



RESOLVING CONFLICT

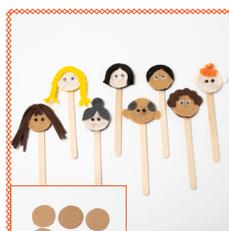
Sometimes we are faced with mean people, but God wants us to love everyone, even the unkind. Use these puppets to practice ways to love others, even when it is hard (Luke 6:35).

YOU WILL NEED:

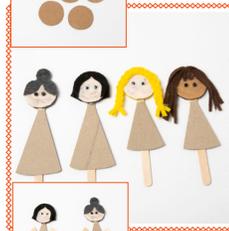
- Large Shoebox with a Flip-top Lid
- Thread and Needle
- Small Black Beads
- Skewer 12" long
- Poster Board
- Craft Sticks
- Googly Eyes
- 2 Binder Clips
- Cutters
- Hot Glue Gun
- Craft Knife
- Paint Brush
- Scissors
- Fabric
- Paint
- String
- Ribbon
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Paper
- Felt



DIRECTIONS:



1. Cut eight 1½" circles out of poster board. Hot glue skin-colored felt to the front, then add hair made from felt or yarn. Make enough heads for two boys, two girls, one woman, one man, one old woman, and one old man. Hot glue the eyes. Hot glue all the heads onto craft sticks. (See template* for help)



2. Cut out two 2" x 3" wedges and two 2" x 1½" wedges from poster board. Hot glue to the sticks to make the women and girls.



3. Cut sixteen 2" pieces from craft sticks for arms. Glue clothes made from felt or fabric to front and back.



4. Add an apron for the old woman and a bow at the neck for the woman.



5. Cut out the 1½" x 3" Y-shaped pieces from poster board for the boys. Hot glue them to the sticks.



6. Glue clothes from fabric or felt to front and back. Glue fabric onto the arms. Glue the arms to the figures at the back.



7. Cut out two 1½" x 3" wedges from poster board for the men. Glue a 1½" cross-piece below the head for shoulders. Glue wedges with narrow end downward.



8. Hot glue fabric to the arms. Glue the arms to the shoulders at the back. Then glue pieces of fabric or felt onto the front and back of the wedges.



9. Take the large shoebox and cut a window in the lid, leaving about a 1" frame around it. On the backside of the box, make two cuts all the way down to make a flap for your hands to reach through.



10. Open the lid so that it stands upright. Glue on a ribbon to keep the lid from opening too far. Fasten the skewer inside to prop the lid open.



11. Attach two binder clips to the top edge of the lid. Make a curtain from fabric and make a sleeve at the top. Run a piece of string through the sleeve and fasten it to the binder clips.

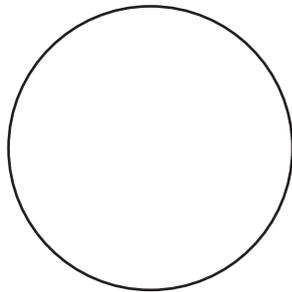
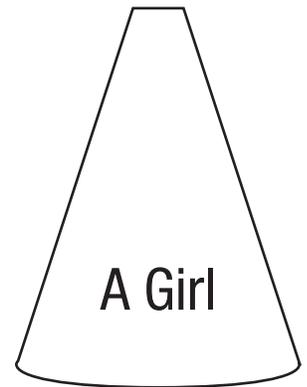
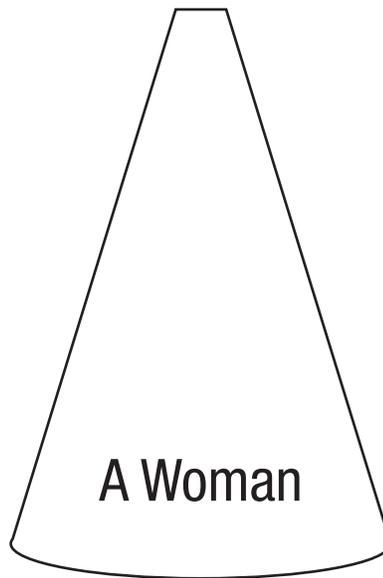
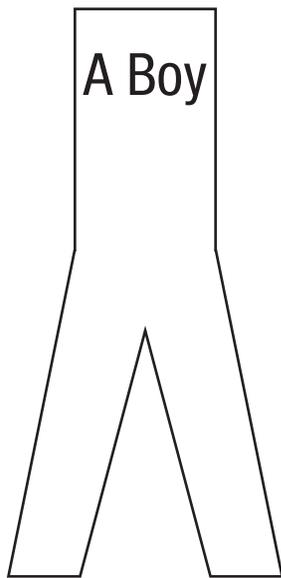
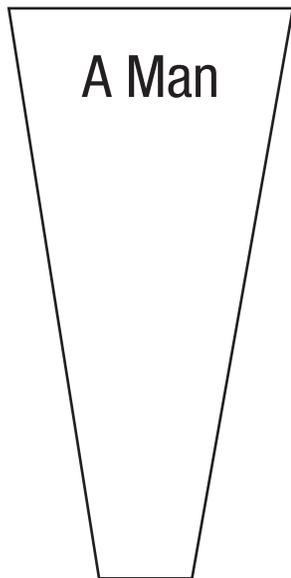


12. Paint the outside of the box. Print out or write out the 8 ideas for solving conflicts. Cut out and glue to the front. After your performance, the tabletop theater can be taken down and all the parts stored inside the box.

* Template



Adult assistance is suggested.



- 1. Ask for Help.**
- 2. Go to Another Activity.**
- 3. Use an "I" Message.**
- 4. Compromise.**
- 5. Talk It Out.**
- 6. Walk Away.**
- 7. Say "STOP".**
- 8. Apologize.**