

SHOP & PREP



WEEK 1

SCRIPTURE | Esther 2:1–18 (Scene I. Esther Becomes Queen)

- WHAT TO GET:
 - For puppets:
 - Plastic straws
 - Large wooden beads
 - Small beads
 - Pipe cleaners
 - String or elastic cord
 - 12" bamboo skewers or wooden dowels
 - Colored paper or modeling clay
 - For theater:
 - Cardboard sheet
 - Boxcutter or X-Acto knife
 - String
 - Duct tape
 - Red cloth napkins
- WHAT TO PREP: Follow [these instructions](#) to create a marionette for each of the main characters for each week's Bible story. Add hair and accessories (like crowns) using colored paper or modeling clay. For the [cardboard theater](#), cut out a rectangle from a cardboard sheet. On the back, attach a length of string and secure the ends with duct tape. Drape two red cloth napkins on either side and pull each side and tie with string. Prop the theater up by creating a base ([like this](#)) using excess cardboard and duct tape.

SNACK | Intermission!

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Crackers or cookies
 - Plates
 - Napkins
 - Play money (optional)
- WHAT TO PREP: You can set up a concession stand for kids to come trade their play money for their snacks.

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Plastic crown
 - Puppets from Bible story

ACTIVITY | Paper Crown Craft

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Paper plates
 - Washable tempera paint
 - Paintbrushes
 - Scissors
 - Crayons, markers, other drawing tools
 - Glue or glue dots
 - Decorative accents: (Gem stickers, foam stickers, buttons, pom poms, buttons, puffy stickers, etc.)
 - Safety scissors
- WHAT TO PREP: Fold each plate in half and [draw three cutting lines](#) on the back in advance so it's easy for leaders (or older preschoolers) to cut.

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Crayons or markers
 - Printable
- WHAT TO PREP: Print a coloring page for each kid.

ACTIVITY | Queen Esther's Crown Jewels

- Pipe cleaners
- Large beads

ACTIVITY | Cardboard Puppet Theater

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Cardboard box
 - Paint, crayons, markers, and other decorating utensils
 - Toy people
- WHAT TO PREP: Here's [an example](#) of what this activity might look like.

WEEK 2

SCRIPTURE | Esther 3:1–6; 6:1–11 (Scene II. Mordecai and Haman)

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Puppets and theater from Week 1
- WHAT TO PREP: Create an extra puppet for the character of Haman.

SNACK | Intermission!

- WHAT TO GET:
 - String cheese or fruit leather

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Puppets from Bible story
- WHAT TO PREP: Prepare to show [this video](#) of kids helping others.

ACTIVITY | Paper Plate Faces

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Paper plates
 - Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- WHAT TO PREP: Show them [this image](#).

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Crayons or markers
 - Printable
- WHAT TO PREP: Print a coloring page for each kid.

ACTIVITY | Make Something Good

- WHAT TO GET:
 - [Crayola Model Magic Clay](#)

ACTIVITY | Hoppin' Behind the Scenes

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Masking tape
 - Mini beanbags
- WHAT TO PREP: Create a few hopscotch patterns on the floor of your space using masking tape.

WEEK 3

ACTIVITY | Crossing the Stage

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Paper or aluminum foil
- WHAT TO PREP: Shred the paper or aluminum foil before kids arrive.

SCRIPTURE | Esther 3:8–4:17 (Scene III. Mordecai Asks Esther to Help)

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Puppets and theater from previous weeks

ACTIVITY | Stagehand Soccer

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Playground ball

SNACK | Intermission!

- WHAT TO GET:
 - [Bugles](#)
 - Paper cones or sugar cones to serve the snacks in (optional)

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Stuffed animal

ACTIVITY | Sending Support

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Paper
 - Drawing utensils
 - Ribbon
- WHAT TO PREP: Pre-cut strips of ribbon before this activity. (See a worked example [here](#).)

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Crayons or markers
 - Printable
- WHAT TO PREP: Print a coloring page for each kid.

ACTIVITY | Shaving Cream Set Design

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Shaving cream
 - Plastic trays
 - Wooden popsicle sticks
 - Paintbrushes
 - Aprons (optional)

ACTIVITY | Building the Set

- WHAT TO GET:
 - LEGO DUPLO blocks

WEEK 4

ACTIVITY | Be Our Guest

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Play food and dinnerware
- WHAT TO PREP: Cue the song, "[Be Our Guest](#)" from the movie, "Beauty and the Beast."

ACTIVITY | Peace Freeze Dance

- WHAT TO PREP: Cue some fun, upbeat music.

SCRIPTURE | Esther 5:1–8, 7:1–6; 8:1–8 (Scene IV. Esther Talks to the King)

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Puppets and theater from previous weeks

ACTIVITY | Peace Parachute

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Parachute or large sheet
 - Stuffed animal

SNACK | Intermission!

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Goldfish crackers
 - Plates or napkins

ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- WHAT TO GET:
 - A personal item that represents peace

ACTIVITY | Magnificent Marionettes

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Popsicle sticks
 - Glue
 - Coloring utensils
 - Scissors
- WHAT TO PREP: Show [this video](#) to recap the story of Esther. Check out these puppet templates ([here](#) and [here](#)) for examples to replicate. (See a worked example [here](#).)

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- WHAT TO GET:
 - Crayons or markers
 - Printable
- WHAT TO PREP: Print a coloring page for each kid.

ACTIVITY | Stick Figure Spotlight

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - [Wiki Sticks](#) (various colors)
- **WHAT TO PREP:** Make an example for the kids to see ahead of time before they begin. (See a worked example [here.](#))

ACTIVITY | Peaceful Scene

- **WHAT TO GET:**
 - Large tub
 - [Kinetic sand](#)
 - Beach toys
 - Buckets
 - Shovels