

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: Hooray! I can't wait to hear what you've been learning about.

Teacher: Oh, we've been learning about many things that happened to the Jewish people.

Puppet One: Hey, last time you told us about some of the Jews who were living in Babylon. Did the people ever get to go back home?

Puppet Two: Of course, they did. God promised they would.

Teacher: You're right. God caused several kings to let the Jews leave, and he used faithful people to lead them home.

Puppet One: That would be a lot of people packing up and moving.

Teacher: But they didn't all go at the same time. There were three different groups who went home at different times.

Puppet Two: Who was the first group?

Teacher: The first group was led by a man named Zerubbabel.

Puppet One: Zer-what-a-who?

Puppet Two: Ze-bubble-bell?

Puppet One: Zerbubba? Oh, never mind. I'll practice his name later. What did he do?

Teacher: Zerubbabel led the Jews to rebuild the temple of God in the city of Jerusalem.

Puppet Two: That would be a big job!

Teacher: Yes. First, they fixed up the altar so they could offer sacrifices to God. Then they laid the foundation for the temple.

Puppet One: Isn't the foundation the flat part that goes on the ground first?

Puppet Two: It's supposed to make the building straight and strong, right?

Teacher: Yep. But there were some people who were living in Judah while the Jews were gone, and they didn't like them coming back and building again.

Puppet One: Uh oh. Did they knock it down?

Teacher: No, but they did scare the Jews and made them quit building.

Puppet Two: That's not good.

Puppet One: Did they ever finish the temple?

Teacher: Oh yes! Twenty-one years later, they finished building after God caused a new king to command them to finish.

Puppet One: Wow! That took a long time. But God made sure it got done.

Puppet Two: Who led the second group home?

Teacher: A priest named Ezra led them home. But he found out that the people who had come earlier with Zerubbabel were disobeying God.

Puppet One: What did he do about it?

Puppet Two: He prayed about it, right?

Teacher: Right. When the people heard Ezra praying and crying about the things they were doing wrong, they understood their sin and wanted to make things right.

Puppet One: What about the third group?

Teacher: They went home to build the wall around Jerusalem.

Puppet Two: Oh, I heard about this! Nehemiah was their leader. But there were bad guys who planned to attack everyone while they were working.

Teacher: The bad guys bothered Nehemiah a lot because they didn't want the Jews to rebuild their wall and become a strong city.

Puppet One: So, what did they do?

Puppet Two: I know! (*jumping up and down excitedly*) I remember! They got all kinds of weapons, like guns and cannons and things—*kaboom!*

Puppet One: What?! They didn't have cannons in those days, Silly.

Teacher: That's true. They didn't have those kinds of weapons, but they did have spears, swords, and shields. So Nehemiah told the people to keep working but to be ready in case the enemy tried to sneak up on them.

Puppet Two: Didn't some of the workers carry their swords with them?

Teacher: Yes. The Bible says some people had swords strapped to their sides as they worked on the wall. The point is that they trusted God, and he gave them a good plan to get the work done. But they needed to be ready if the enemy attacked.

Puppet One: So, did the enemies attack?

Puppet Two: No! They didn't because they knew the Jews knew what they were up to.

Teacher: Right. God was faithful to protect his people and bring them home like he had promised.

Puppet One: I think it's great how God is always in control over everything. What's that word?
Sov . . . sov . . . something. (*Ask students*) Kids, do you know the word I'm trying to remember?

Students: Sovereign!

Puppet Two: Yeah, and it's really cool how God always does what he says and keeps his promises.

(Ask students) Do you guys know what that word is? It starts with an F.

Students: Faithful!

Teacher: That's right. God is sovereign and faithful.

Puppet One: Yeah. God is awesome!

Puppet Two: Well, I guess we better go now.

Puppet One/Two: Goodbye everyone! *(Exit)*