

Puppet Pal—Standing for God

Teacher: Boys and girls, let's call for Sandy, our puppet pal. Sandy! Sandy! Sandy!

Puppet: Oh, hey. I was just down at the beach picking up some seashells.

Teacher: That sounds like fun!

Puppet: Well, it usually is, but today it wasn't so great.

Teacher: Why? Did something happen?

Puppet: Yeah. Some kids I know started making fun of me.

Teacher: Just because you were picking up seashells?

Puppet: No, because they know I love God. They want me to quit talking about God so much.

Teacher: Oh. I see. So what happened?

Puppet: They called me names, and then tried to get me to steal money from the Snack Shack.

Teacher: Hmm. Did you do it?

Puppet: Nope.

Teacher: Why not?

Puppet: Because stealing is wrong. I love God, and I want to do what's right. I want to please and honor God.

Teacher: That sounds like a man in the Bible named Noah. Noah wanted to do what was right and live in a way that pleased God. And even when nobody else believed in God, or did right in God's eyes, or talked about God, or obeyed God, or stood up for God, Noah still did, by God's grace.

Puppet: Wait. You said Noah stood up for God. What does that mean? Does it mean you stand up on your legs?

Teacher: No. Standing for God doesn't mean you actually stand up. It means that you love God and obey Him and speak about Him no matter what. If every kid in your class or your neighborhood is doing wrong and making fun of you for following God, but you still do right and stay true to God, that's standing for God.

Puppet: Wow. That sounds like a really big deal. If I'm going to stand for God, I sure will need to be brave.

Teacher: Yes, you will, but God is the one who can keep you brave. You need to talk to God (that's called prayer) and ask Him to help you. The Bible gives us a good verse to pray and ask God to help us with that: Stand fast, be brave. Let's stand up and say that together. Do so.

Puppet: I'm going to ask God to help me stand for Him—even if I'm the only one!

Teacher: That's awesome, Sandy! And it's been awesome to see you, but now we're going to sing a song, so we'll see you later!

Puppet Pal—Obey Without Delay

Puppet: Come up pacing back and forth in an agitated manner.

Teacher: Hey, Sandy! What's going on?

Puppet: I can't believe it! This is so frustrating! Aaahhhh!

Teacher: What's got you so upset?

Puppet: My parents won't let me play with my friend until I clean my room.

Teacher: Well, that seems okay to me. Work before play. Sure, I understand why your parents said that.

Puppet: But they don't understand! I want to play with him this afternoon, but where will I be? Stuck in my room, cleaning.

Teacher: You know, if you'd get right to it, I bet you could be done by the time your friend gets here.

Puppet: Have you looked at my room lately? I mean, it's a disaster! My mom has been asking me to clean it for a week, but I haven't touched it.

Teacher: Oh, so you haven't been obeying your mom?

Puppet: Well, I wouldn't put it that way.

Teacher: If your mom or dad or teacher or babysitter asks you to do something, you know what God wants you to do?

Puppet: Obey?

Teacher: Yes! And not just obey, but to obey right away and with a good attitude. And God wants you to obey completely.

Puppet: What's that mean?

Teacher: It's really not obeying if you only do part of what you're supposed to do. For instance, if your mom asks you to clean your room and you only make your bed, but you leave all your clothes and toys on the floor, then that isn't really obeying.

Puppet: I see what you mean.

Teacher: Or if you delay and delay and don't obey right away, that's also a problem.

Puppet: Sort of like how I didn't clean my room earlier this week when Mom asked me to?

Teacher: Right! Or if you have a bad attitude and you grumble and complain about it.

Puppet: Uh-oh. I was grumbling and complaining a little bit ago.

Teacher: I know. I heard you.

Puppet: Why is it such a big deal to obey?

Teacher: Because the Bible tells us that if we love God, we will obey Him. And when you obey your parents, it's like obeying God, because God tells you to obey your parents. That shows you love God!

Puppet: Wow, I never thought of it like that.

Teacher: You know, we've been talking about Noah today and how he obeyed God. He didn't talk back to Him, or have a bad attitude. The Bible tells us Noah did what was right and he obeyed everything God told him to do.

Puppet: Wow, that's pretty incredible! Noah's like a superhero!

Teacher: No. He was just a guy. He made mistakes, but he did love God and want to please Him. I'm sure he talked to God all the time and asked God to help him obey.

Puppet: Maybe that's what I need to do.

Teacher: That's a great idea. Let's pray right now before we sing our fun song.

Pray, and then go into Song Time.

Puppet Pal—Gospel Presentation

Teacher: Sandy, did you hear us talking about the Ark and the big Flood?

Puppet: Yes, and that sure is incredible!

Teacher: It is, but you know what the most incredible part is?

Puppet: What?

Teacher: That God made a way for Noah and his family to be saved. They trusted God and got on the Ark, and God saved them from the Flood.

Show Poster 1: Ark Door with Cross

Puppet: We need to be saved too, don't we? Is there going to be another Flood and another Ark to get on?

Teacher: No, the Bible says there will never be another world-wide Flood. But we still need to be saved from a big problem.

Puppet: What?

Teacher: We all sin (don't obey God). And unless we become part of God's family, we will be separated from God forever.

Puppet: That sounds awful! I don't want to be separated from God and His goodness!

Teacher: Well, there's good news! God doesn't want you to be separated from Him either. He loves you and wants you to be part of His family. So just as He offered Noah a way to be saved, He offers a way for you to be saved, too.

Puppet: What's the way?

Teacher: Well, God sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus came down to Earth and was born as a baby. He lived a perfect life, but then

He died on the cross, even though He never did anything wrong.

Show Poster 2: Cross

Puppet: But why did He die on a cross, then?

Teacher: Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins we do.

Puppet: Wow, that sure was nice of Jesus to do that!

Teacher: It was amazing love! It would be as if I did something really bad and I was supposed to get in big trouble, but then my brother came and said he had taken the punishment for me instead. Wouldn't that be incredible?

Puppet: It sure would!

Teacher: And guess what's even more incredible? Jesus didn't stay dead! He came back to life!

Show Poster 3: Empty Tomb

He died and then came back to life because He loves us and wants us to be part of God's family and live with God forever someday. But to be part of God's family, we have to do something important first. We have to admit to God that we're sinners. That means we tell God we're sorry we don't obey Him. And we have to believe in Jesus.

Show Poster 4: Admit, Believe, Forever Receive

Puppet: Admit, believe, and forever receive.

Teacher: Yep! Boys and girls, if you want to learn more about becoming part of God's family, please make sure you talk to your leader or your parent or me sometime today. We'd love to talk to you more about it. Let's pray.

Puppet Pal—Counting My Blessings

Puppet: Come up talking softly to yourself and counting.

Teacher: It sounds like you're counting. Why are you doing that?

Puppet: Well, I was just counting my blessings.

Teacher: What do you mean?

Puppet: You know. Blessings. Good things God has done for me or given me. Things I want to thank God for.

Teacher: Oh, I love that idea! How many have you counted so far?

Puppet: Well, I just started, but I thought of five different foods that I want to thank God for.

Teacher: Hmm . . . I wonder what foods our friends here are thankful for. Can you guys think of any foods you want to thank God for? Take answers.

Puppet: They did a great job!

Teacher: What else would you like to thank God for?

Puppet: Well, there are some people I want to thank God for. So far, I've thought of four—my mom, my dad, my best friend, and my teacher at school.

Teacher: That's great! Boys and girls, can you think of some people to thank God for? Take answers and see who they come up with.

Puppet: And, of course, I thank God for my home, my bed, clothes, books, church, Jesus, and the Bible!

Teacher: Sandy, there's one very important thing you didn't thank God for yet.

Puppet: What's that?

Teacher: Being part of God's family. Have you thanked God lately for saving you and making you part of His family?

Puppet: I guess I didn't think to do that.

Teacher: We should never get over the fact that God loves us and made a way for us through Jesus to be in His family.

Puppet: Wow, that's true. God is soooooo wonderful and amazing. He cares for each one of us and loves us. It's the greatest blessing of all to be part of His family.

Teacher: It sure is! Why don't we take a minute right now to talk about how to be part of God's family?

Review the gospel with the kids and then move on to Song Time.

Puppet Pal—Promise Keepers

Teacher: Sandy, can you come out? Are you home?

Puppet: Come up acting sad. Here I am!

Teacher: What's wrong, Sandy? You seem sad.

Puppet: Well, Daddy promised to take me to the zoo to see the animals. But I'm wondering if we're ever going to go!

Teacher: Does Daddy normally keep his promises? Does he do what he says he'll do?

Puppet: Yes.

Teacher: Then I'm sure he'll keep this promise, too. Sounds like he's a promise keeper, like God!

Puppet: How is God a promise keeper? He's not going to take me to the zoo.

Teacher: No, but God made a promise to Noah.

Puppet: He did?

Teacher: Yep! After the Flood was over and Noah got off the Ark, God promised He would never, ever, ever flood the whole earth again. And He even put something in the sky as a reminder of that promise. Do you know what He put in the sky?

Puppet: The rainbow!

Teacher: That's right! Every time we see a rainbow in the sky, we're reminded that God keeps His promises.

Puppet: God's a promise keeper!

Teacher: You're catching on! And since God is a promise keeper, don't you think we should keep our promises, too?

Puppet: Yeah, we should!

Teacher: Keeping our promises shows we fear God, we honor Him, and we try to please Him.

Puppet: Wait! You said we should fear God. What does that mean? Does it mean to be afraid of Him?

Teacher: It means you realize how amazing and great and big and powerful God is, and that He's Someone to be listened to and obeyed. Who else can make animals from nothing? Who else can make people? Who else can control the weather? Who else can save us? Only God! We need to realize He's in charge, and we need to take Him seriously!

Puppet: Okay, that sounds important, so I won't forget. Oh, I hear my dad calling. It's time for the zoo! Hey, Daddy is a promise keeper!

Teacher: Bye, Sandy! Have fun at the zoo, and remember to fear God and be a promise keeper!