

# THE BALLAD OF THE JAREDITES

*Sung to the tune of The Theme from Gilligan's Island*  
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## **Song or song and skit:**

This can be simply sung by the children or sung by a student or the teacher while the other children are acting out the words/ can be enhanced with a few cute and basic props/ change keys to make it more musically interesting.

Very easy even for early to mid elementary students because they don't need to memorize any parts or words, just the actions as prompted by the song.

NOW....sit right back and you'll hear the story  
Of the Jaredites rise and fall.  
2000 years before Christ, the prophet Ether writes  
How they had and lost it all.

Our tale begins back in Babel where  
The people tried to build a tower.  
The Lord said, "NO!" and He confused their tongues  
To demonstrate His power!

The Brother of Jared prayed in FAITH  
"Lord, preserve my kin and me.  
And lead us to a Promised Land  
That's blessed and pure and free."

With compassion, God said, "Go pack your bags,  
Seeds and animals of every kind.  
You're traveling to a brand new place,  
Where McDonalds will be hard to find!"

As a cloud, God led them through the wilderness,  
When, at the seashore, they arrived,  
And forgot to pray for four long years!  
The Jaredites were chastised!!!

Eight barges they were told to build,  
With air holes on the bottom and top,  
So when the waves would crash and roll,  
With plugs, the water they'd stop.

The barges set off for the shores of this  
Uncharted Promised Land.  
They prayed and asked the Lord to lead them  
With His guiding hand.

The weather started getting rough-  
The barges, they were tossed.  
If not for the mercy of the Lord, Our God,  
The Jaredites would be lost!  
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After 344 days and nights,  
They reached their destination here.  
They sang and thanked and praised the Lord  
In FAITH they'd overcome their fear.

A few years passed and the Jaredites  
Thought they'd like to have a king.  
In spite of warnings from Jared's Bro  
That it would ruin everything.

So over many, many years with good and bad kings,  
The Jaredites prospered and grew.  
But with struggles for power and wars for land,  
They forgot the God they knew.

There was hatred.....  
Bloody battles and wars.....  
Secret combinations.....too.....  
All in this blessed, Promised Land the Lord had brought them to.

The prophet Ether preached to the kings and people,  
Said, "Repent and return to the Lord!"  
But God warned Ether to hide in a cave,  
Or he'd face the fate of the sword.

God sent a famine and serpents too,  
And the Jaredites were humbled for a time.  
But, before you know, they returned again  
To their wars, and hate, and crime.

With battles and bloodshed abounding through the land,  
"Revenge!" the people did shout!  
Until two final armies gathered themselves,  
Said, "To the DEATH, we'll fight it out!"

Coriantumr and Shiz led these armies,  
Women and children were armed like the men,  
And one by one, hand to hand they fought,  
Yes, they killed those who were once their friends.

The prophet Ether wrote how Coriantumr and Shiz  
Were the last to face one another!  
Coriantumr cut off the head of Shiz  
Even though, in blood, they were brothers!

And so, we see how the Jaredites,  
By forgetting all they'd known,  
Destroyed themselves and forsook the Promised Land  
The Lord had given as their own.

**REMEMBER THE MERCIES OF THE LORD!!!!!!!!!!!!**