

Puppet Role Play 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. Refer to the Lesson Flip Charts where 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 again. It's so much fun learning things from God's Word, isn't it?

Teacher or Students: Yes, it is!

Puppet Two: What have you been learning about since we were here last? I know you learned a lot!

Teacher: Oh, yes! We've talked about some very exciting things. Like the true account of David and Goliath!

Puppet One: Oh! I've heard about them!

Puppet Two: Me too! Is that when David went out to fight Goliath with a sling?

Teacher: That's right. And a lot of people want to give David all the credit for his win over Goliath. But it wasn't David who won that fight!

Puppet One: Well, who was it then?

Teacher: God won the fight. God was the one who gave David the courage. God gave David perfect aim so that the very first stone he shot went right into Goliath's head.

Puppet Two: Oh, yeah! And down he came! The big giant fell down with just one stone. That HAD to be God. Only God could do that!

Puppet One: What happened next? What else did you learn?

Teacher: Well, David finally became the king of Israel. And while David was king, God made him some very special promises!

Teacher: *To the class.* Can anyone tell our guests what the promises were? *Refer to Lesson 2 Flip Chart Pages.* David's son, Solomon, would be the next king. Solomon would build a permanent Temple for God. And David's kingdom would last forever. It would NEVER end.

Puppet Two: That sounds exciting! Did those things really happen?

Puppet One: Yes, they did. Solomon did become the next king, and he built a beautiful Temple.

Puppet Two: But what does it mean that David's kingdom would last forever?

Teacher: That's a good question. It has to do with Jesus. Remember, Jesus was part of David's family. And Jesus's kingdom will last forever. In fact, if anyone believes in Jesus, turns away from sin, and trusts Him as Savior, he will be a part of Jesus's forever kingdom. And that is good news.

Puppet Two: Wow! King David was a great man! Even Jesus was part of his family.

Puppet One: But didn't King David disobey God? Didn't he sin against God?

Teacher: Yes, he did. He was just a man. And all people are sinners—even King David. One day, David saw another man's wife and decided he wanted her to be his wife! And then he had the woman's husband killed. It was very, very bad.

Puppet Two: Oh, how awful! Was he sorry for it?

Teacher: Oh, yes. God sent Nathan, the prophet, to tell David a story that helped him understand how terrible his sin was.

Puppet One: He told a story? Was it about David?

Puppet Two: Is that the story about the poor man's lamb? And he loved his lamb so much. But the rich man came and took it and killed it!

Teacher: That's right. The rich man had lots of sheep, and he needed just one. But instead of taking one of his many sheep, he took the poor man's only lamb.

Puppet One: And the poor man's lamb was like his pet, right? The man loved his lamb! That was not a nice thing to do. It wasn't right.

Teacher: No, it wasn't right. But you see, this was just a story Nathan told. And the story helped David understand that he was like that rich man. David had taken something that didn't belong to him just like the rich man took the lamb.

Puppet Two: Well, what did David do when he found out the story was about him?

Teacher: David said he was sorry and asked God for mercy. And that is what we should all do when we sin against God!

Puppet One: God is really great! He listened to David and forgave him.

Teacher: Yes. God is great! David loved God very much. In fact, David wrote the memory verse we have been working on. He wrote it to tell how wonderful God is.

Puppet One: What is that verse? Can you say it for us? Please?

Teacher: Oh, yes. The class has it memorized. *To the children.* Let's say the verse for our guests! *Recite or sing the Memory Verse, 2 Samuel 7:22, together.*

Puppet Two: Good going! Didn't David write a lot of praises to God? Aren't they in the Bible?

Puppet Two: Yes, they are in the book of Psalms!

Teacher: Right. David wrote many of the psalms. He loved to praise God and thank God for all the things He's done.

Puppet One: And does God want people to praise and thank Him?

Puppet Two: Of course He does. Everything comes from God—EVERYTHING!

Teacher: That's right. We can thank God because He gives us everything we need. In fact, we learned about King Solomon. And God gave him wisdom, so he could be a good king.

Puppet One: I heard that Solomon was very wise. Wasn't Solomon King David's son?

Teacher: Yes. Solomon was King David's son. He became the king after King David. And when God asked Solomon what he wanted, Solomon asked for an understanding heart. He wanted wisdom, so he could know right from wrong and lead the people well.

Puppet Two: And we can still get godly wisdom from the Bible!

Puppet One: Yes, the Bible never gets boring. It sure is a great book!

Puppet Two: That was fun. Thanks for sharing with us!

Puppet One: Good-bye! Can't wait to come back again! Thanks so much!

Teacher: You are welcome! Good-bye!

If time allows, sing the songs from the lesson again and have your snack.