

Western Theme Messages
Horsin' Around Series
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Round-Up



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Suggested Props to Use:

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Introduction:

Born and raised in Oklahoma, now living in Texas, we have been exposed to the Western Culture all of our lives. Cowboys,

Ranches with names that reflect their brands, Round-ups to vaccinate or to cut-out calves from cows at weaning time or for loading onto a stock trailer for a trip to the stockyards are all a part of the culture around us. Farming and Ranching were once the main industry in our part of the country. Our families go back to Homestead Days in Oklahoma. In fact, Francine's Grandmother was born in Indian Territory [before statehood.]

Therefore, the term "Round-Up" has more than a Western Movie meaning to us.

First Round-Up:

Genesis 6: 19-22 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Noah is 600 years old and gets summoned by God to build the First Floating Livestock Barn. He's not a Western Cowboy; but God commissions him to be the First Cowboy.

There was no time to argue with the Lord about it because he is told that everyone and everything not inside this Floating Barn when the Lord shuts the door will be destroyed by a flood.

Then GOD sends the animals to Noah, the Bible tells us, and Noah's job is to "round 'um up". He has a tough job. Can you imagine rounding up a skunk? How did he feel about a woodpecker [he had to make sure his Floating Barn was termite proof], bears along side of sheep, cougars beside chickens. But the Bible indicates that God had them all cooperating. Noah did not have to rope any of them nor tie any of them up.

God loves a “picture” or example when He wants to convey information to us. Did you know that this First Round-Up is pointing us to several truths about God and His plans?

Bound-Up Round-Up:

Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

2 Timothy 2:9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

God does not bind. The Devil is the one that binds. Why does the Devil want us bound? Because, he is bound by God to his destiny in the place called Hell.

Psalms 107:10-11 10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

One day God will cast Satan, bound in chains, into the bottomless pit. So why would ANYONE want to be bound with him?

Last Round-Up:

Revelation 19:11-14 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Jesus has promised that He is coming back to meet all of the born-again/saved people “in the air”. He will be taking us to Heaven for seven years to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Once that time is finished then something else happens.

Jesus is coming back to earth riding a white horse bringing with him all of the born-again/saved people that He came for earlier in the “rapture” of the born-again believers.

All of the saints, that is all born-again believers, will also be with Him on white horses. Jesus will put the wicked in their place.

I am so excited about that round-up time. But I feel sorry for anyone that is not saved. When Jesus comes back in the final round-up it will be too late to repent then.

Are you ready for the Last Round-Up?