

## VISUAL RESOURCES THAT MAY BE USED WHILE TELLING A BIBLE STORY

The Bible is the principal resource. Open the Bible to where the story is located and then tell the Bible story. Use one's own words but be true to what the Bible says. Beyond this, enhance the Bible story by using visuals, but do not distract from the story itself. Either use the Visual Resource as you tell the Bible story the first time, or just tell the Bible story the first time and then use the Visual Resource as you tell the story the second time. Use Visual Resources appropriate for your specific group of listeners (age level, culture, etc.). A variety of presentations helps the listeners to remember the story by:

■ <b>Hearing</b>	■ <b>Watching</b>	■ <b>Participating</b>	■ <b>Repeating</b>
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### EXAMPLES OF SOME VISUAL RESOURCES

#### 1. ILLUSTRATIONS (Bible pictures)

Tell a Bible story using illustrations. The drawings serve as illustrations of the people and scenes of the Bible story. Some people tell the story first and afterwards show the figures; others show the illustrations at the same time as they are telling the story. Example: Show the drawing about "Jesus' baptism" as you are telling the story.



#### 2. MAGNETS ON BACK SIDE OF FIGURES

Tell a Bible story using magnets. Put magnets on the back side of figures that will stick to a surface, such as metal.

---Design or make copies of figures of principal characters and scenes. Cut out each one.

---Glue a magnet on the back side of each figure (not on head).

---While telling the Bible story, put the appropriate figure(s) on a metal surface.

■ Observation: May use the old rubber around the inside of a refrigerator door. It is full of magnets.

■ Examples of **metal surfaces**:

---Large metal cans or containers - cut open

---Metal cabinet

---Kitchen: cookie pan, refrigerator, etc.

---Magnetic board

Examples of Bible stories:

■ Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

■ Jesus Heals a Paralytic (Luke 5:17-26)

#### 3. REUSABLE ADHESIVE NOTICE BOARD

As you tell the story, place the figures onto the Reusable Adhesive Notice Board. Contact: [www.gripping-stuff.com](http://www.gripping-stuff.com)

#### 4. MINI NECK POSTER BOARD

---Option 1: Cut out a large rectangle from a cardboard box. On one side, glue flannel or Reusable Adhesive Notice Board. On the other side, glue white paper and attach a large clothes pen or paper clip on top.

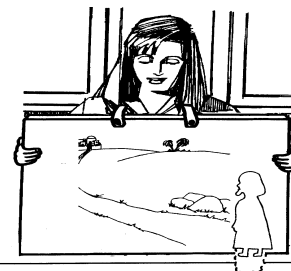
---Option 2: Use a small magnet board. On the other side, glue flannel or Reusable Notice Board or white paper and attaching a clothes pen.

Attention: Punch 2 holes, one on the upper right and upper left. Attach a shoe string or cord to the holes. Use this to tie around your neck.

Tell the Bible story, using the Mini Neck Poster Board.

---Option 1: While telling the story, put figures on it at the appropriate moment.

---Option 2: While telling the story, put the background scene and, with your hand, hold the figures of the characters and move them around at the appropriate moment.



Examples of stories:

■ Parable: "Talents" or "Three Servants" (Matthew 25:14-29)

■ Parable: "Two Men Praying" (Luke 18:9-14)

#### 5. PUPPETS

While telling the stories, use puppets.

---**HAND PUPPETS**: (Use socks, large car wash sponge, figures on gloves, ice cream sticks, etc.)

---**APRONS** (Background scene painted on an apron with velcro sewed on different locations on the scenery. With velcro on backside of each figure, place figures on the scenery at the appropriate moment.)

#### 6. POWER POINT

While telling the story, use the Power Point Presentation.

## 7. MOUNTED FIGURES

Tell a Bible story using mounted figures.

### 7.1 Figures mounted on poster board

- On a posterboard, design the principal scene.
  - On another posterboard, design and cut out the principal characters.
  - Mount figures onto posterboard, using cut slots, etc.
- May also move figures by using brackets or sliding figures back and forth.



### 7.2 FLANNELGRAPH FIGURES

**Make the frame:** (background, such as flannel board)

...Besides making a typical flannelgraph frame, experiment and use other materials, such as a sand paper background.

**Make the figures:** (to place and move around frame)

- ...Design or make copies of the principal characters in the story to be put on frame. Cut them out.
  - ...Experiment making silhouettes of characters and animals, using gift wrapping paper, etc.
  - ...Experiment using different types of frames and different types of material on backside of figures.
    - If the frame is made of flannel, then glue flannel, velcro, sandpaper or yarn on backside of figures.
    - If the frame is made of sandpaper, then glue flannel, felt or velcro on backside of figures.
    - If the frame is made from velcro, then glue velcro or flannel on backside of figures.
- Figures on top of other figures: To secure one figure on top of another, glue thin pieces of flannel or yarn decoratively on top of it, such as on a bed. A flannel figure of Samuel can be put on or off the bed.

Examples:

- Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-10,19)
- David and Goliath (1 Samuel 16:17-51)
- Parable: "Lost Son" (Luke 15:11-32)
- Jonah (Book of Jonah)

## 8. BACKGROUND SCENERY

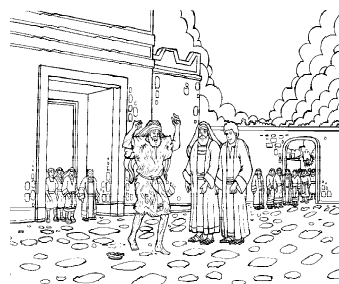
The characters stand in front of the scenery and act out the story.

---The scenery is made from paper, a sheet or other material, the size of a child or an adult.

- ...Pass the scenery onto a transparency, if using an overhead projector, or scan onto your computer.
- ..Secure the white paper, brown paper, a white sheet or other material to a wall. Another possibility is to glue old newspaper together and then paint it white.
- ...Using a computer and Power Point, or an overhead projector with a transparency, position the design the size desired onto the paper.

...With a pencil, copy the design onto the paper. Color.

**Observation:** The further the computer/projector is from the wall, the larger the design. The closer the computer/ projector is to the wall, the smaller the design.



Examples of Bible stories:

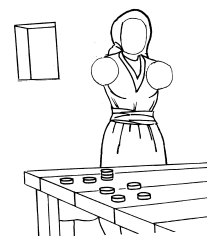
- Crippled beggar (Acts 3:1-9)
- Fishermen (Matthew 4:18-22)
- Joshua (Joshua 6)
- Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-39)

## 9. CHARACTERS DESIGNED ONTO THE SCENERY

The person stands behind the scenery, showing only his face and hands as he tells the Bible story. The listeners will only see the face and hands of the person, but the rest of the body and clothing of the Bible character is designed onto the scenery. The scenery is made as follows:

- The design may be projected onto brown paper, interfacing material, cloth or other materials, the size of a child or an adult.
- If using an overhead projector, pass the scenery with the design of the character onto a transparency. With a computer use Power Point.
- Secure the paper or other material onto a wall.
- Using a computer and Power Point, or an overhead projector and the transparency, project the desired size of the image onto the paper.
- With a pencil, copy the design onto the paper.
- Experiment to verify the position of the face and arms and then cut the face and/or arms out. Color the scenery.

**Observation:** On the side that is not shiny on interfacing material, design and pass the paint appropriate for cloth. Otherwise it will smear and spread outside the desired area. May use water base paint.



Examples of stories:

- Boy who gave his lunch to Jesus (Matthew 14:13-21 and/or John 6:5-15)
- Parable: "Lost Coin" (Luke 15:8-10)
- Jesus visits Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

## 10. OTHER EXAMPLES:

- SCARVES
- DRAMA
- PROPS

- GREETING TYPE CARD STORIES
- HAND AND BODY MOTIONS
- SOUND MACHINES (rain, thunder)