

Puppet Script

Print one copy for your use during class and to rehearse the role play. You may want to recruit another person to help you with one of the puppets. Use two puppets—preferably the same puppets all year so the children will begin to look forward to seeing them again on Review Sunday. Allow the children to get involved if appropriate.

Teacher: *Bring the puppets out.* Well, guess who is here with me today? Some friends of mine!
They are (Puppet One and Puppet Two)! *(Tell the children the names of your puppets.)*

Puppet One: Hi everyone! It's good to be here. So this is your review lesson, right?

Teacher or Students: Yes it is!

Puppet Two: Wow! Every week you get to come and hear about God and what He has done!
That is great. So, what have you been talking about?

Teacher: Well, we did talk about Joshua!

Puppet One: Joshua?! Wasn't he the man that God chose to lead the people to the Promised Land, after Moses died?

Puppet Two: Oh, yeah, yeah! But he was afraid! He had to cross a big river or something.

Teacher: That's right. God told Joshua to cross the Jordan River and go to the other side.
There were armies and nations that didn't like them over there. He was afraid!

Puppet Two: Well, what did he do? Did he do what God asked him? Did he obey?

Teacher: Yes! And we learned a memory verse the past few weeks. It tells us what God told Joshua. Let's share our verse with our guests, class!

Lead the children in reciting and/or singing the memory verse together.

Teacher: Did you hear that? Did you catch what God told Joshua?

Puppet One: Well, it sounds like God told him to be strong!

Puppet Two: Yes. And courageous.

Puppet One: He said don't be afraid.

Teacher: Right. And another thing. Who promised to be with Joshua?

Puppet One and Two together: God!

Teacher: Yes! And even though God said this to Joshua a long time ago, we can remember it, too. Have you ever felt lost or scared?

Puppet Two: Well, when it's real dark sometimes I'm afraid.

Puppet One: Yes. And when a bad storm comes, I get kind of scared.

Teacher: Well, that's just it. We all get scared sometimes, but God says we don't need to be afraid because He is with us wherever we go!

Puppet Two: Wow! So, is there anything else you learned about God?

Teacher: Oh yes. We learned about two amazing battles God won! There was the battle of Jericho with Joshua where the walls to the big city fell down flat! Then there was the battle against the Midianites! God won that battle with trumpets, torches, and pitchers. God used Gideon during that battle.

Puppet One: Wow! The walls fell down flat in Jericho?!

Puppet Two: Yeah. I remember that. The people marched around Jericho, blew trumpets, shouted, and down went the walls. That could ONLY have been God who did that!

Puppet Two: Oh! And I remember Gideon. He was a judge. He only had 300 men, and they went against a HUGE army with trumpets, pitchers, and torches. They shouted, too. And when they shouted they broke the pitchers, and the army ran away!

Teacher: Yes. Another victory by God! Only God could do that! God is omnipotent!

Puppet One: Omnipo. . . what?

Puppet Two: Omnipotent!

Teacher: Yes, God is all-powerful. He showed the people in Joshua's time, in Gideon's time, and He still shows us—He is ALL-POWERFUL!

Puppet One: (*Struggling to say the word.*) Om . . . nip . . . o . . . tent?

Teacher: Yes! Omnipotent! Everyone say it together!

Students and Puppets: Omnipotent!

Teacher: And He is sovereign!

Puppet Two: Sovereign? And what is that?

Teacher: That means He is in control . . . of everything!

Puppet One: Well, that makes sense. If He wasn't in control, He couldn't have won those battles for Joshua and Gideon.

Teacher: That's right. The more you read the Bible and study it, the more exciting it gets! God is so good! And He is so powerful! And He is in control of everything.

Puppet One: Right. He is omnipotent!

Puppet Two: And sovereign!

Teacher: And He is worthy of all our praise. In fact, we should praise and worship ONLY God—no one and nothing else!

Puppet One: Well, thanks for the little review. And the lesson on God!

Puppet Two: It was fun. Hope you'll let us come back again one day! Bye!

Teacher and children: Bye!

Put puppets away. Have your snack.