

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 when/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's great. So, what have you been talking about?

Teacher: We've talked about some very exciting things starting with Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego!

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

Puppet Two: Me too! Weren't they taken away from their homes by the enemy?

Teacher: That's right. God told the people that the enemy would come and take them to Babylon because of their disobedience.

Puppet Two: But these guys loved God, didn't they?

Teacher: Yes! And God gave them courage—even to do really hard things.

Puppet One: Like what?

Teacher: Well, they were chosen to work as servants of the king of Babylon. So the king wanted them to eat food that God did not want His people to eat. But they wanted to obey God.

Puppet Two: Uh-oh. What did they do?

Puppet One: They ate only vegetables, right?

Teacher: Yes. They ate only vegetables and drank water. And God blessed them with good health, knowledge, and skill. And they were able to do their work very well.

Puppet Two: What else did they do?

Puppet One: Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were the ones who wouldn't bow to the king's giant statue.

Puppet Two: I remember that! So they were thrown into the fiery furnace.

Teacher: Oh, yes. But God protected them, and they came out without any burns—their clothes didn't even smell like smoke!

Puppet One: Wow! That's awesome!

Teacher: Yes. God is awesome, and He does awesome things. Ezekiel was a prophet who actually got to see some of the awesomeness of God.

Puppet One: Really? What did he see?

Teacher: The Bible tells us that Ezekiel saw a cloud and whirlwind, colors and lights, and a throne with a man seated on it!

Puppet Two: Oooh! That would've been amazing to see all that.

Teacher: Yes, it was. Actually, when Ezekiel understood that he was looking at some of God's glory, he fell on his face and worshipped God.

Puppet One: Oh, boy! What else did you talk about?

Teacher: Well, after 70 years, God led a man to take some people back to Judah, their homeland. And they rebuilt the Temple so they could worship God together again.

Puppet One: Really? Who was the guy that did that?

Teacher: His name was Zerubbabel.

Puppet One: Zerbabellub—huh?

Puppet Two: Ha-ha. It's Zebrullabab.

Teacher: Well, no. It's Zer-ubb-a-bel. *To students:* Let's help them. Say it with me, class, "Zerub-babel."

Puppet One: Hey! Did everyone go home to Judah at the same time?

Puppet Two: I don't think so. They went home at different times, didn't they?

Teacher: That's right. And one young Jewish woman was still in Persia with her cousin. Her name was Esther.

Puppet One: Esther! Yeah—she saved the Jews!

Teacher: Actually, God saved the Jews, but He led Esther and Mordecai in His plan to save them.

Puppet Two: Didn't she have to speak to the king and beg him to stop a wicked plan?

Teacher: Yes. But she prayed, and God gave her courage to speak to the king, even though she could have been killed since he didn't send for her. But God worked it all out, and saved the Jews.

Puppet One: Wow! God really is awesome!

Puppet Two: But did you talk about Jesus at all?

Teacher: Yes, we did. We talked about Jesus as the New Covenant.

Puppet One: Now, why did they need a New Covenant?

Teacher: That's a great question. They needed it because the Old Covenant was a whole bunch of rules that God gave the people. And they couldn't obey all those rules.

Puppet Two: That's horrible. If they couldn't obey, then God would be angry, right?

Teacher: That's right. And God promised that one day the New Covenant would come.

Puppet One: And that New Covenant started when Jesus came, right?

Puppet Two: That's right! Jesus came so sinners could be saved and forgiven of their sins. That's why He had to die!

Teacher: That's exactly right. And when anyone turns to Jesus and turns away from their sins, they can be forgiven.

Puppet One: I love studying the Bible.

Puppet Two: Yeah. It's great! Thanks for sharing with us.

Teacher: You are welcome! Come see us again.

Puppets together: Good-bye!

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

If time allows sing the songs from the lesson about God's attributes and His greatness. Have your snack.