

RESOLVING CONFLICT



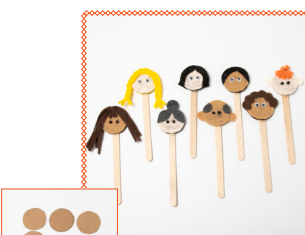
Sometimes we are faced with mean people, but God wants us to love everyone, even the unkind. Use these puppets to practice ways to love others, even when it is hard (Luke 6:35).

YOU WILL NEED:

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



DIRECTIONS:



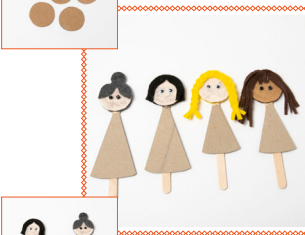
1. Cut eight 1½" circles out of poster board. Hot glue skin-colored felt to the front, then add hair made from felt or yarn. Make enough heads for two boys, two girls, one woman, one man, one old woman, and one old man. Hot glue the eyes. Hot glue all the heads onto craft sticks.



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



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.



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.



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.



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.



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



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.



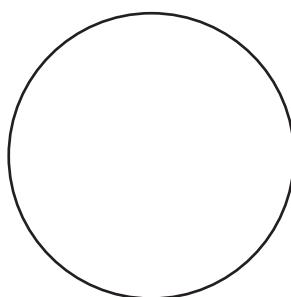
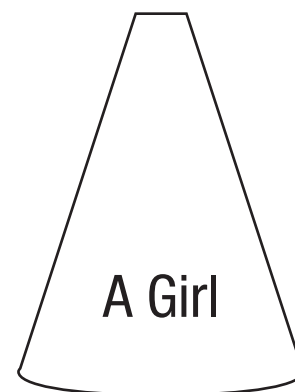
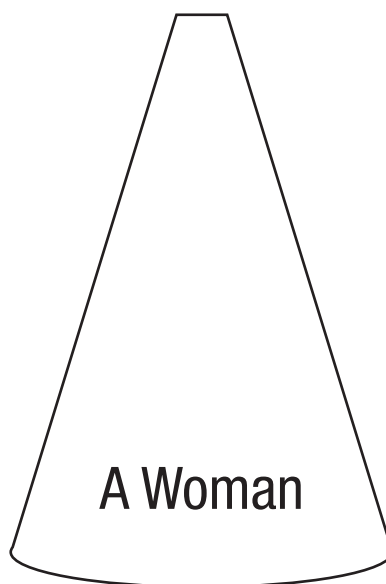
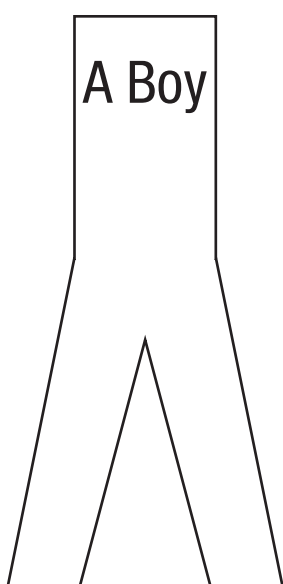
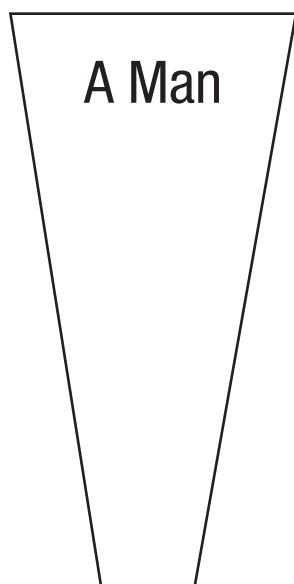
4. Add an apron for the old woman and a bow at the neck for the woman.



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.



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.



- 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.**