

Puppet Review Script

Puppet 1: Hi, everyone! It's time for you to review your lessons, right?

Teacher or Students: Yes, it is! Where's _____ (*name of Puppet 2*)?

Puppet 1: Oh, he's coming—I think. He wasn't feeling very good.

Puppet 2: (*gloomily*) Hi, I'm here.

Puppet 1: You still have a tummy ache?

Puppet 2: (*nodding*) Yeah.

Teacher: That's too bad. Why do you have a stomachache?

Puppet 2: I guess I ate too many chocolate cookies for breakfast.

Puppet 1: I warned you not to eat them for breakfast.

Puppet 2: I know. But I like cookies, and I didn't want to wait until later.

Teacher: Now you know it's good to listen to warnings.

Puppet 2: Yeah. If I had listened my tummy wouldn't feel so icky now.

Teacher: You know, this actually reminds me of the kings and prophets we've been talking about.

Puppet 2: Did they eat too many cookies?

Teacher: No. They did worse things like worshipping false gods and disobeying the Lord.

Puppet 1: That's terrible!

Teacher: But God kept warning them over and over to stop sinning and come back to him. He sent prophets to tell them and other warnings like locust bugs and blight and mildew.

Puppet 2: Eww! That sounds yucky. I'd listen to those warnings if I were there.

Puppet 1: I don't know. You didn't listen this morning when I warned you about eating cookies.

Teacher: It was the same way with the people in Israel. Even though God sent prophets like Elijah, Elisha, Amos, and Hosea, they just chose not to listen.

Puppet 2: Didn't anybody ever listen to God?

Teacher: Yes. The Ninevites listened when Jonah finally got there.

Puppet 1: Huh? What took him so long?

Puppet 2: Wait! Is that the same Jonah who got swallowed by a fish?

Teacher: Yes, it is. God told him to go tell the enemy Ninevites to turn from their sinful ways.

Puppet 1: But Jonah didn't want to help his enemies.

Puppet 2: That's why he got on a ship and went the other way.

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Teacher: But he soon learned that you can't outrun God.

Puppet 1: That's when God sent the storm. (*Make whooshing noises.*)

Puppet 2: And then Jonah was thrown overboard—*Ka-splash!*

Teacher: Jonah almost drowned, but God sent a great fish—

Puppet 1: —and he swallowed Jonah whole! *Gulp!*

Teacher: Jonah realized how wrong he had been and prayed to God. So, God gave him a second chance.

Puppet 1: How did Jonah get out of the fish?

Puppet 2: The fish threw him up! *Blaaach!*

Puppet 1: That's gross!

Teacher: Yes, it is. But if Jonah had just obeyed in the first place, he wouldn't have had to go through all that.

Puppet 2: What about all the other people in Israel who didn't obey, either? What happened to them?

Teacher: Well, God kept sending prophets and warnings for 250 years!

Puppet 1: Wow! That's a long time.

Puppet 2: God must be really patient.

Teacher: And merciful. He loves his people and wanted to forgive them, but they just wouldn't turn back to him.

Puppet 1: God had to punish them, didn't he?

Teacher: Yes. God finally sent an enemy army, the Assyrians, to capture Israel and surround the capital city.

Puppet 2: Surround the city? Didn't that make it hard to go in and out if you wanted to?

Puppet 1: That's the whole idea. The people had to stay in there until all their food and water were used up.

Teacher: That's right. Finally, they gave up, and the Assyrians took the people away.

Puppet 1: (*sadly*) And that was the end of the kingdom of Israel.

Puppet 2: Wow, and all because the people wouldn't listen to God's warnings and turn back to him.

Teacher: Warnings are important. We should pay attention to them whether we feel like it or not.

Puppet 2: Yeah, you're right. I'm going to listen from now on—after my tummy feels better.

Puppet 1: Thanks for letting us come today.

Teacher: You're welcome! See you next time.

Puppet 1/2: Bye everyone!