

Puppet Review Script

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

Teacher or Students: Yes, it is!

Puppet Two: (*acts sad*) Hi.

Teacher: What's wrong?

Puppet One: He got in BIG trouble yesterday morning.

Teacher: What happened? How did you get in trouble?

Puppet Two: I didn't put my bicycle away. Then when Dad backed the car out of the garage—

Puppet One: Kablaaam! Squished bicycle!

Teacher: Oh no! That's terrible!

Puppet Two: And wow, was Dad mad!

Puppet One: Yeah. He was late for work because the bicycle was stuck under the car.

Teacher: I'm so sorry to hear about that.

Puppet Two: I got punished, too. Now I have to save up my money to pay to have my bike fixed.

Puppet One: I gave you what was in my piggy bank, but it'll take a *loooong* time to save up that much money.

Puppet Two: I sure wish we never had to be punished. I was going to put my bike away, but I just didn't feel like it. I figured I could do it in the morning.

Teacher: Hmm. That reminds me of what we've been learning about the Israelites.

Puppet One: Really? I didn't know they had bicycles.

Puppet Two: They didn't, Silly.

Teacher: That's right. They didn't have bicycles. I'm talking about what they had to learn about sin and obedience.

Puppet One: Oh. What did they do wrong?

Puppet Two: Didn't they do a lot of sinful things?

Teacher: Yes, but they weren't any worse than we are since we're all sinners. The Israelites had times when they did really well obeying God's commands. But sometimes . . . not so great.

Puppet One: You mean like the time they were told to go into the promised land, but they were too scared and wouldn't go?

Teacher: That's a good example. They were so afraid that they just wouldn't trust God. Even though he promised to be with them, they would not go. So they were punished by wandering in the wilderness and never getting to see the beautiful land.

Puppet Two: Then there was the time when that guy stole some stuff and hid it under his tent.

Puppet One: Oh, yeah! That was, um, Albert? Arthur? It starts with an A I think.

Teacher: His name was Achan. And he took things from Jericho that God had said he shouldn't keep.

Puppet Two: Was he punished, too?

Teacher: Oh, yes. God told Joshua they had to destroy him.

Puppet Two: (*Gulp!*) That sounds scary.

Puppet One: What about the three guys who were jealous of Moses and Aaron? Didn't something strange happen to them?

Teacher: You mean Korah, Dathan, and Abiram? They rebelled against God, so God caused an earthquake to split the ground open and swallow them up.

Puppet Two: Yikes! I guess my punishment isn't as bad as I thought.

Teacher: No, it isn't.

Puppet One: Wow! Those punishments sound awful. But how come God was so mean?

Teacher: Well, God isn't mean, but he is holy. When people rebel and do sinful things, he must punish their sin.

Puppet Two: But I thought he was a loving God.

Teacher: He is. Actually, that's one of the reasons why he punishes his children.

Puppet One: Huh?

Teacher: God punishes, or disciplines, those he loves so they will learn that they have sinned and will come to him and ask forgiveness and learn not to do that again.

Puppet Two: I get it. I know now why Dad wanted me to put my bike away—so it wouldn't get run over.

Puppet One: But you didn't understand that was the reason until today.

Teacher: That's why it's so important to obey even when you don't understand why you're told to do something. Think of what might have happened if Joshua didn't obey God's instructions at Jericho.

Puppet One: Oh yeah! God told them to do some strange stuff like march around the walls for six days.

Puppet Two: That was a funny way to attack a city. But when they obeyed, God brought the walls down.

Puppet One: Crash! Bang! Kaboom! That would have been awesome to see.

Teacher: Yes, it would! God expects his children to be obedient even when they don't understand why they're told to do something.

Puppet One: Because there's usually a good reason, right?

Teacher: Right. And when we don't obey, we are punished to help us learn what we've done wrong and remember not to do it again.

Puppet Two: Well, I'll sure remember to put my bike away—after it's fixed, that is.

Teacher: And it's a good thing that you'll remember. You don't want to get into a cycle of doing the same wrong things over and over. The Israelites did that for 300 years!

Puppet Two: I hope it doesn't take 300 years to save up my money.

Puppet One: Yeah! In 300 years, you'll be too old to ride a bike.

Teacher: Well, you better get to your chores so you can start earning some money right away.

Puppet Two: Yep. I guess I better.

Puppet One: Let's go. I'll help you with the chores. Bye everyone!

Teacher: Goodbye!