

Teacher announces to the class that Len and Lucy are around somewhere but they don't know it's time to start Bible Club. "We'd better call them. "Len . . .," "Lucy""

Len and Lucy appear.

TEACHER: Oh, there you are. It's time to start Bible Club now Len and Lucy. We are going to be learning about the Parables of Christ!

LEN: Parable? What does that mean?! I remember that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem to be the savior of the world but I didn't know He had parables!

LUCY: Oh I know! We learned this at Church! A parable is a short little STORY which teaches a lesson!

TEACHER: Very good, Lucy!! You are right! We are going to be learning about Jesus' parables.

LEN: What are Jesus' short little stories about?

TEACHER: They are stories that Jesus told to help people understand the TRUTH.

LUCY: But why didn't Jesus just tell the Truth? Why did He use parables?

TEACHER: Well Jesus said the truth all the time but have you ever watched a movie or read a story book? Sometimes it helps us to understand something if we hear it in a story. Jesus told stories that the people could relate to.

LEN: It's like Jesus was showing the people a movie about the truth instead of just saying it!

TEACHER: Parables are like gifts. They are something special that Jesus gave to us to make our lives better.

LUCY: What happens if we don't understand the truth of the parable?

TEACHER: Sometimes the parable is like a gift that has lots of wrapping paper on it. Each layer shows something beautiful about God but it might take a little bit to get to the main gift or the main truth.

LEN: I want to know what these parables are so I can have the gift of Truth!

TEACHER: Me too! I am so happy you are excited. Let's begin with the Parable of the Sower and the Seed.

LEN and Lucy: OK!

(They leave). Teacher proceeds with lesson.

Parables

Puppet Skit—Week 2



Len is holding a rock. Make sure the rock is flat (whether it is real or made from paper).

Voice: Len and Lucy are waiting for the school bus in the morning before school.

Len: Where IS our bus? Maybe it broke down.

Lucy: I think all the tires went flat and Mr. James is in the bus garage trying to pump them up, but it will take too long so we will have to miss school. Let's go home.

Len: No, I'm sure he'll come. Hey, Lucy, Look at this rock I found.

Lucy: Wow! That's a great rock! You could build something right on top of it!

Len: Hey, that reminds me of a Bible story Jesus told. The Wise Man who built his house on the rock!

Lucy: A house on a rock, what's so special about that?

Len: It's one of the parables Jesus told the people. Do you remember what a parable is, Lucy?

Lucy: I think so. A parable is a short story that teaches a lesson, we learned that last week.

Len: Right! That's great that you remembered, Lucy.

Lucy: But what could be so important about a rock that Jesus told a story about it?

Len: A rock is a firm place to build a house and Jesus is telling the people that He is like a rock because He is a firm place to build their life - house.

Lucy: What's a life - house, Len?

Len: It's how you live your life. Jesus gave us some instructions on how we are to live our lives and when we obey these instructions, our lives are built strongly and securely on them. It's like these instructions from Jesus are the rock of our life - house.

Lucy: OK, it's getting a little complicated. How about if we ask (name of Bible Club teacher) to explain it more. Maybe that will help.

Len: Good idea. I'm sure she will be able to help us out! I'm going to show her my rock. Maybe she can use it to help us understand better. Well, what do you know. Here comes Big Yellow right now! See you at Bible Club later!

(Len and Lucy Exit)

Parables

Puppet Skit—Week 3



You will need Len, Lucy and the Teacher. Len appears holding a candy bar wrapper. Lucy appears.

Lucy: Hi, Len. What's that you're eating?

Len: It's my candy bar. *(Or whatever it is.)*

Lucy: It looks good!

Len: It is good!

Lucy: Can I have some?

Len: No.

Lucy: Please?

Len: Uh-uh. *(Shakes his head - no.)*

Lucy: C'mon. Just a little.

Len: *(A little louder.)* I said NO!

Lucy: Pretty please with sugar on it?

Len: *(Loudly)* NO! Now go away, you're pestering me.

Lucy: No! Not until you give me a piece!

Len: *(Breaks off a piece and gives her some.)* O.K., here! Now maybe you'll leave me alone!! *(Len leaves.)*

Teacher: *(To Lucy.)* Well, now, Lucy, what was that all about?

Lucy: Len got all mad because he said I was pestering him to get a piece of his candy bar.

Teacher: Were you pestering him?

Lucy: Well, maybe, but how else would I get a piece?

Teacher: I don't know. But this sort of reminds me of the parable story we're having in Bible Club. I was just thinking how we can come to God and ask Him over and over for something and He won't get angry at us for pestering Him! In fact, He wants us to come to Him and ask Him for things we need.

Lucy: Really?

Teacher: Yes, it's called prayer. God wants us to come to Him in prayer. We don't have to be afraid of bothering Him.

Lucy: *(Reverently.)* Wow! God is really great! Much nicer than that mean old Len!

Teacher: Oh, Lucy, don't be so hard on Len. Maybe if you share your snack with him, he'll be more willing to share with you!

Lucy: Well, maybe I'll give it a try. See you later!

(Lucy Exits)

(Len and Lucy are building a snow fort.)

Lucy: This is going to be the tallest, best snow fort in the world. We might even get our picture in the (local paper.)

Len: Yes, It is getting so tall we might need to rent one of those lifts that move people up to fix telephone lines so we can pile up our snow blocks!'

Lucy: Right. Then we will have a party and invite the whole neighborhood for hot chocolate and you can make chocolate chip cookies.

Len: ME? I don't think I am so good at that yet.

Lucy: Oh, Len, you can do it. We have to remember to invite all the kids, not leave any out. We can call it a "Snow Celebration Day." Do you think it will be OK with your Mom to pack us all into your house?

Len: Well . . . maybe. (*Pause while he thinks.*) We could always have the party in the garage.

Lucy: I'm thinking. Mrs. (name of Bible Club teacher) said that this week we are having a story in Bible Club about a party. Maybe some of the kids from the party will want to come along to Bible Club.

Len: Great idea. Now about the snow party. You invite all the girls and I will invite all the boys. Tell them they HAVE to wear REALLY WARM CLOTHES because I think the party WILL be in our garage.

Lucy: We'll have a great time. I hope everyone we invite will come. What if they don't want to come, Len?

Len: Then we'll just go out and invite some more kids. I'm sure we'll have a great party and those who don't want to come will just miss out on the best party of their lives!

Lucy: Wow! This is going to be great! I can't wait! Len, will you push the sled over to me? I need to get some more snow for the snow fort. Be back in a minute. Then we can plan the party some more!

(Lucy leaves.)

Len: OK. If 100 kids come, they each need three cookies. I have to bake 300 chocolate chip cookies!! (*Len leaves yelling*) MOM!!

Parables

Puppet Skit—Week 5



Len and Lucy are both looking in the same direction at the imaginary action taking place.

Len: Look, Lucy! There's that old lady, Gladys, walking over there. (*Nods or points.*)

Lucy: All the kids say she's mean!

Len: Yeah, she shouts at kids and tells them they had better behave!

Lucy: I guess some kids tease her.

Len: Oh, no! Look! She's carrying that big bag of groceries and it's starting to rip!

Lucy: (*Laughs.*) Boy, that's funny! Groceries rolling all over!

Len: It's probably not funny to her! C'mon let's go help her!

Lucy: You've got to be kidding! Why should we help her? She'll probably just yell at us anyway.

Len: Well, we should help her. I think it is something Jesus would do!

Lucy: Look, here comes Mr. Star. He works at the city offices. He'll help her.

Len: Well, what do you know! He crossed over to the other side of the street and pretended he didn't see her.

Lucy: Oh, here comes Mrs. Snip. She works at the church. She'll help her.

Len: That's what we thought! She's crossing the street too! No one will help Gladys. C'mon, Lucy, we've got to help her. She can't get all the groceries picked up.

Lucy: Well, all right. I guess we'd better go help her.

Len and Lucy walk off.

Offstage voice: Well, thank you, children. I'm sure glad you stopped to help me when no one else would. You two are Good Samaritans. Why don't you come over to my house for some cookies and juice?

Len and Lucy reappear.

Lucy: I'm so glad we went to help her. She really is a nice lady after all. I wonder what she meant when she kept calling us Good Martians, though. Does she really think we came from outer space?

Len: No, Lucy! She said Good Sa-mar-i-tan. A Good Samaritan is someone who helps someone else, like we did. There's a story about it in the Bible. It's one of the parables.

Lucy: Oh, then, maybe we'll hear about it in Bible Club someday!

Len: We probably will! See you later, Lucy.

Puppets leave.

Note: Cut out the words Humble and Exalt (included with the teacher help sheet) and attach to a stick or pencil.

Len: *(Puppets come up.)* Hi, Lucy, what's up?

Lucy: I am thinking about Bible Club. HOMEWORK. We absolutely, positively, should NOT have homework for Bible Club. That's what I think!

Len: Did you get a study word too?

Lucy: Yes. What is yours?

Len: Just a minute, I will get it. *(Len goes down and comes up with word HUMBLE on a stick.)* HUMBLE.

Lucy: Humble. HUMBLE! That's an easy one. Didn't you learn about that from Wilbur in Charlotte's Web?

Len: I KNOW what it means. But I think it was easier for Wilbur than for me. Sometimes I think I'm kind of cool and I think I'm better than other kids.

Lucy: You do? *(Silence.)* Yeah, I guess you do. Sometimes you EXALT yourself.

Len: EXALT MYSELF? Whoa! Are you a walking dictionary or what, Lucy? You think YOU'RE SOME THING, using big words like that! Brainy girl!

Lucy: *(Goes down to get her "EXALT" word on a stick and comes back up.)* Well, Len, it's my word that I have to explain at Bible Club. EXALT means to praise and honor yourself and to be filled up with pride. Sometimes you do exalt yourself, but I do too, and I feel badly about it.

Len: I like my word HUMBLE better than yours.

Lucy: What are you going to tell the kids it means?

Len: I think if you are humble you know you are not better than anyone else and you admit that sometimes you do wrong things.

Lucy: I think you are humble most of the time, Len.

Len: Thank you, Lucy. I wonder how these words will fit in the Bible Club lesson?

Lucy: I don't know. I sure hope _____ *(Name of Bible Club teacher)* doesn't get in the habit of giving us home work! See you later at Bible Club!

(Puppets exit.)

Len: *(Visibly Distressed)* Come on Len, pull yourself together, you can do it!

Lucy: Hi Len, what's up?

Len: Hi Lucy, I'm trying to stay away from temptation, but it is not so easy!

Lucy: Tempera... Tempten.... Tem what?!

Len: Temptation. It's when there's something you shouldn't do but you really want to!

Lucy: Oh, what is it that you really want to do?

Len: I want to eat the pie that is cooling on our kitchen counter! My Grandma said not to eat it until she came back to cut me a piece but I really want a piece now!

Lucy: So you're tempted to eat it now even though your Grandma said to wait. Do you know why she said to wait, Len?

Len: I don't know for sure but it probably has something to do with the pie being too hot or me not being old enough to use a knife yet; my Grandma is always trying to keep me safe and she did say I will be able to eat the pie later.

Lucy: So what's the problem. Why don't you just wait until she comes back.

Len: That's what I want to do but I sure am tempted to take a small bite of the pie now!

Lucy: How about you pray to God to help you Len?

Len: Pray to God about pie? That sounds kind of silly.

Lucy: It's not silly Len. In Bible Club we learned that God wants us to pray a certain way and He said to ask Him for help when we are having a hard time staying away from sin.

Len: So God wants me to ask Him for the strength to not eat the pie until Grandma says it is okay?

Lucy: Yes! By asking God you are focusing on what He wants instead of what you want and you are basically saying that God is in charge, not you, and that's a great thing because God knows way more than you and I can ever know.

Len: That's true Lucy! Even though we are pretty smart, God is a billion times smarter! Thanks for reminding me to pray Lucy, that's what I'm going to go do instead of freaking out about the pie. God will help me do what is right.

(Puppets exit.)

(Put up crown symbol from God's Story on the flannelboard)

Len and Lucy appear.

Lucy: Hi, Len.

Len: Hi, Lucy. (They look down and notice the crown on the flannelboard.)

Lucy: Hey, Len. What's that crown doing there?

Len: I don't know. I just noticed it too. Maybe it has to do with a king or something.

Lucy: Isn't it beautiful.

Len: I guess so.

Lucy: Why do kings wear crowns anyway?

Len: So everyone will know they are the KING and everyone will know they are IMPORTANT!

Lucy: I wonder why the President doesn't wear a crown?

Len: Because he/she isn't a king. Some countries had kings and queens and still do, but ours doesn't. We have a president, and he/she is not a king.

Lucy: Too bad. (*Thinking*) I think I could be a most beautiful queen. I'd wear a long red velvet robe and a crown made of gold with 4,000 real diamonds and lots of other jewels, too.

Len: Lucy! All kings and queen don't wear CROWNS either.

Lucy: They don't? Why not?

Len: Because it isn't practical. And besides, Jesus was a king and He didn't wear a crown.

Lucy: Why not?

Len: Because that wasn't the kind of king Jesus was.

Lucy: What kind of king was He, then?

Len: He was the "**King Without a Crown.**"

Lucy: What does that mean?

Len: You sure ask a lot of questions, Lucy. But I think I'll let (name of BC teacher) tell you the answer to that one.

Lucy: Alright. But if I don't ask a lot of questions, how can I learn anything?

Len: There she goes with another question. ARRRRRR!

(Len and Lucy exit.)

***Note: Choose one or two children to do a “mime” of sorts. Let them know ahead of time what you expect them to do. Needed: plastic wrap, heart-shaped candy*

(Len and Lucy come up.)

Len: Hi, Lucy. Did you get a letter from (Bible Club teacher) asking us to help the kids think of Jesus' LOVE while they hear the Bible story?

Lucy: Yes, and I have been thinking so hard about it that I have a headache!

Len: Maybe we can figure something out together. Did you have any ideas?

Lucy: Well, I thought we could get a big roll of plastic wrap and wrap a BIG PIECE around each Bible Club kid. Just like Jesus like Jesus wraps His love around each of us. Then the kids would remember. *(On the side, wrap up one of the children in plastic wrap, not saying anything.)*

Len: I think the kids couldn't move so well.

Lucy: At least they would sit still during the story of the VERY SAD NIGHT . . . But you are right.

Len: How about giving every kid about 25 heart candies so they could pop one in their mouth when they hear about Jesus' love. *(On the side, have a child pop a real or imaginary candy in his/her mouth.)*

Lucy: We don't have enough money to buy all those candies!

Len: You're right! *(He thinks.)* I'VE GOT IT! I'VE GOT IT!

Lucy: Spit it out, Len, tell me!

Len: Let's have the kids do the signing for “LOVE.” Every time they hear something in the story that reminds them of Jesus' love they will quietly cross their arms over their chest. *(On the side, have a child sign the word for love.)*

Lucy: That's the best of our great ideas. The kids will like it. It will be like a game. You can tell Bible Teacher's name. See you later at Bible Club.

(Len and Lucy exit.)

(This puppet skit would work best after the lesson)

Len: Hi, Lucy!

Lucy: Oh, hi Len.

Len: Greetings, Lucy.

Lucy: Yeah, greetings to you too, Len.

Len: How are you today, Lucy?

Lucy: Fine. How are you?

Len: Hola, como estas. *(Hola is pronounced o-la).*

Lucy: Hola, como estas to you, too!

Len: The Lord is Risen!

Lucy: The Lord is risen???? What are you doing, Len? Why are you saying all these things to me?

Len: They're just different greetings, Lucy. They're what people say to each other when they meet.

Lucy: Oh, I get it. But what's that last one you said to me? I've never heard that one before!

Len: It's really an old greeting. It's what one person said to another soon after Jesus rose from the dead. It was how one Christian greeted another Christian. One would say, "The Lord is risen," and the other would say, "He is risen indeed," Let's try it again.

Lucy: O.K.

Len: The Lord is risen!

Lucy: He is risen, indeed! Hey, that's really neat! Maybe the kids would like to try it. We could say it first and the kids could say it back to us. How about it kids, would you like to try?

Len and Lucy together: The Lord is risen!

Bible Club children respond with "He is risen, indeed!"

Len: Good job boys and girls. Well, Lucy, I have to go . . . so . . . Goodbye!

Lucy: What!? Just a simple goodbye?

Len: Yep, just goodbye!

Len and Lucy exit.

During the entire skit Len and Lucy lean back like they are looking up at the clouds. They even walk off that way.

Len: It's fun looking at the clouds.

Lucy: Yeah, what do you see? Can you see any cloud shapes?

Len: Well, over there, (points) I can see a dragon breathing fire out of his mouth!

Lucy: I see it! Look over there (points in a different direction). There's an old lady in a rocking chair!

Len: Well, sort of, I guess you could say that.

Lucy: Hey, look! An ice cream cone!

Len and Lucy together: M-mmmmmmmmm.

Len: I wonder what the clouds will look like when Jesus comes back?

Lucy: What do you mean?

Len: When Jesus ascended or went up to heaven, the clouds covered Him. Then the angels said He will return or descend in the same way. So I think the clouds will uncover Him when He comes again.

Lucy: When will that be, Len?

Len: I don't know - Jesus didn't say. Only God knows! We just have to be ready. It could happen any time.

Lucy: Len, how's your neck doing?

Len: It's getting pretty stiff! I think we'd better go.

Lucy: OK.

Both puppets leave looking up at the sky.

***Have John 14:26, the memory verse on the felt rainbow over the corner of the flannel board. Also, display the H.S. symbol from God's Story.*

Lucy: (*Breathless.*) Hi, Len. I'm glad the bus is late.

Len: You are late, too. I thought maybe you weren't coming to school today.

Lucy: I forgot to bring out the trash and my mom made me come back to do it.

Len: You forgot last week, too.

Lucy: I know. My dad said I'd forget my head if it wasn't hooked on to my neck.

Len: But, Lucy, you remember the important stuff like when you are going to Cedar Point, and you never forget my birthday.

Lucy: That's because you remind me of it about 100 times.

Len: Hey, you helped me with an idea. (Bible Club teacher's name) asked me to introduce the Focus Verse to day. Here's a question: *How will you remember the things about God you learned at Bible Club?*

Lucy: Hmmmm. . . . For a start, I have my verse passport and that reminds me about God and how to pray to Him.

Len: Good idea.

Lucy: And I have my memory verse coloring book that I have in my backpack and when I read those verses I remember things I learned about God.

Len: YES! And here's a super promise from the Bible. Do a drum roll, Lucy.

Lucy: (*Makes a drum roll sound.*)

Len: (*Peeks over the flannel board and reads the Bible verse.*) The Holy Spirit . . . will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:6

Lucy: That **is** a super promise!

Len: Just when you need it, the Holy Spirit, your live-inside -friend will teach you and help you remember how to live for Jesus.

Lucy: Len, I am going to watch how He teaches me even when Bible Club is finished. And I am going to go to Vacation Bible School and Sunday School, too, this summer to keep on learning. (*Pause.*) Len, you will probably be a Bible Club teacher when you grow up!

Len: I think you will, too. Oh, here comes Big Yellow, the bus. See you later, Lucy.

(*Puppets exit.*)