

Guidelines to Present Scripted Bible Stories Effectively

1. Simply read the lines; the aim is not to perform but to relive key Bible events. Keep skits simple and brief, and do them often.
2. Avoid costumes and props; they can distract from the spiritual message.
3. Skits take only two to five minutes, unless noted otherwise.
4. Everyone takes part, children and adults. You need no audience: those who receive no script are Echoes who repeat a prompter's brief words.
5. More children than adults attend house churches around the world, and must take an active part in worship to know they are actual members of the body.
6. Let older kids prepare the younger.
7. Women can take men's parts and men can take women's, if necessary.
9. Ask discussion questions afterwards, such as:
 - What did you learn about God?
 - What did you learn about people?
 - What will you do about it this week?
 - To whom will you repeat the story?
 - What did you do last week to apply last week's lesson?
 - To whom did you repeat last week's story?