

Puppet Role Play Script

Print one copy for your use during class and to rehearse the role play. You may want to recruit one or two people to help with 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 Chart pages when appropriate.

Teacher: *Bring the puppets out.* Look! Our friends are here again! Remember [Puppet One and Puppet Two]? *Tell the children the names of your puppets.*

Puppet One: Hi, kids! It's great to be here again. You are learning so many wonderful things!

Teacher: Yes, we are! And it is great to have you here again. Right, kids?

Puppet Two: *Impatiently.* OK, OK. Let's get to the lessons! Can we look at the pictures? Please?!

Teacher: *Refer to the Flip Chart during this skit. You may want to recruit someone to flip to the lessons being referred to.* Of course we can! That's a great idea. We have been learning about some of the prophets of God!

Puppet One: Prophets? Now I've heard that word before. Hmm. I can't remember exactly what it means.

Puppet Two: Yeah. What does it mean? Kids, do you know? *Allow kids to answer, if appropriate.*

Teacher: Prophets were people that God used to speak for Him. They had a lot of jobs to do for God. They warned the people, they gave good news, they told about things that were going to happen, and they did lots of other things for God.

Puppet Two: That's right! Wasn't Isaiah a prophet? There is a book in the Bible called Isaiah!

Teacher: Yes. *Refer to Flip Chart 9.* Here is Isaiah. God sent him to the people to tell them good news. Who was that good news about? Can anyone tell me? *Allow for answers.*

Teacher: The good news was about Jesus!

Puppet One: Hey! Didn't Micah talk about Jesus, too? Wasn't he a prophet?

Teacher: Yes, he was! Micah and Isaiah both told the people about Jesus. We learned about Micah in Lesson 8. *Refer to the Flip Chart.*

Puppet Two: It sounds like everything was great—all that good news about Jesus and everything.

Teacher: Well, that WAS good news. But sadly, God had to send a prophet to give the people BAD news, too!

Puppet One: Bad news? Who did that?

Teacher: Well, God sent Jeremiah to the people. He had bad news. *Refer to Flip Chart Lesson 10.*

Puppet One: Well, what was the bad news, anyway?

Teacher: First, it was a warning. The people were sinning. They were not obeying God at all. They had turned away from God and were worshipping other things. God did not like this.

Puppet Two: Wow! That's horrible! We are supposed to worship God alone.

Teacher: Yes, it was horrible! But when Jeremiah tried to warn the people and tell them to turn back to God, they didn't listen. They laughed at him and just kept on disobeying.

Puppet One: That is not good. So, what did God do?

Teacher: That's the sad thing. God had to destroy the people. God has to punish sin. And God warned the people over and over to stop sinning. But like I said, they wouldn't.

Puppet Two: So, God destroyed them? How did He do that?

Teacher: *Refer to Flip Chart Lesson 11.* God sent an army from Babylon.

Puppet One: Babylon? What is that?

Teacher: Babylon was another nation. They came to Judah and destroyed their homes and families . . . and God's Temple. Some of the people they took away to live in their nation. This was really sad. The people had to leave their homes. They were like prisoners!

Puppet Two: Wow! All they had to do was obey God and worship Him! It seems like that would be easy to do! What happened?

Puppet One: Hey! I know! Maybe the people thought they loved God, but really they loved other things better!

Teacher: I think that is exactly what happened. The people put other things ahead of God. God wants us to worship Him alone. And He wants us to love Him more than we love anything else—ever!

Puppet Two: That would be hard to do. Like we should love him more than we love chocolate?

Puppet One: Or birthday cake and ice cream?

Puppet Two: Or vacations? Or going swimming? Or going to the beach?

Puppet One: Or TV? Or games? Or our friends?

Puppet Two: Or our family? Or our house? Or our room? Or our toys?

Teacher: Yes, yes, yes. We should love God more than ALL of that. We should love God with ALL our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength. That is what God wanted His people to do a long, long time ago in the days of Jeremiah. And that is what He wants us to do today.

Puppet One: Well, even though it seems kind of hard, it does make sense. After all, God has given us everything we have. It all comes from Him.

Teacher: That's right. It isn't right to love anything more than we love God. And we all need to remember that! God wants us to worship Him alone!

Puppet Two: Wow! That's a lot to think about. You kids are really learning a lot about God! I'm so glad we stopped in today.

Puppet One: Me, too. Thanks for talking to us. God bless all of you! And we'll see you again soon!

Teacher: Thanks for coming. We'll look forward to you visiting again.

Teacher, children, puppets: Bye!

If time allows sing the songs from the lesson, the Memory Verse Songs, and have your snack.