

CRUISE DIRECTOR DEBBIE

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Noah's wife Debbie (not Joan!) welcomes the animals to the ark in true cruise director fashion.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Sound effects can be added to bring the scene more to life. Feel free to play around and ad lib new lines, especially if the audience is interactive.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1

TOPIC: Christian Living

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Genesis 6:7

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Starter, Stand-alone comedy

CHARACTERS:

DEBBIE - Noah's wife

PROPS: Clipboard, ball

COSTUMES: Cruise ship hostess uniform

SOUND: One wireless microphone; theme from The Love Boat

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: The top deck of the ark

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Play the theme from The Love Boat as DEBBIE enters, dressed like a Love Boat character and carrying a clipboard.

DEBBIE: Good morning, everyone. And welcome aboard the cruise ship Paradise . I'm your cruise director, Debbie. That's Debbie, D-E-B-B-I-E. So all you jokers who keep calling me Joan, please knock it off. We're thrilled to have you all aboard the ship. We hope this will be a pleasant voyage for you all. I know a lot of you left friends, family, packs, prides, and flocks behind to join us. And I know a lot of you were laughed at for signing up on this voyage. But believe me, all those who laughed at you will be dying to get on this boat once the rain starts. Literally.

Many of you all are probably wondering about the ship, the SS Genesis. This is a first of its kind; an international cruise ship 300 cubits by 50 by 30. It's made entirely from gopher wood, and was built by my husband, your captain, Noah, along with our sons, Japheth, Shem, and Ham... Okay, pigs, could we lay off with the screaming every time I say Ham? It's a family name! It was either name him after Grandpa Ham or Grandma Porkchop.

The ship was commissioned by God the creator himself. This whole cruise was his idea. And he not only gave us the blueprints for building the ship, he gave us this wonderful box of sporting equipment and rules for something called shuffleboard. I'm sure we'll all have a great time discovering what that's all about.

Okay, first off, you'll all want to find your sleeping quarters, so very quickly, let me divide you up. Deck A will be amphibians, reptiles, birds, and anything else scaly, feathery, or slimy, if you could all step to my left where my son Japheth is standing. Next to them with my son Shem, Deck B, small furry things such as rabbits, gerbils, weasels, sheep, cats, dogs, and badgers... Yes, Mr. Chihuahua, I'm afraid we do need some stinking badgers.

Deck C, over here with my daughter-in-law Trixie, let's have all carnivores, such as lions and tigers and bears... *(If the audience chimes in with "oh my", add the line)* My my. We're all comedians on board.

Deck D is for all hooved animals, including cattle, horses, moose, antelopes, camels, and deer. If you all would step over where my daughter-in-law Lois is waving her hand. *(Looks up at Deck D group)* Excuse me, Mr. Tiger? I don't think you count as a hooved animal. Back over where you belong.

Deck E, over here by my daughter-in-law Trudy, will be large mammals such as elephants, rhinos, and hippos. Deck F, down here by Ham—*(Glares at the pigs)* I thought I asked you not to scream, pigs! Deck F will house all you big dinosaurs, so if you could step to the left? And if the Tricerators and Stegosaurus would help us, please take one