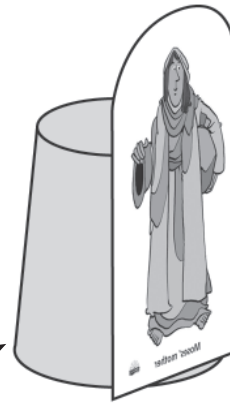


# Options for Story Figures

Using story figures provided in the teacher's guide or the story figures\* on Shine's Extras webpage:

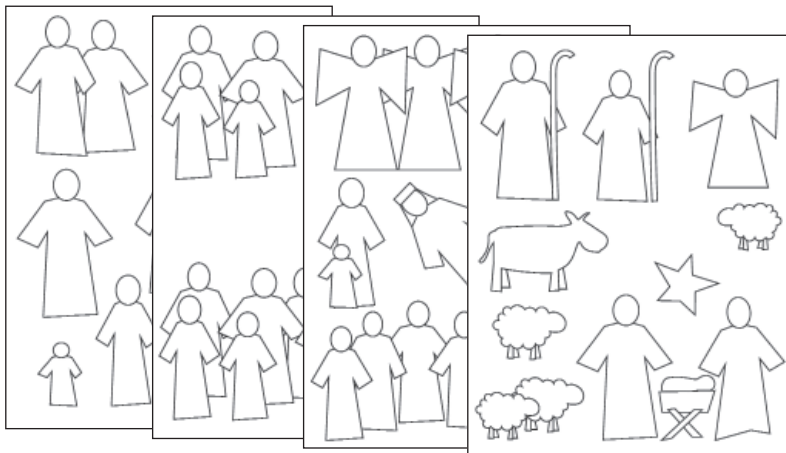
1. Print the story figures on card stock and cut apart OR print on paper and paste onto cardboard and cut apart.
2. Laminate the story figures or use packing tape to cover the front and back of each piece to make them sturdier.
3. Use one of the methods below to make the story figures stand upright.
  - *Paper cup method:* Turn the cup upside down. Tape a story figure to a paper cup.
  - *Wooden block method:* Tape each story figure to a block.
  - *Craft stick or wooden clothes pin method:* Tape or glue each story figure onto the craft stick or wooden clothes pin and then stick in clay or play dough. (A play dough recipe is available in a separate document on Shine's Extras webpage.)
  - *Paper towel or toilet paper roll:* Cut the roll so that it is 2 in / 5 cm tall. Next cut two slits in the top of the roll about half way down. The story figure can be slid into the slits and stand in the cardboard ring.



\*There are two files with story figures on the Extras webpage:

**Color generic story figures:** Cut on the bold line around the story figure or story figure group.

**Black & white generic story figures:** Cut around the story figure or story figure group on the outer most line or in the white space.



### Using generic story figure patterns:



1. These story figures do not have faces and can be non-gender specific so they can become many characters over a quarter. This will prompt children to use their imagination as they listen to the story.
2. Cut story figures out of craft foam, cardboard, card stock, or wood. Choose a neutral color (tan, brown, black, cream, white). Patterns can be found in the document, “Wooden story figure patterns and instructions,” on Shine’s Extras webpage. Consider enlarging the patterns for young children to make them easier to handle.
3. Wooden and craft foam story figures can stand up on their own, while card stock and cardboard story figures can be upright using the methods described on the previous page.

### Using flat story figures on flat surfaces:

1. Lay story figures flat on the floor or table. Move them around on the horizontal surface. Different colored cloths or paper can be helpful to designate multiple locations.
2. Attach a self-adhesive magnet to the back of each story figure. Hold a cookie sheet or small magnetic dry erase board vertically and move them on the magnetic surface.

### Creating story figures out of paper towel or toilet paper rolls, or rolled and taped card stock:



1. Glue construction paper or fabric around the bottom two-thirds of the roll to make a “robe.”
2. Leave the top third of the roll bare, to represent the person’s head.
3. Add a strip of paper or cloth over the top of the roll to form a Bible-times head covering.

### Other do-it-yourself story figure ideas:

1. Draw stick figures of the Bible characters on a board or chalkboard.
2. Use spools of thread of various colors and sizes as people story figures.
3. Cut story figures out of felt and use on a flannel covered piece of cardboard or a flannelgraph.
4. Create clothespin story figures with chenille stems (arms) and cloth pieces (robes and head coverings). Push the “legs” into a small clump of clay so the story figure can stay upright.