineering consult?

We'll see if we can— (music begins to "Who Shall Separate Us") (She stops talking as Zita slides out with an electric guitar, wearing

a punk rock wig.) **Oh, ok...**

SEBASTIAN: (grinning) Your robot is soooo coooooooo!

CAMRYN: This seems like a good opportunity to learn a Bible verse from

Romans! (She and the kids join in to sing)

Song: "Who Shall Separate Us"

LT. NOVA: Romans 8:35-39 has been entered back into the Intergalactic

Database. Thanks, everyone!

ALL: Yay! (all cheer)

CAMRYN: This is such an awesome verse to memorize. We want to

remember that nothing can separate us from God's love!

CAPTAIN: Zita, as much as I appreciate the enthusiasm with the song, we

are getting you to the repair bay.

ZITA: (clearly not herself) It's too late. I have disabled the shields.

Deletor will (yelled in a rocker way) "rule the world"!

ALL: Deletor? Who is that? What?, etc.

DELETOR: (calmly strolling onto the bridge calmly) Yes, my droidbot friend.

COMMANDER: (alarmed, yelling out) Intruder alert! Security to the bridge!

DELETOR: Never mind that. I've disabled the communication system. Your

droidbot was helpful enough to give me access to *everything* on your ship once I hacked into her processor. I'm sorry—I'm being rude. Let me introduce myself. (grandly) I am Deletor of

the glorious planet M-Nezia.

LT. NOVA: Amnesia?

DELETOR: (enunciating) M-NEZIA. Ahem. (flustered) Now I need to start

over. (grandly) I am Deletor of the glorious planet M-Nezia.

Sound familiar?

CAPTAIN: (shaking head) Doesn't ring a bell. I have no memory of

M-Nezia. Did we visit there recently?

DELETOR: You most certainly did. (mocking) I'm surprised you don't

remember! (laughing) I'm just kidding. I know why you don't remember; no one that visits planet M-Nezia remembers anything! But after you left, all the people were talking about (mocking) Jesus and God's Word. Now the people want to follow God, and not me! (continuing grandly) So I vowed that I would

remove the Word of God from the Galaxy! (villain laugh)

ZAPPY: (giggles and snorts sweetly)

DELETOR: (irritated, begging) Zappy, pleeease! The giggling!

CAPTAIN: So *you're* the one who erased the Bible Database!

DELETOR: Yes, I am! (continuing grandly) And now, without the words of

God, you will feel hopelessly abandoned and will submit to me! (villain laugh) Oh, I just love to see your shattered expressions! (sees they're not shattered) Wait. Why aren't you shattered? Why are you not devastated? Why do you not feel abandoned

by God?

LT. NOVA: (smiling) Because your plan isn't going to work.

CAPTAIN: The people on this planet haven't been affected by your sinister

plan. They memorized the Bible verses long before you started

erasing them!

DELETOR: (scoffing, but a little worried) I'm not concerned. They can't

know ALL the Bible verses, can they?

SEBASTIAN: We may not know all of them. But there are others in our

family who do. Christ followers all across the galaxy have been studying God's Word for generations to learn how to follow

Him.

CAMRYN: He's right. And there's POWER in the Word of God.

DELETOR: (desperately) But the database! That was the power!

CAPTAIN: No. The power is in God's Word. You can erase a database, but

you can't erase God's Word or its power.

COMMANDER: (compassionately) And we can show you God's love ... even

when you are trying to hurt us.

DELETOR: Love? I don't need "love." I have power!

CAPTAIN: Everyone needs love. And God's love isn't like anything else.

God's love is unconditional.

SEBASTIAN: It doesn't depend on what you do or who you are.

DELETOR: (hesitating) Wait—you're saying, this God loves . . . even me?

(music begins to "Forgive")

MIA: (affirming) God loves even you.

CAPTAIN: God wants us to show love, even when people do hurtful things

to us. He will help us love each other with His love, and live in

peace with one another.

DELETOR: **Oh, no, you're going to sing? Bleh.** (sighs and listens grudgingly)

Song: "Forgive"

(within song, Kids come up and say these verses to Deletor and Zappy, who grow visibly more interested as Kids continue.)

KID 1: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. "Love is patient, love is kind.

KID 2: it does not envy, it does not boast,

KID 3: it is not proud. It is not rude,

KID 4: it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered,

KID 5: it keeps no record of wrongs.

KID 6: Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

KID 7: It always protects, always trusts,

KID 8: always hopes, always perseveres.

ALL: Love never fails!"

DELETOR: (pausing for comic effect, then speaking rapidly) Well, that was a

"nice" song.

CAPTAIN: (hospitably) Will someone get some Spacerade for Deletor and

Zappy? They've traveled a looong way to be here and must be

thirsty.

LT. NOVA: I'm on it!

DELETOR: Spacerade? Oh, well, thank you. I'm quite parched. (Deletor,

Zappy and Lt. Nova walk off)

STELLA: Zita's circuits have been restored, Captain. I was able to

successfully reboot her system.

ZITA: (back to normal) Captain, was I powered down?

CAPTAIN: (joking) You don't have any more "guitar solos" for us?

ZITA: (puzzled, tilts head) Whatever do you mean?

COMMANDER: Now, on to restoring the database. Lieutenant, (motioning to

Crewman 1) put out an alert on all frequencies. We need the family of God to work together and help us remember His

Word!

CREWMAN 1: Gladly, Commander. (begins typing out memos to known nearby

planets, asking them to send Bible verses to replenish the database)

ZITA: Captain, I regret that I was the one who unknowingly helped

him carry out his plan.

CAPTAIN: It's not your fault, Zita. We trust that God is always working

for our good.

SEBASTIAN: Like it says in Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things

God works for the good of those who love him, who have been

called according to his purpose."

COMMANDER: The Captain's right. If this hadn't happened, we wouldn't have

learned the outdated art of Bible memorization. I had no idea

how important it was to memorize God's Word.

I thought it would always be there for us to read. CAPTAIN:

CAMRYN: Christians throughout the centuries have been committing

God's Word to memory—using it to feed their souls, and guide

their steps every day.

LT. NOVA: (walking up with Deletor) Captain, I think you're gonna want to

hear this.

DELETOR: (excited) Check your Bible Database.

(SFX 11–Database Entry 3)

ZITA: It's back. Captain, the entire Bible Database has been returned.

Deletor un-deleted it.

DELETOR: (embarrassed) Well, I learned that God's Word will never pass

> away. (suddenly intense) But it's restored on one condition . . . (after a moment, where people are afraid) that you teach me what

it means, because I don't see how God could love even me.

CAPTAIN: Gladly!

He loves you just as much as He loves us! LT. NOVA:

MIA: And as we learn to walk with Him, we realize how great His

grace is towards us, even when we mess up. None of us are

perfect.

(music begins to "How Can It Be")

KID 1: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all

are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that

came by Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:23-24)

Song: "How Can It Be"

KID 2: (during song, measure 13) "For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace." (Romans 6:14)

KID 3: (during song, measure 35) "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

ALL: (during song, measure 49) (strongly) "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

KID 5: (during song, measure 75) "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

CAPTAIN: This crew has a new mission—to hide the Word of God in our

hearts, permanently!

[music begins to "Your Word with Star Quest (Reprise)"]

ALL: Yay! Woo hoo!, etc.

Song: "Your Word with Star Quest (Reprise)"

CAMRYN: (during song, measure 37) Colossians 3:16: "Let the word

of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual

songs . . . " (*KJV*)

SEBASTIAN: Psalm 119:11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I

might not sin against you."

MIA: (bowing head, praying) Dear Lord, please teach us to hide Your

Word in our hearts, so that in our Star Quest to reach others,

we might continue to grow in YOU! In Jesus' Name,

ALL: AMEN!

Song: "Galactic Bows"