

Puppet Role Play Script

Instructions: Print one copy for your use during class and to rehearse the role play. Allow as much interaction with your class as possible. Let the children get involved with the puppets.

Use the Lesson Flip Chart Pages to keep students engaged.

Teacher: *Bring the puppets out.* Guess who is here with me today? Some friends of mine! You remember them! They are [Puppet One] and [Puppet Two]! (*Tell the children the names of your puppets.*)

Puppet One: Hi, everyone! Wow! We couldn't wait to get here!

Puppet Two: Yes! We get so excited to come and hear what you have been learning.

Teacher: We're glad you are here! We have been learning so much about our powerful God!

Puppet One: God is really exciting and great. Tell us more about Him!

Teacher: We talked about a king from a long, long time ago—King Solomon.

Puppet Two: Oh, yeah! He was King David's son!

Puppet One: And didn't he build a Temple for God?

Teacher: Wow! You two are doing great! Yes. Solomon built a permanent Temple where the people could come and worship God. God liked the Temple, and when it was finished His glory filled it. It looked like a cloud!

Puppet One: Hey! Wasn't King Solomon really wise? Wasn't he one of the wisest men on earth?

Teacher: Yes, he was. And his wisdom didn't come from reading a lot of books or lots of years in school.

Puppet Two: Really? Where did it come from?

Teacher: Well, when he became king, he asked God for wisdom! And God gave it to him.

Puppet One: So wisdom comes from God?

Teacher: Yes. Wisdom comes from God. We can get wisdom from God's Word—the Bible!

Puppet One: But, I can't read!

Teacher: Well, if you can't read yet, you can ask someone who does know how to read to start reading little parts of the Bible to you. That's how you will get real wisdom.

Puppet One: So were all the kings of Israel wise like Solomon?

Teacher: Well, no. Actually, Solomon's son, Rehoboam, was disobedient to God. He didn't make a very good king at all. He was very mean to the people and didn't care about them.

Puppet One: That's awful!

Puppet Two: So what happened?

Teacher: A man named Jeroboam tried to change the king's heart. He talked to the king about obeying God and being kinder to the people.

Puppet One: But, let me guess—he wouldn't do it, right?

Teacher: Right. And because he was stubborn, the country was split in two. Some people went with Jeroboam to Israel. And the others stayed with Rehoboam, in Judah.

Puppet One: Wow! Kings and wars! The Bible is full of exciting things!

Teacher: Oh, yes! Class, can you tell our guest the name of the prophet who tried to outrun God? That was really exciting! *Jonah!*

Puppet Two: I've heard of him. He didn't want to go to Nineveh to preach like God told him to, so he ran the other way.

Puppet One: Yeah! And then there was a big storm, and Jonah was thrown overboard. Then God sent a great big fish that swallowed Jonah.

Teacher: Yes. Jonah learned his lesson. Then he went to Nineveh just like God wanted him to.

Puppet One: When God has a plan, we can't change it, right?

Teacher: That's right!

Puppet Two: Did you talk about any other prophets?

Teacher: Oh, yes! We read about Elijah. He loved God, and God used him! But there were also false prophets who worshipped other gods.

Puppet One: Other gods? There are no other gods! There is only one true God.

Teacher: That's right! And we should only worship the one true God.

Puppet One: So what did God do?

Teacher: Well, God was going to show them that He was the only real God. Elijah told the false prophets that they should make an altar to their false god. And they should burn the sacrifice. But they were supposed to burn the sacrifice with NO fire!

Puppet Two: What? A fire with no fire! That's crazy!

Teacher: It does seem a little crazy, doesn't it? But God told the false prophets to pray to their gods. And see if their gods could send fire from heaven!

Puppet One: Well, that didn't work, did it?

Teacher: No, that didn't work. But, Elijah built an altar to the true God. And then He prayed to God to burn his sacrifice. And guess what? The real, true, powerful God COULD send fire down from heaven. And Elijah's sacrifice was all burned up.

Puppet Two: Wow! That is the true God! That's the God we read about in the Bible. That's the God we should worship!

Teacher: That's right. Well, Elijah got old, and he was going to die.

Puppet One: Too bad! Who took Elijah's place when he got old?

Teacher: That's a good question! Elijah had a friend named Elisha. God wanted Elisha to take Elijah's place. And when it was time for Elisha to take over, something truly amazing happened!

Puppet Two: What was it?

Teacher: God sent a chariot and horses of fire from heaven. Elijah and Elisha saw it. And there was a whirlwind, like a tornado! And then Elijah was gone! And Elisha was there all alone. God wanted him to take over for Elijah!

Puppet One: That is hard to believe! In fact a lot of this stuff is hard to believe!

Teacher: Well, I guess it is! But, we read about all of it in the Bible. The Bible is God's Word.

Puppet Two: And God can't ever lie, right?

Teacher: That's right! We know that all the people we read about in the Bible were real people! They did exactly what the Bible tells us they did. The Bible is ALL true!

Puppet One: That was great! Thanks for sharing all of this with us.

Puppet Two: May we come back again and hear more?

Teacher: Of course you may.

Puppets: Good-bye!

Teacher and children: Bye! *Put puppets away.*

If time allows sing the songs from the lesson. Have your snack.