

SPACE MISSION MISSION CONTROL ASSEMBLIES

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**“O LORD, OUR LORD,
HOW MAJESTIC
IS YOUR NAME IN ALL
THE EARTH! YOU HAVE
SET YOUR GLORY
ABOVE THE
HEAVENS.”**

— PSALM 8:1

INTRODUCTION

Space Mission's Daily Assemblies scripts "do it all" for you! Packed with energy and fun, these light-hearted yet meaningful skits coordinate every element of each Space Mission assembly with easy-to-follow directions.

The skits:

- move quickly
- lead your VBS Astronauts through each day's activities
- parallel the daily Gospel presentation and Bible lesson
- reinforce Space Mission's profound truths at every stage

Space Mission's skits are almost entirely scripted to show churches, particularly those new to Reachout, what a thoroughly engaging VBS can look like. Your cast characters may decide to memorize their lines, or choose to creatively read or ad-lib more casually with script in hand. (Italics guide the flow of dialogue.) Either way is fine. What matters is that your cast is outgoing, animated, and fun!

Essential Space Mission Lingo

Astronauts	Children
Blast Off.....	Opening Daily Assembly
Choral Commander.....	Song Leader
Flight Instructions	Announcements
Landing Celebration	Final Closing Program
Logbook.....	Student Book
Lunar Missions	Service Projects
Mission Control	Assembly Room
Re-Entry	Daily Closing Assembly
Salvation Flight Plan (SFP)	Gospel Presentation
Space Station	Classroom
Squadron	Grade Group
Squadron Assistant.....	Classroom Teacher Assistant
Squadron Teacher.....	Classroom Teacher
Star Commander (SC).....	VBS Director and/or Mission Control MC

Cast

- ◆ Captain Ramjet
- ◆ Speed Zero 7
- ◆ Cadet Goodman
- ◆ Cadet Headstrong

Crew

- ◆ Star Commander
- ◆ Choral Commander
- ◆ SFP Commander

Landing Celebration

- ◆ Cast and Crew
- ◆ Commander Cosmos/
Corona



Copy That!

With the purchase of this skit manual, up to 8 photocopies may be made for use by cast members.

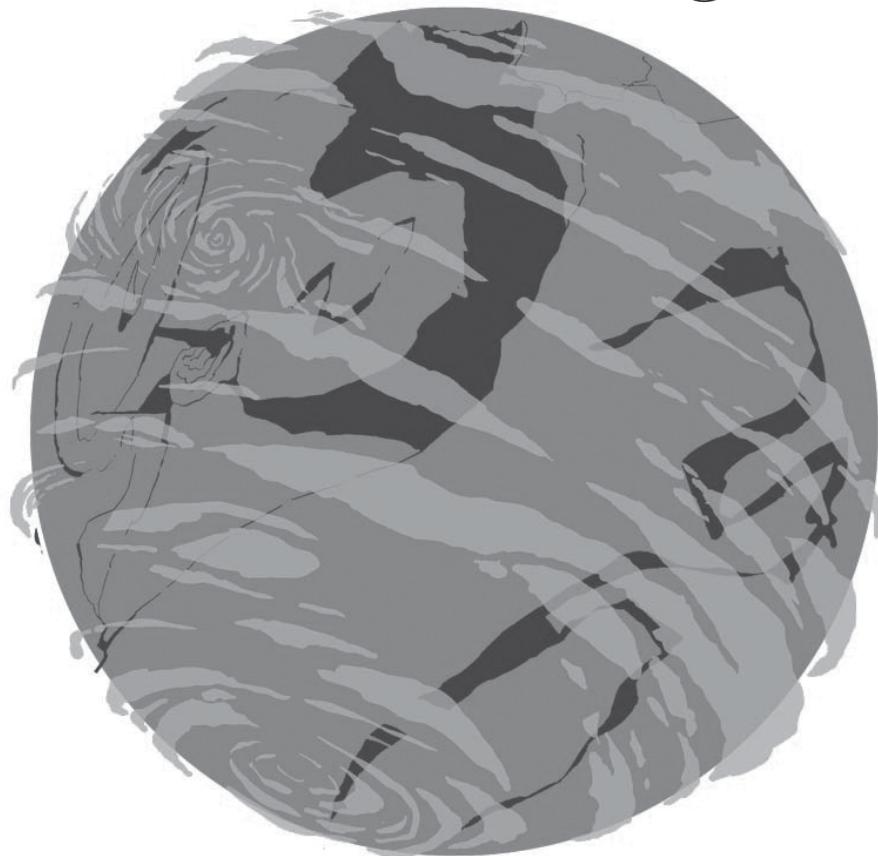
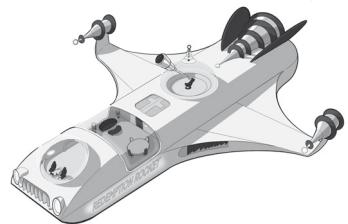


Salvation Flight Plan (SFP) Timing

These scripts assume that SFP is presented during Blast Off. If SFP is given during Re-Entry, adjust the dialogue accordingly.

Singing

There are so many beautifully written hymns that point to the truths presented in Space Mission. Suggested hymns are included, but please consider choosing from the songs your church family enjoys, and the children likely know or will sing again. Likewise, there are many great artists who have recorded songs for children about creation. Some suggestions are on the online portal. Pray that the Lord would show you clear direction for the words your children need to be learning and singing at Space Mission.



STORYLINE, CAST AND COSTUMES

STORYLINE

It's the Intergalactic Space Center Captain Competition! Four contests. Two astronaut cadet competitors. Only one will be named Captain of the Intergalactic Space Center...

Captain Ramjet of the Intergalactic Space Center is retiring at the end of the lunar month and looking for a replacement. What better way than a competition to find the next captain? And so, with the help of his robot assistant, Speed Zero 7, Captain Ramjet guides Astronaut Cadets Goodman and Headstrong through a series of contests to assess their aptitudes for the captain position. Each contest revolves around biblical truth, highlighting Goodman's faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ and Headstrong's blatant unbelief.

As the final contest draws closer, mischief and mayhem abound as Headstrong tries to sabotage Goodman and win the Captain Competition. But Headstrong's sinful actions have a price. When tragedy strikes, will Headstrong place his faith in Jesus Christ and join the ranks of repentant, redeemed believers?

Paralleling the illustrations of the Salvation Flight Plan Stages and the Bible lesson content, the Mission Control Assemblies skits dramatize Headstrong's transformation from disinterested skeptic to repentant, redeemed believer of Jesus Christ.

CAST & CREW

Star Commander (SC) Master of Ceremonies

Choral Commander Song Leader

SFP Commander Gospel Presenter

Captain Ramjet Captain of the Intergalactic Space Center and head of the Intergalactic Space Center Captain Competition; a solid Christian

Speed Zero 7 Captain Ramjet's assistant; a bungling, good-natured robot

Cadet Goodman a friendly, well-grounded Christian astronaut cadet competing in the Intergalactic Space Center Captain Competition

Cadet Headstrong a troublemaking, non-Christian astronaut cadet competing against Cadet Goodman in the Intergalactic Space Center Captain Competition



Cast and Crew Costumes

All Commanders

Futuristic spacesuit, headset (head-worn mike)

Ramjet and Cadets

1) Orange or blue flight suits; caps 2) light blue, button-down, short-sleeved shirts; navy pants 3) blue polo shirts; white or khaki pants. Cadets dress alike each day, alternating as desired between costume options.

Speed Zero 7

Robot-like silver/gray jumpsuit with dials, controls, and space-age gadgets attached; silver face makeup; tight-fitting silver swimming cap; reflective sunglasses; gray tights/socks and/or boots.



MISSION CONTROL SET & EQUIPMENT

- Mission Control set or Mission Control Mural
- sound/PowerPoint® equipment
- headset (head-worn mike)
- “Apollo 13” soundtrack (or the like)
- footage of space shuttle blasting off
- offering plates
- Salvation Flight Plan (SFP) Visual Aid (PowerPoint or Posters)
- easel if needed for SFP Posters

DAY-SPECIFIC PROPS

***Save these props for use in your Landing Celebration**

Day 1

- Student Logbook
- 2 Bibles (one inside a bin)
- 2 bins*
- intriguing space equipment inside each bin (asteroid detector, photon blaster, galaxy maps, etc.)*
- stopwatch
- iPad® mini tablet inside one of the bins*
- star-shaped badge for Goodman*

Day 2

- digital scanner
- 2 flying instruction manuals* 2 identical control panels*
- Bible*
- star-shaped badge for Headstrong*

Day 3

- control panel*
- Bible
- 2 star-shaped badges for Goodman*
- 2 tables covered with snacks and games*
- instruction manual*
- 2 sheets to cover the tables
- “To Chemical Lab” sign with arrow pointing offstage*
- “Toxic Tang” bottle*
- antidote vial*

Day 4

- colored wire*
- wire cutters*

- 2 tables covered with colored wire, wire cutters, other tools (wrenches, manual screw drivers, duct tape, etc.), and other materials (wire, stickers, bolts and nuts, etc.)*
- 2 gravity stabilizers*
- 2 instruction sheets*

Day 5

- bed (ideally with wheels)*
- Bible
- small box with captain badge inside (this badge should be larger than the star-shaped badges)

Landing Celebration (in alphabetical order)

- antidote vial
- assortment of fun games and snacks
- assortment of tools and materials
- bed (ideally with wheels)
- Bible
- 2 bins full of intriguing space equipment (see Day 1 prop list)
- colored Wire
- 2 control panels
- gravity stabilizers
- 3 instruction manuals
- instruction sheet
- star-shaped badges
- 2 tables
- “To Chemical Lab” sign with arrow pointing offstage
- “Toxic Tang” bottle
- wire cutters

SPECIFIC SET & PROP CONSTRUCTION

Control Panels

Days 2 and 3 as well as the Landing Celebration require control panels. To make two simple control panels, follow these directions:

- Find 2 small square tables
- Purchase (or create out of cardboard) 2 dividers
- Paint the dividers silver and write “control panel” on the exterior sides
- Attach the dividers to the tables using tape
- During Days 2-3 and the Landing Celebration, place the tables on stage so that the exterior sides with the words “control panel” face the audience.
- Direct your actors using the “control panels” to stand behind them and mimic pushing buttons and pulling levers with exaggerated motions.

Gravity Stabilizers

Day 4 and the Landing Celebration require two gravity stabilizers. To make two simple gravity stabilizers, follow these directions:

- Find 2 cardboard boxes and tape them close
- Paint the boxes silver
- Punch various holes in the boxes
- When Goodman and Headstrong construct the gravity stabilizers during Day 4, instruct your actors to stick wires into the pre-cut holes, tape bolts and nuts to the boxes using duct tape, place stickers on the boxes, and use wire cutters to cut the wires. When Headstrong pushes the “on” button, direct your actor to press an area of the box using an exaggerated, dramatic motion.

Various Space Gadgets

For the various space gadgets, consider using the following household items:

- Asteroid Detector – video game controller
- Digital Scanner – TV remote control
- Galaxy Maps – road maps
- Photon Blaster – small squirt gun

SET, EQUIPMENT, AND PROPS MASTER LIST

In alphabetical order:

- antidote vial
- assortment of fun snacks and games
- assortment of tools and materials
- “Apollo 13” soundtrack
- asteroid detector
- bed (ideally with wheels)
- Bibles (3)
- bins (2)
- captain badge for Goodman
- colored wire to tie up Goodman and for the tables
- control panels (2)
- digital scanner
- easel
- flying instruction manuals (2)
- footage of space shuttle blasting off
- galaxy maps
- gravity stabilizers (2)
- headset (head-worn mike for SC)
- instruction sheets (2)
- instruction manual
- iPad® mini tablet
- Logbook
- Mission Control Set
- Missions Project visual aids/props
- Missions Project progress chart/display
- Noah skit signs, props
- offering plates
- photon blaster
- Salvation Flight Plan visual aid
- sheets (2) to cover the tables
- small box
- Sound/PowerPoint® equipment
- star-shaped badges (4)
- stopwatch
- tables (2)
- “To Chemical Lab” sign with arrow pointing offstage
- “Toxic Tang” bottle
- wire cutters (2-4)



Redemption Rocketship Mural



Blast Off Cast

Captain Ramjet
Speed Zero 7
Cadet Goodman
Cadet Headstrong

Props

- Student Logbook
- Bible
- Items listed on pg. 7

Blast Off Plot

Summary

- Speed Zero 7 meets the Astronauts
- Goodman and Headstrong arrive
- Headstrong makes fun of Speed Zero 7 and detaches his external movement circuit
- Ramjet explains the Intergalactic Space Center Captain Competition

BLAST OFF

Voiceover (*miked in from Mission Control*) Attention Astronauts. Please report to Mission Control. I repeat. All Space Mission Astronauts: report to Mission Control. We are preparing for Lift Off.

Entrance

As "Apollo 13" soundtrack plays and with visual of space shuttle blasting off, Astronauts find seats and join their Squadrons..

Choral Commander — *All Creatures of Our God and King*

ADVENTURE THEME, FLIGHT CREW INTROS

Star Commander (SC) (*wearing headset*) Welcome to Mission Control, Astronauts! I'm Star Commander [name]—can you repeat that back to me? (response) What a sharp crew! I can tell we're going to have an amazing adventure this week! Our mission is the most important mission of all—to meet the Creator and Lord of the Universe, the Maker of Heaven and earth! We're going to search for God Himself! He's the one who made us and who wants every Astronaut at Space Mission VBS to know Him—to discover how wonderful He is and how much He loves us! Now let's go over some Flight Instructions.

- *SC explains they'll meet at Mission Control at the beginning and end of each day, in between which they'll go to their Space Station classrooms and elsewhere for various fun-filled activities..*
- *SC introduces Flight Crew: Squadron Teachers (classroom teachers), Squadron Assistants (classroom teacher assistants), Choral Commander (song leader)*

SQUADRONS, SQUADRON FORMATION

Star Commander Now let's have each *Squadron* stand up, starting with D Squadron, our 4's- K Astronauts. (*has each Squadron stand amid cheers*) One moment (*adjusts headset*), I'm getting a transmission. It seems to be coming from Captain Ramjet...

BLAST OFF SKIT

Ramjet Voiceover Attention Astronaut Cadets Goodman and Headstrong, report to the flight deck immediately. The Intergalactic Space Center Captain competition is about to begin.



Speed Zero 7 enters and crosses to **SC**.

Star Commander look astronauts. It's Captain Ramjet's assistant, Speed Zero 7. Can you all say, "Hello, Speed Zero 7?" (response)

Speed Zero 7 Greetings, Star Commander and Astronauts. I am Speed Zero 7, friendly assistance robot. I apologize for interrupting, but Captain Ramjet needs the flight deck for the Intergalactic Space Center Captain Competition (gestures to the stage).

Star Commander Of course. The Astronauts and I just heard Captain Ramjet's transmission. Do you think the captain will mind if my astronaut friends stay and watch the competition?

Speed Zero 7 I am sure that Captain Ramjet will not mind. What is that human expression? "The more the merrier."

Star Commander Did you hear that, Astronauts? Speed Zero 7 says you can stay and watch the Intergalactic Space Center Captain Competition! So, sit back, relax, and see what this Captain Competition is all about! I'll see you soon!

SC exits, while **Goodman** enters. He walks up to **Speed Zero 7** and salutes.

Goodman Cadet Goodman reporting for the Intergalactic Space Center Captain Competition.

Speed Zero 7 Greetings, Cadet Goodman. I am Speed Zero 7, friendly assistance robot. Do you know where Cadet Headstrong is?

Goodman Who?

Headstrong enters and steps between **Goodman** and **Speed Zero 7**.

Headstrong Cadet Headstrong. (to Goodman) What's up? I'm here to win the Captain Competition. Should be super easy. I graduated top of my class from Space Academy. No big deal. Are you Captain Ramjet's assistant or something?

Goodman Uh...no. I'm Cadet Goodman. I'm also competing in the Captain Competition.

Headstrong Really? You don't look like much of an astronaut. (to Speed Zero 7) And who is this piece of metal?

Speed Zero 7 Greetings. I am Speed Zero 7, friendly assistance robot. Headstrong That's the silliest thing I ever heard. Hey, high-five.

Headstrong holds up his hand for a high-five. **Speed Zero 7** moves to high-five **Headstrong**, but **Headstrong**, moves his hand away at the last second.



Meet the Squadrons

- ❖ **A Squadron**
Grades 5 & 6
- ❖ **B Squadron**
Grades 3 & 4
- ❖ **C Squadron**
Grades 1 & 2
- ❖ **D Squadron**
4's-K
- ❖ **E Squadron**
2's & 3's

