

Instructions for Story Figures, Backdrops, Underlays and Objects

Materials:

1. 3/8 in. hardwood (all story figures, animals, bases, city backdrop and objects unless other noted)
2. 1 in. hardwood (crêche; Ark of the Covenant; city blocks; Pharaoh's platform base)
3. 1/4 in. plywood (creation cards; triptych; Noah's ark; throne; candlestick; Ark of the Covenant base; tongues of fire; all small objects)
4. wooden dowels:
 - 1 in. x 4 ft. (2 handles for the scroll)
 - 1/4 in. X 2 ft. (Ark of the Covenant; small cross for the slain Lamb)
 - 1/8 in. X 2 ft. (tiny crosses for city blocks)
 - 3/8 in. x 3 ft. (4 posts on the platform to hold the awning)
5. 4 decorative handles (scroll)
6. small finishing nails (Ark of the Covenant; Noah's ark and platform; attaching stands to story figures and animals)
7. 4 eyelets (to hold 1/4 in. dowels on Ark of the Covenant)
8. 4 small hinges (triptych)
9. 2 ft. of metal chain link 1 in. wide
10. salt dough or craft dough that can be baked hard and painted (crown)
11. gold spray paint (Ark of the Covenant; throne; candlestick; flaming sword blade; scroll handles)
12. brown and black spray paint or poster paint for mountain
13. wood stain in these colors: red, light blue, dark blue, dark brown, black
14. red nail polish (blood markings on slain Lamb and Jesus figure on cross)
15. carpenter's glue
16. sandpaper, fine quality
17. spray polyurethane wood finish
18. royal purple fabric, 1 yd. (eternity underlay and Last Supper cloth)
19. print fabric (basic color green), 1/2 yd. (garden of Eden underlay)
20. print fabric (grapes/wheat if possible), 1/2 yd. (Promised Land underlay)
21. fabric, 1/8 yd. (platform awning)
22. interfacing, 2 yd.
23. light blue felt, 2 yd. (river and map)
24. dark green felt, 1 yd. (map)
25. light brown felt, 1 yd. OR soft leather, 30 in. x 22 in. (scroll)
26. fabric glue
27. blue ribbon or yarn, 1-1/2 yd. (four rivers of Mesopotâmia in desert box)
28. sand-colored card stock or cardboard sprayed sand colored (pyramid)
29. 1 sheet of purple paper
30. red tape (blood put over the door posts)
31. large rock to cover door opening of triptych (can be made of paper)
32. 10 stones
33. clean sand
34. clear plastic box with lid, 3 ft. x 2 ft. X 12 in. deep (large desert box)
35. clear plastic tray with a lip, 12 in. x 18 in. (small desert box)
36. mirror, 4 in. x 4 in.
37. basket, large to hold story figures when telling the story
38. basket, tiny to hold baby, scrolls, and Bibles
39. 3 large seeds (acorn, peach, corn etc.)
40. small drinking vessel for wine and water (can be made from clay or playdough)
41. small oil lamp (can be made from clay or playdough)
42. small hammer

Tools:

1. jigsaw
2. hammer
3. sewing machine
4. scissors, needle and thread

Single Story Figures:

Number	Basic Description	Quantity	Additional Instructions for Construction
1	shepherd with staff	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
2	male with right hand extended	2	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
3 a (large) 3b (small)	male with left hand extended	1 1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray. Small figure is used in Noah's ark story as Noah.
4	priest	6	Cut and sand. Position 4 figures with the poles holding the Ark of the Covenant on their shoulders on the base (pattern # 42 e). Trace positions on the base. Remove the figures and finish with polyurethane. Nail each one to the base. Move as one unit across the Jordan River.
5	male with 2 hands extended	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
6	male seated	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
7	male with no hands extended	2	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
8	soldier	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
9	John the Baptist	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
10	Jesus with hands down	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
11	Jesus on the cross	1	Cut and sand. Paint blood marks with red nail polish on wrists and ankles on both sides of the story figure. Finish with polyurethane spray. Story figure is nailed to the cross.
12	angel	4	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
13	Pharaoh	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
14	young boy	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
15	Adam	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
16	modern boy	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
17	woman with 2 hands extended	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
18 a (large) 18 b (small)	woman with 1 hand extended	2 1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray. Small figure is used in Noah's ark story as Noah's wife.
19	woman seated	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
20	figure on donkey	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
21	young girl	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
22	Eve	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
23	modern girl	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
24	baby	1	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray.

Group Story Figures:

Number	Basic Description	Quantity	Additional Instructions for Construction
25a (large)	double-group figures	3	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
25b (small)		3	Small figures are used in Noah's ark story as Noah's sons and their wives.
26	triple-group figures	4	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
27	multi-group figures	3	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.

Animals:

Number	Basic Description	Quantity	Additional Instructions for Construction
28	sheep	5	Cut and sand. No base is needed. Finish with polyurethane spray.
29	slain Lamb	1	Cut and sand. No base is needed. Finish with polyurethane spray. Drill a hole as per pattern at an angle to hold the cross (pattern 44) made from 1/4 in. doweling. Paint a blood mark on chest with red nail polish on both sides
30	camel (large)	1	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. No base is needed.
31	serpent	1	Cut, sand, and nail onto base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
32 a	dove (large)	1	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. Glue a plastic hook on the back of the large dove so that dove can hang over the edge of the triptych.
32 b	dove (small)	1	
33	bear	2	Cut and sand. No base is needed. Finish with polyurethane spray.
34	moose	2	Cut and sand. No base is needed. Finish with polyurethane spray.
35	camel (small)	2	Cut and sand. No base is needed. Finish with polyurethane spray.

Objects:

Number	Basic Description	Quantity	Additional Instructions for Construction
36 a, b, c	throne	1	Cut out the pieces. Sand. Glue back to the seat. Glue both sides to back and seat. Spray paint gold. Finish with polyurethane spray.
37 a, b	candlestick	1	Cut, sand, and glue candlestick to base. Spray paint gold. Finish with polyurethane spray.
38	heart	1	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray.
39 a, b	tree of life and base	1	Cut, sand, and glue tree to base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
40 a, b	tree of knowledge and base	1	Cut, sand, and glue tree to base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
41 a, b	palm tree and base	1	Cut, sand, and glue tree to base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
42 a, b, c, d, e	Ark of the Covenant; 2 angels; 2 poles; and base	1	Cut, sand, and nail pieces together. Screw 2 eyelets on both sides. Spray paint gold. Cut dowels and spray paint gold. Nail 4 priests onto the base. (See directions with pattern #4.) Finish all with polyurethane.
43 a, b	cross (large) and base	1	Cut, sand, and glue cross to base. Finish with polyurethane spray.
44	cross (small for slain Lamb)	1	Cut from 1/4 in. doweling and nail together to form a cross. Finish with polyurethane spray.

45	crown	1	Mold from salt dough. Bake and spray paint gold.
46	cloud	1	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray.
47	burning bush	1	Cut, sand, and stain with red wood stain. Finish with polyurethane.
48	tongues of fire	1	Cut, sand, and stain with red wood stain. Finish with polyurethane.
49 a, b	crèche	1	Cut from 7/8 in. wood and shape bottom as per pattern. Sand and spray with polyurethane.
51 a, b, c, d	boat with small figure inside	1	Cut from 3/4 in. wood. Carve out interior. Drill a hole for mast. Sand and finish with polyurethane. Glue a paper sail to the mast and glue small figure inside.
52a	Bibles (small)	6	Print pattern (last page) for 6 Bible covers. Cut each one, leaving the white paper to the left of the cover attached. Fold so that the white paper becomes the pages inside each Bible. Fold in half and staple.
52b	scrolls (small)	6	Cut parchment paper into 6 pieces 5 in. x 3 in. Roll into scrolls and tape or tie each one.
53 a, b	pyramid	1	Enlarge the pattern on duplicating machine. Cut from sand-colored card stock or cardboard and glue.
54	Ten Commandments	1	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray.
55 a	covered platform base	1	Cut four posts each 8-1/2 in. x 3/8 in. and glue to the four corners of the platform. Finish with polyurethane. Fold a piece of purple construction paper 8-1/4 in. x 4-1/4 in. so that it lays flat on top of the poles and has a 3/4 in. overhang on all sides. Cut a piece of royal purple fabric the same size as the paper. Tack onto the paper and place on the top of the poles for an awning.
55 b	platform posts	4	
56	sun; loaves of bread	5	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the sun for the creation story.
57	flaming sword	2	Cut and sand. Cover the fire portion of the object. Spray paint the sword gold. Stain the fire with red wood stain. Finish with polyurethane.
58 a	city blocks & Tower of Babel	10	Cut blocks 1-1/2 in. x 1-1/2 in. x 3/8 in.. Sand and finish with polyurethane. Drill small holes in 5 blocks to insert small crosses (pattern #44) to symbolize churches in the cities.
58 b	crosses (tiny)	5	
59	creation cards	9	Cut cards 5 in. x 5 in. and sand. Stain: 1 yellow; 1 light blue; 1 black; 3 dark brown; 3 medium blue
60	arch	1	Cut, sand, and stain light blue.. Finish with polyurethane spray.
61	bird	2	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the small creation objects.
62	fish (large)	2	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the small creation objects.
63	fish (small)	2	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the small creation objects.
64	moon	1	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the small creation objects.
65	stars	3	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the small creation objects.
66	flower	2	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the small creation objects.
67	tree (evergreen)	2	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the small creation objects.
68	tree (deciduous)	2	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the small creation objects.
69	butterfly	2	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray. You may want to paint the small creation objects.
70	Adam and Eve (small)	2	Cut, sand, and finish with polyurethane spray.

Backdrops:

Number	Basic Description	Quantity	Additional Instructions for Construction
71 a, b & c	triptych	1	Cut the two side panels so they are 3-4 inches shorter than the middle panel. Sand and finish with polyurethane. Attach two small hinges to hold each side panel to the center panel.
72	city backdrop	1	Cut, sand, nail onto base, and finish with polyurethane spray.
73	Noah's ark (patterns below)	1	The scale is 1/2 inch = 1 inch, except 73b, 73g and 73h, which are full sized. Cut, sand, and nail pieces together. May be stained if preferred. Finish with polyurethane spray. (For a full scale model of the ark, add a 36 in. section long to the middle of the ark.)
73 a	ark roof	1	Bevel (angle) 12 degrees from the center to the outer edge.
73b	ark roof supports	5	Pattern is full sized. Space the 5 roof supports equally on top.
73c	ark roof top	1	Bevel (angle) 12 degrees from 3/4 in. center to edge. Nail roof top to the five roof supports.
73d	ark end panels	2	
73e	ark side panels	2	Cut a 2 inch by 2-1/2 inch opening in one side only for the door.
73f	ark bottom	1	
73g	roof top guides	4	Pattern is full sized. Nail near each corner of the roof top (73c) to keep it in place.
73h	ark door/ramp	1	Pattern is full sized. Door also serves as the ramp for entry. Nail a small nail for a door knob.

Instructions for Making Wooden Story Figures:

1. Cut out patterns. Lay patterns out on wood before cutting. Trace around each pattern with a dark pencil.
2. Cut all story figures and city backdrop from 3/8 in. solid hardwood—the harder, the more durable!
3. Cut triptych, tongues of fire, Ark of the Covenant and base, throne and candlestick from 1/4 in. plywood.
4. Do not paint faces and other features on the figures. They are intentionally left natural without features or color to enable the children to cultivate their imaginations.
5. Paint or stain only those objects as instructed.
6. Sand each figure. Spray several coats of polyurethane to preserve and keep clean.
7. Stands should be made for each figure by cutting a block of wood and routing a groove the thickness of the story figures. Nail story figures into their stands for stability.

Instructions for Making Cardboard Story Figures:

1. Figures can also be made by using cardstock or cardboard that you have first laminated.
2. Paint only those objects as instructed, before you laminate them.
3. Stands can be made from large binder clips. Put story figure in the clip and then remove the handles.

Underlays:

Number	Basic Description	Quantity	Additional Instructions for Construction
74 a,b,c,d	map of the Roman Empire	1	See directions below.
75	scroll	1	Glue the handles to both ends of each 2 ft. dowel. Spray paint gold. Spray with polyurethane finish. Glue felt or leather completely around both dowels. Let dry. Roll as an ancient scroll from both ends to the middle.
76	Eternity underlay	1	See directions below.
77	garden of Eden underlay	1	See directions below.
78	blue felt water	1	See directions below.
79 a	desert box (large)	1	See directions below.
79 b	desert box (small)	1	
80	Promised Land underlay	1	See directions below.

Instructions for Making Underlays:

1. Scroll:

Size: 30 in. (at least) x 22 in.

Fabric: 48 in. length (or 2 pieces each 24 in. long) of 1 in wooden dowels; 4 wooden decorative handles; gold spray paint; 30 in. x 22 in. piece of soft leather or rust colored felt.

Instructions: Cut the doweling in half (two 24 in. long dowels). Glue a decorative handle on both ends of each dowel. Spray paint gold. When dry, glue the leather or felt to each dowel, covering the wood completely. Let dry. Iron the felt and roll like a scroll.

2. Eternity Underlay:

Size: 12 in. diameter when finished

Fabric: Cut two 13 in. circles from royal purple fabric and one 13 in. circle of interfacing.

Instructions: Place two fabric circles right sides together. Lay interfacing circle on top. Pin and machine stitch around the circle, leaving a small opening. Trim and turn right side out. Stitch closing by hand. Iron. Store rolled around a paper towel roll.

3. Garden of Eden Underlay

Size: 16 in. square when finished

Fabric: Cut two 17 in. squares of patterned green fabric and one 17 in. square of interfacing.

Instructions: Place two fabric squares right sides together. Lay interfacing square on top. Pin and machine stitch around the square, leaving a small opening. Trim and turn right side out. Stitch closing by hand. Iron. Store rolled around a paper towel roll.

4. Promised Land Underlay:

Size: 26 in. x 15 in. rectangle when finished

Fabric: Cut two 27 in. x 16 in. rectangles of brightly patterned fabric (ours has grapes and wheat) and one 27 in. x 16 in. rectangle of interfacing.

Instructions: Place two fabric rectangles right sides together. Lay interfacing rectangle on top. Pin and machine stitch around the rectangle, leaving a small opening. Trim and turn right side out. Stitch closing by hand. Iron. Store rolled around a paper towel roll.

5. Red Sea and Jordan River:

Size: 24 in. x 12 in.

Fabric: Light blue felt

Instructions: Cut the felt in half, so that you can “part” the Red Sea and the Jordan River. Iron. Store rolled around a paper towel roll.

6. Map of the Roman Empire:

Size: 26 in. x 21 in.

Fabric: Light blue felt (26 in. x 21 in.) and dark green felt (23 in. x 19 in.)

Instructions: Pin pattern on green felt and cut around all shore lines and islands. Iron both pieces of felt before gluing together. Spray wrong side of green felt pieces with spray fabric glue. Using the map as a guide, glue the continents and islands onto the blue felt. Leave a blue 1-1/2 in. border on all sides. When dry, iron again on the wrong side. Do not fold. Store rolled around a paper towel roll.

7. Desert Boxes:

Large: Locate a clear plastic box with a lid approximately 36 in. x 24 in. x 12 in. deep. Fill with clean sand. Store sand covered.

Small: Locate a clear plastic tray with a lip that measures approximately 12 in. x 18 in.in size. Fill with sand from large box.

Objects without Patterns:

Number	Basic Description	Quantity	Instructions
81	seeds	3	Large seeds such as acorns or peach seeds work well.
82	rocks (small)	12	Find small rocks to build an altar.
83	rock (large)	1	Measure opening in the door in the triptych and find a rock that will cover it.
84	metal chain	24 in.	Purchase chain link.
85	blue yarn or ribbon	3 strands	Using the map in the lesson plan, cut three strands of ribbon. Arrange in the sand to represent four Mesopotamia rivers.

86	mountain (papier mâche)	I	See recipe and directions that follow below.
87	basket (large)	I	Purchase a large basket to hold the story figures and objects for storytelling.
88	basket (tiny)	I	Find a small basket in a craft store or weave one from straw or reeds to hold baby Moses, loaves of Bread & fish, scrolls, and small Bibles.
89	rectangular cloth	I	Cut a piece of royal purple cloth 15 in. x 5 in. Hem on all sides. Use for Last Supper.
90	mirror	I	4 in. x 4 in.
91	oil lamp	I	Fashion from clay or play dough. (Use examples from FML Introductory Unit art lesson #3.)
92	small drinking vessel	I	Fashion from clay or play dough and fill with water.

Instructions for Making a Papier-Mâche Mountain:

1. Tape three large empty plastic drink containers together for the mountain structure (approximately 15 in. to 18 in. high).
2. Two-thirds of the way up one of the bottles, fashion a ledge upon which the Moses story figure can stand.
3. Make papier-mâche mix and mold to the outside of the taped bottles. Form peaks on two of the bottle tops to look like mountain peaks.
4. After mountain dries thoroughly, spray paint with various shades of brown and black or brush on poster or acrylic paint.

Papier-Mâche Recipe:

Combine undiluted liquid starch with shredded paper from a paper shredder or shred newspaper by hand.

	Holy Bible
	Bible Sainte
	圣经
	Santa Biblia
	Bíblia Sagrada
	Святая Библия