

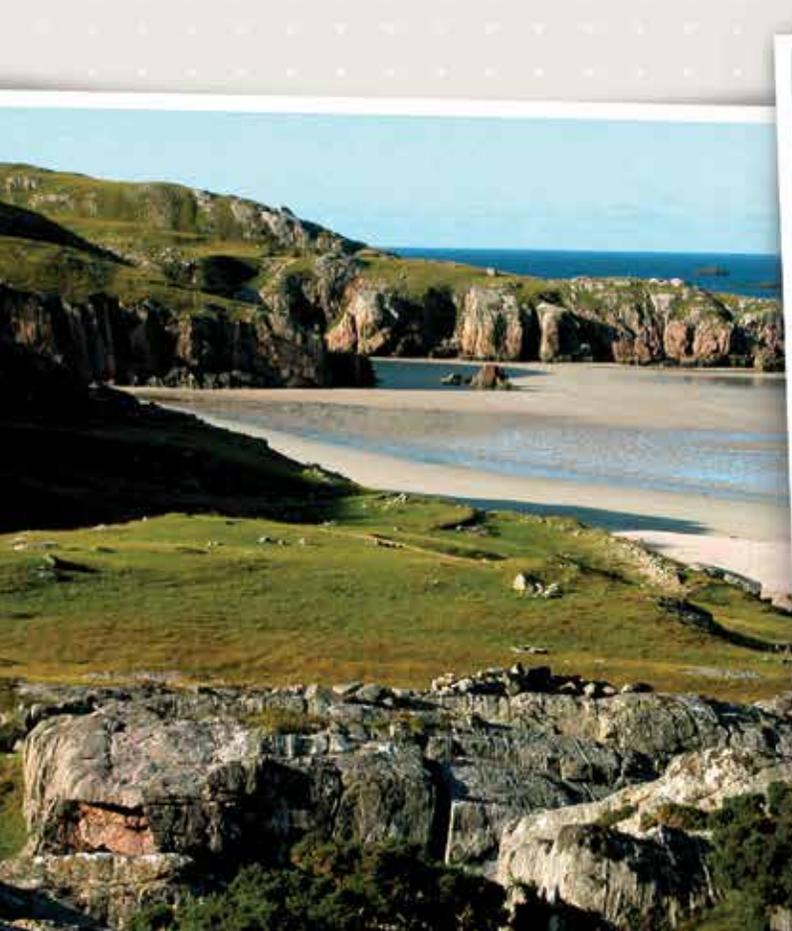


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INTRODUCTION

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.

The Case of the Faithful Fighter brings us to a study of the Old Testament Book of Joshua. As God’s people enter the Promised Land, we observe much about our great God. We learn that He is perfectly sovereign and His promises are sure and secure. God is our strong deliverer and He is also angry at sin. Finally, we see that God is always to be served by His people. Our faithful fighter is not Joshua--it is the LORD!

Professor Dabney Thornwell

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

THE PROPS

Sleuth outfits
 Tour guide outfit
 Ancient Scottish crown
 Drawing of Loch Ness Monster
 Three life jackets/personal flotation devices
 Cutout waves
 “No Trespassing” sign
 Pocket dictionary
 Large boulder (styrofoam)
 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 famous Urquhart Castle ruins on the edge of Loch Ness. The castle and part of Loch Ness should be in the background. For two days, the actors will be floating “in” Loch Ness, so some kind of cutout waves will need to be out front of the set on those days. The rest of the time, the actors will be located in front of the castle.



DAY ONE

TODAY'S THEME:

God is perfectly **Sovereign**

Day One Props

An ancient Scottish crown

Day One Setup

In front of the Urquhart Castle ruins

Narrator

Good day, junior Bible investigators! Are you ready to help our Super Bible Sleuths with another fascinating case? Well, McTavish and Thornwell are actually stranded here in the Highlands of Scotland with some annoying auto trouble. But that just means they have some extra time on their hands to solve another Bible case! So let's tune in and see what happens...

McTavish and Thornwell arrive at the ruins of Urquhart Castle.

McTavish

Wiping sweat off his brow. It just might be time to retire your classic 1966 Aston Martin, professor. We may have to take the bus back to St. Andrews.

Thornwell

Say it isn't so, McTavish! You know that automobile is my baby...it makes me feel like I'm Bond, James Bond.

McTavish

Yes, I know my debonair detective...believe me, I know. Well, at least we have time to visit one of our favorite places!

Enter Effie Flanagan, junior tour guide. She is pretending to show the castle to an imaginary group of tourists. She is also holding an ancient Scottish crown.

Effie

Pointing. Yes, that's historic Urquhart Castle, with its amazing scenic tower. And yes, that IS Loch Ness, home of our very own Nessie! *[Notices Sleuths]* McTavish, Thornwell, is that you?

McTavish

Well, Ms. Flanagan, this is a surprise! Are you no longer a junior tour guide at St. Andrews castle?

Effie

Actually, after that whole "haunting" incident last year, I was transferred here to Urquhart Castle and Loch Ness.

Thornwell

Hesitantly. Does that mean they are having GHOST problems at this castle too? Uh, McTavish, maybe we should take another look at my car...

Effie

Laughing. No, no professor—no spooky things going on here. At least, not that I'm aware of yet!

Thornwell

All right then. So...why are you holding that cool looking crown?

Effie

Oh, this old thing? It's part of the Loch Ness tour I'm giving right now.

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DAY ONE (CONTINUED)

McTavish

Well, Ms. Flanagan, since we seem to have time on our hands, why don't you give us the royal tour as well!

Thornwell

Yes, and make sure it ends up at the castle food court.

Effie

Oh, I would love to! Let's start with this crown. It reminds us that ever since the 1200's, this castle bounced back and forth from king to king, from the Scots to the English and back again.

Thornwell

Grabbing the crown from Effie. If I remember my history, I believe it was the crowning of Robert the Bruce that actual brought this castle back to the Scots!

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!

McTavish

Grabbing the crown from Thornwell. And just like your surprisingly violent grab of this crown from Ms. Flanagan, I believe the Clan MacDonald took the castle time and time again.

Effie

Grabbing the crown from McTavish. You two really know your Medieval history! The kings who thought they were in total control of this castle were never able to keep it for very long!

McTavish

Thoughtfully. Wait just a minute. That reminds me of something we find in God's Word...

Thornwell

Tries to grab crown. Effie slaps his hand. Sighing. I know that look...this diversion into the Highlands is really just another Bible case, isn't it?

McTavish

You are right as always, my predictive professor!

Effie

Oh goodie! So, where do we start? What are you thinking, McTavish? Can I help?

The trio freeze in place.

Narrator

All of you can certainly help our brilliant Bible Sleuths, that's for sure. So think about that uncontrolled crown and come back tomorrow for more of the Case of the Faithful Fighter!

End Day One

