

Make: A Coat for Elijah

I Kings 17:1-7: Elijah Is Fed by Ravens

Choose *one* of the three following costume ideas to make a Prophet Costume. The children may wear the costume as they act out the story from the Word.

Costume 1: Brown Paper Grocery Bag

Supplies Needed for Each Student

- brown paper grocery bag
- scissors
- glue
- brown, gray and black crayons or markers
- text slip: "I can be a servant of the Lord just as Elijah was." (see attached sheet)

Preparation Ahead of Time

1. Cut apart text slips
2. Cut head and arm holes in brown paper grocery bags for each student. (For a good fit, place the arm hole so that it comes all the way to the top of the bag. Make sure holes are large enough for a child to easily get in and out without tearing the costume.)
3. Cut a slit from the neck hole down to the bottom of the bag. If there is writing on the bag, turn inside out so that it does not show.

Directions

1. Invite the children to decorate their costumes with brown, black and gray markers or crayons. Explain to the children that the prophets would have lived and dressed simply. Also that their clothes would have been made of natural materials such as animal skins and would be plain colors.
2. *Optional:* Have children cut a fringe around the bottom of the bag.
3. Read text slip to the children. Have them glue it on the back of their costume.



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Costume 2: Cloth Bags (grain sacks) or Recycled Shirts (T-shirt or man's dress shirt in earth colors)

Materials Needed for Each Student

- a bag or clean used shirt for each student
- a cloth strip or length of rope to make a waist tie
- tape or pin or marker
- text slip: "I can be a servant of the Lord just as Elijah was." (see attached sheet)

Preparation Ahead of Time

1. If using grain sacks cut head and arm holes for each student.
2. Cut a slit from the neck hole down to the bottom of the bag. If there is writing on the bag, turn inside out so that it does not show.
3. If using T-shirts or dress shirts, cut off sleeves and turn inside out if there is writing on them.

Directions

1. Read text slip to the children. Have them pin it to the back of their costume OR write the text directly on the garments with markers.
2. Have children put on the Prophet Costume and complete outfit with a rope or piece of cloth around the waist.

Costume 3: Make a Simple Cloth Costume

Materials Needed for Each Student

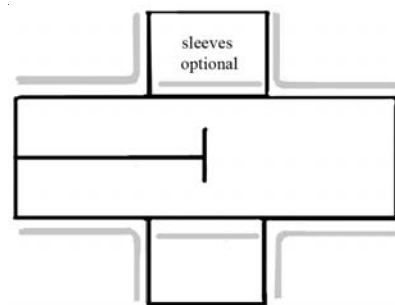
- approx. 1 ½ yards of earth-tone cloth (remnants work well—you may need to adjust fabric width depending on what is available)
- cloth or rope to make a waist tie
- text slip (see attached sheet)
- safety pins or tape or markers

Preparations Ahead of Time

1. Use diagram to cut out basic costume shape and sew sleeves if desired.

Directions

1. Read text slip to the children. Have them pin it to the back of their costume OR write the text directly on the garments with markers.
2. Have children put on the Prophet Costume and complete outfit with a rope or piece of cloth around the waist.



Cut on bold lines.
Sew on gray lines.

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