

BACK
TO THE
BASICS

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SHOW OVERVIEW

Back to the Basics is a 15-minute children's faith-based comedy series for ages 5-10, focusing on re-introducing children's beloved Bible stories in an inventive new way.



OVERVIEW

This show follows our protagonist, Professor Theo Von Zeitreise ("the Professor") and his lovable lab assistant Goober, on their daily journey back in time to visit the Bible's most famous Children's stories, all while streaming it live on their daily kids show, *Back to the Basics*! The Professor and Goober attempt to visit a new Bible story each day in hopes of watching as it unfolds live right before their very eyes. Each trip brings about unintended consequences as Goober has a tendency to interact with the past. As a result, the Professor must do his best and trust in God, that the Bible's words always remain the same before each episode ends.

THE MESSAGE

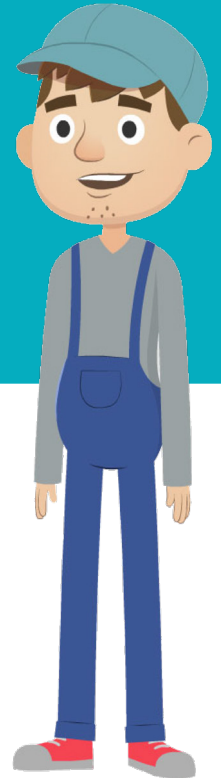
Our goal is to help both children and parents reconnect with the famous Bible stories told to us when we are in Sunday School but in a very light-hearted and comical way. After seeing each episode, our hope is that children and parents alike will be encouraged to look these stories up themselves in the Bible and read what actually happened. This show uses comedy to bring about a refreshing way to bring these classic Bible stories into a new light.

THE CHARACTERS



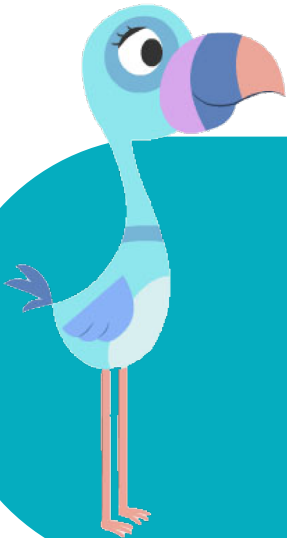
PROFESSOR THEO VON ZEITREISE

The Professor is an old, eccentric scientist who has a love of history, a passion for teaching kids, and a desire to share the Bible. With Back to the Basics, he can now combine the three together with the daily kids show that he streams online. Throw in a dash of comedy with a handful of mistakes, and we get a show that children won't want to miss. The Professor always remains upbeat and excited no matter what happens because all of it can be viewed through a scientific lens.



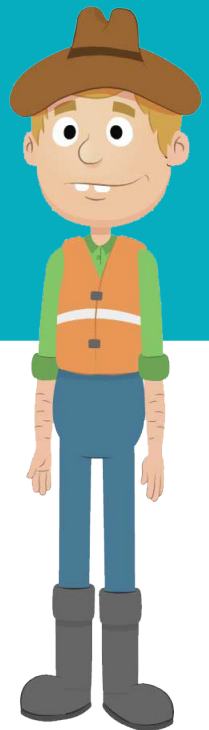
GOOBER

Goober is the Professor's trusted lab assistant. Although he's relatively slow to catch onto things, he's got a big heart and is always doing his best to do what the Professor wants him to do. Unfortunately, that doesn't mean he's always going to do everything correctly. When back in time, this definitely can be an issue.



GERTRUDE

Gertrude, or Gerty for short, is the lab's pet bird. We meet Gerty during Episode 1, when the Professor and Goober travel back in time to visit Noah. While their time machine was transformed into a bird, they caught the eye of an extinct bird species known as the Dunce Bird. After mistakes were made, the extinct bird ended up inside the time machine and back in present day. As a result, the Professor decided to adopt Gerty and make her part of the team. Although short on words (backcock!), Gerty is long on attitude and has no issue interacting with our 2 primary show characters.



DUFUS RUFUS

Although we don't meet Dufus Rufus until Episode 4, he can be considered the show's anti-hero. He's a postal worker that brings packages to the lab constantly. With the team traveling back in time, he assumes the worst, that the Professor and his team are time-traveling machines from the future attempting to take over the world. As a result, he makes it his mission to stop them.



EPISODES

EPISODE 1: PILOT - NOAH AND THE...JUST SAY BOAT

It is the Professor's first show, streaming live from his lab with Goober at his side. As the Professor opens up the show and introduces himself and Goober to the audience, we quickly learn that things don't always go according to the script. After Goober accidentally reveals the plan of time traveling to the kids, the Professor and Goober discuss which bible story they should visit. Since Goober never went to church growing up and never learned about all the famous children's bible stories, they decide to go back in time and visit Noah, one of the greatest and most famous bible stories of them all.

Once the plan is set, the rest is a mixture of bible storytelling and controlled chaos. We see a time machine tumble through time before landing in Noah's timeline. Then the time machine turns into an extinct bird to blend in; the very same extinct bird comes into contact with the time machine robot bird. Goober secretly exits the time machine and talks to Noah, while the Professor freaks out about the consequences. We also witness Noah's Ark being completed, the extinct bird sneaking onto the time machine, and another round of time machine tumbling. All before the show concludes with the story of Noah's Ark remaining perfectly fine within the pages of the Bible.

EPISODE 2: DANIEL AND THE ROBOTIC LION

After a successful first trip visiting Noah, they now have a new teammate - it's Gerty, the extinct bird that stowed away on the time machine and traveled back to the present with our team. Since the Professor cannot revisit timelines that they've already been to, for fear of running into themselves, he decides that Gerty is safest by staying with them and keeping a low profile. For the show, the Professor now wants to visit his favorite Childhood story of Daniel and the Lion's Den. After certain issues arose during the first episode when time traveling, the Professor attempts to squash those this time around by implementing strict rules to follow. Unfortunately, rules don't always cover everything. Again, Goober sends them back in time too quickly, and chaos ensues. Fortunately, they still arrive at the correct time and place and have transformed their time machine into a robotic lion so that they can blend in with their surroundings.

Just as Daniel is about to enter the den, the Professor misses it all because he must find Gerty, who is stuck inside the time machine. By the time he returns, he has missed the entire episode, which included Goober talking to Daniel from inside the robotic lion. Luckily, in Goober's mind, that was okay because he didn't exit the time machine. Just like the first episode, they arrive back in the present day without changing a single word within the Bible.



EPISODE 3: JONAH AND THE WHALE, NO FISH, WAIT NO, WHALE

As episode 3 gets underway, we see that Goober is tired, and we find out that he's been running Gerty's new social media account, which seems to be the opposite of a low profile. The Professor tries to explain to him the importance of following his request to have Gerty keep a low profile, and that discussion makes him think of the bible story of Jonah. Jonah was told by God to go to Ninevah but decided to go in the opposite direction instead. The Professor decides that time traveling to watch Jonah's story sounds like a great idea, so they hop in the time machine and go. They plan on turning the time machine into a fish and hope to end up in the water close to the boat where Jonah is thrown overboard.

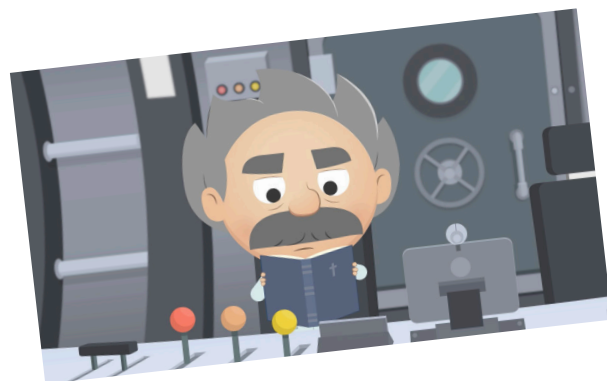
As expected, something goes wrong, and their fish time machine ends up on board the ship in the lower deck, close to where Jonah is sleeping. From inside the fish time machine, we watch as the men carry Jonah up to the deck and throw him overboard, immediately followed by being swallowed by a whale...or is that a fish. The sailors aren't sure. Luckily, our time-traveling team gets to ride along with Jonah inside the belly of the Whale until Jonah is spit out of the Whale 3 days later. After traveling back to the present day, we see that the story remains the same in the Bible, and Goober has learned an important lesson about following commands.



EPISODE 4: MOSES PARTS THE RED...WAIT ITS BLUE...SEA

With episode 4, we introduce a new character, Dufus Rufus Taylor. He's a postal worker with quite a few weird quirks. He will become the "anti-hero" in our series since we do not plan to have a true antagonist. As the show starts off, we meet Dufus Rufus as he delivers a package for the lab, and he explains why he's always wearing a life jacket. Why? Because you never know when a hurricane will sneak up on ya. After dropping off the package and leaving, Goober gets scared of hurricanes, so the Professor reminds him that God controls everything, including the waters of the sea. To prove it, they decide to visit Moses, who parts the Red Sea with God's help.

Our time-traveling trio use the disguise of a chicken to hide their time machine within the crowd of the Hebrew people who were fleeing Egypt with Moses. As expected by this point, chaos ensues as Gerty takes control of the robot and tries to peck at corn scattered all over the ground. They end up right by Moses's feet as he heads up to the mountain to part the Red Sea...although the sea is actually blue water which confuses Goober. In the end, they witness God's power as Moses parts the sea, so they return home. Unfortunately, Dufus had returned to the lab to deliver a second package. Because of this, he sees the time machine return and assumes that they are time-traveling robots from the future, dead set on world domination.



EPISODE 5: DAVID AND GOLIATH...ARE IN THE RING! LET'S FIGHT!

This episode begins as usual but quickly takes a turn when Dufus storms into the lab plan to arrest them all for being time-traveling robots from the future, dead set on taking over the world. Without evidence to prove his theory, Goober leaves but vows to be back. As a result, Goober becomes fearful and explains that they are just 2 lab workers, and Dufus has the power of the entire giant government (he's a government postal worker) behind him. The Professor reminds him that nothing is impossible when God is with us and that this is reminiscent of David and Goliath's story. To the time machine! With another travel back in time comes another mistake.

This time, Dufus had secretly attached a listening device on the machine, which somehow short-circuited it. Instead of transforming the time machine into a horse to blend into a battlefield, they actually transform into a humanoid robot... the very thing that Dufus was claiming they were, a time-traveling robot from the future! Goober is distraught, but the Professor focuses on finding David and Goliath and ends up on the battlefield's front line. Both Goliath and David speak to each other in front of the armies, which Goober finds eerily similar to a wrestling match. The story unfolds, and the team sees David defeat Goliath, and they take off before they witness anything too gruesome. In the end, they arrive back safely, but we see Dufus listening to his planted device, attempting to gather evidence.



EPISODE 6: THE WALLS OF JERICH0 COME TUMBLING DOWN...WITH GOOBER'S HELP

In our season finale, total chaos erupts. Dufus has sent himself in a package to Goober, who then loads that very package into the time machine. Although the Professor and Goober plan to visit Sampson, the strongest man to ever live, the time machine short circuits again and this time sends them to Joshua and the Battle of Jericho.

In addition, the time machine spits them all out during travel, and they all land inside the city of Jericho on the ground, all surrounding a tiny time machine that none of them can get into. Now that Dufus believes they are indeed traveling back to bible stories, they all attempt to find Rahab and her family since she was the person who was spared by Joshua for helping the spies. They find Rahab by helping her daughter, who was hurt in the city and brought back to their home next to the Jericho wall. The Professor knows that inside Rahab's house, they will be safe when the walls fall as long as they all sit tight. Unfortunately, that won't happen. The daughter remembers that she left her puppy back in the alley where they found her. Dufus jumps up and rushes out the door.

While this is occurring, soldiers have come to Rahab's door after there were reports of weirdly dressed people with her. So Goober does what he does best and improvises. He sings a song. While he's singing, we see Dufus find the dog, but soldiers notice him, so he runs down the alley, but it dead-ends into an aqueduct. The end of the song coincides when the trumpets sound. As those trumpets sound, Dufus's package inside the time machine falls over from the crashing wall seismic blast and enlarges the time machine in a back room.

As people are running all around, the team loads up in the time machine but realizes they don't have Dufus. We flashback over to Dufus, who is holding the dog when the trumpets sound. The seismic blast cracks the aqueduct, and Dufus is swept away but floating because of his life jacket. He arrives at Rahab's home carrying the daughter's puppy (along with a ton of other animals). He then hops into the time machine, and they all travel safely home. An important lesson is learned. Even in chaos, trust in God.



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