

Instructions for making wooden story figures



Use the story figure patterns on the next page to create wooden story figure to use for telling Bible stories. Make one or more sets for each classroom. Many stories are told with wooden figures, and children can retell the story using an extra set.

1. The story figure patterns on the next page will fit on a standard 1 x 4 piece of lumber. The board should be a *minimum* of $\frac{3}{4}$ in / 2 cm thick for story figure stability.
2. Use various types of wood so story figures have a diversity of colors. Use wood that may have an interesting grain pattern or color. Suitable soft woods include:
 - pine
 - mahogany
 - walnut
 - cherry
 - soft maple
3. Tape the patterns to the wood with double-sided tape and cut out figures with a scroll saw. Use a sharp blade in your scroll saw for operator safety and to reduce the amount of sanding required.
4. If the story figures do not stand well, sand the bottom to form a flat surface.
5. To finish your story figures, use a food-safe or food-grade oil finish that is available at most hardware or lumber stores, these oil finishes are safe for children. *Do not use* paint, polyurethane, shellac, varnish, or stain. Avoid finishes that may be toxic for use by children.



