

ELIJAH THE PROPHET PUPPETS

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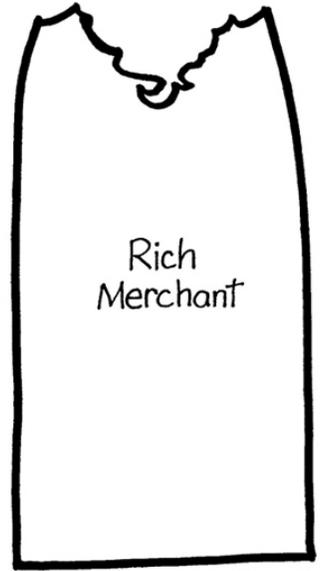
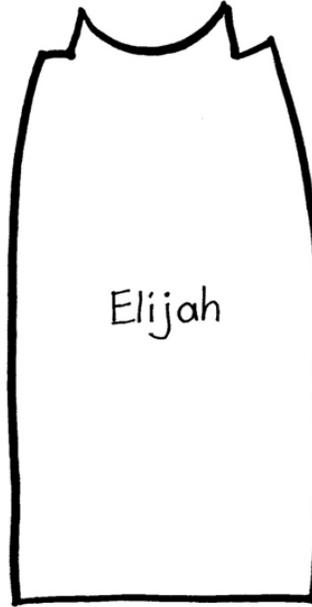
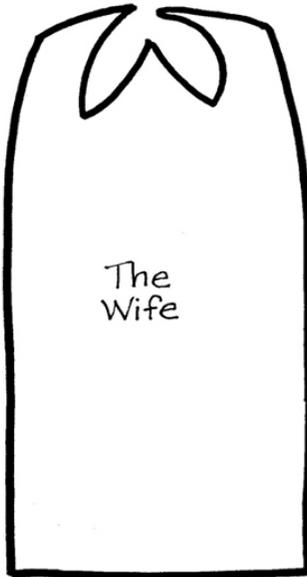
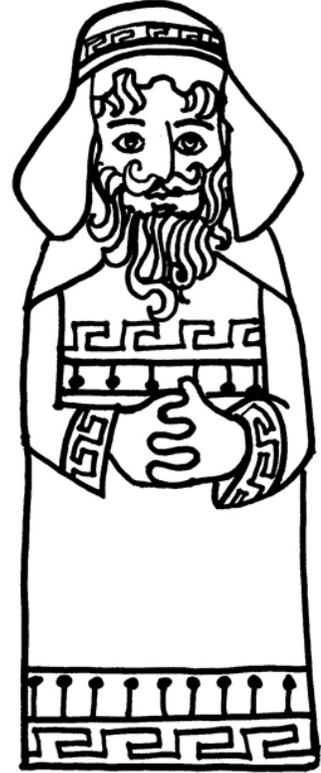
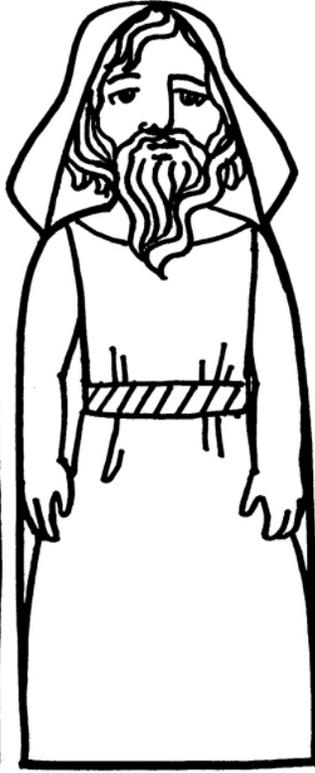
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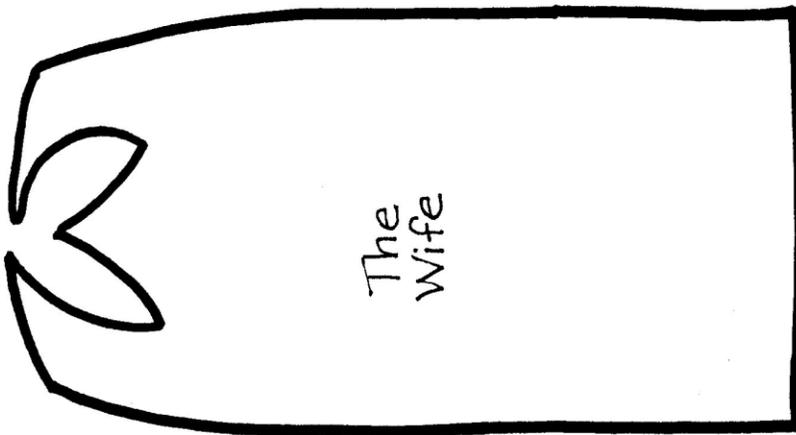
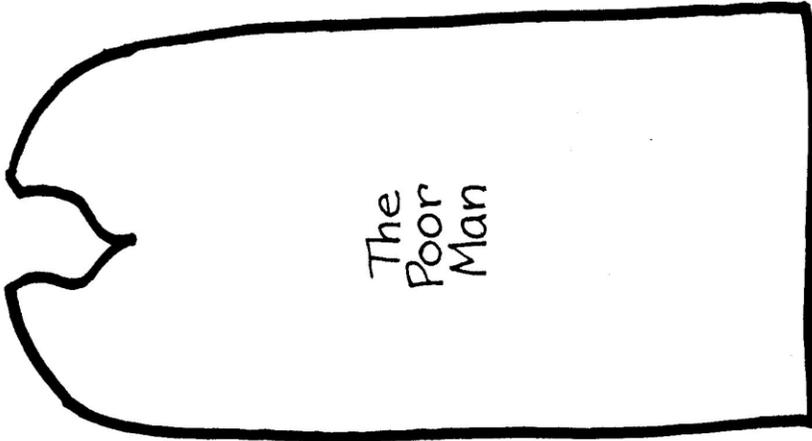
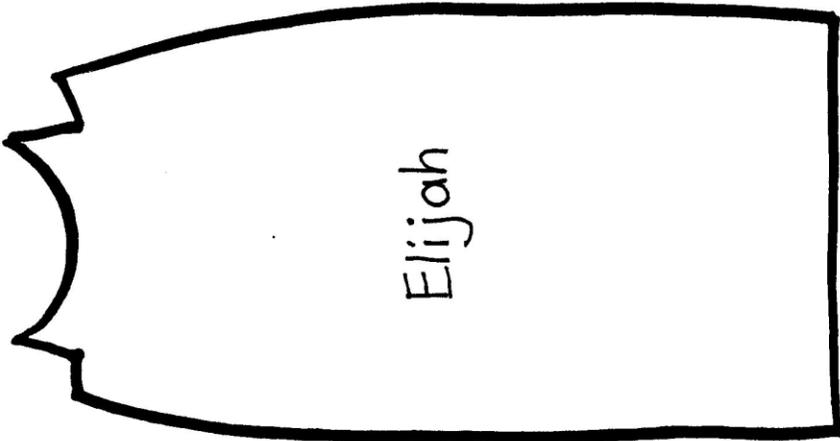
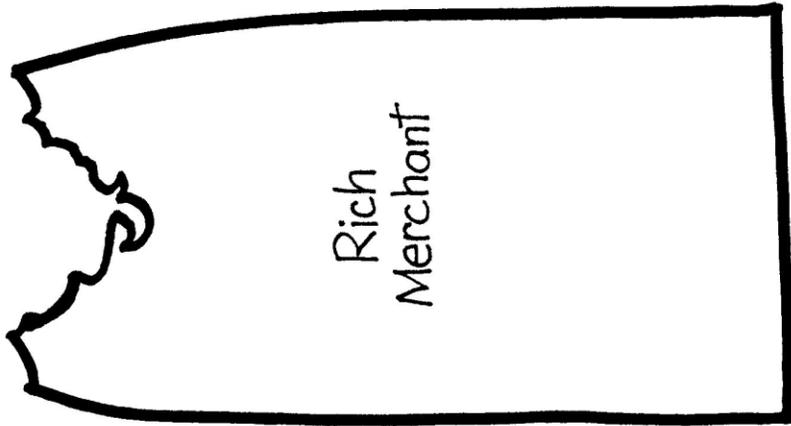
1. Color the four puppets.
2. Cut out the four puppets.
3. Cover the entire puppet with contact paper. Repeat this for all puppets.
4. Glue two wiggle eyes onto each puppet.
5. Tape the tongue depressor onto the back of each puppet.

OPTION B:

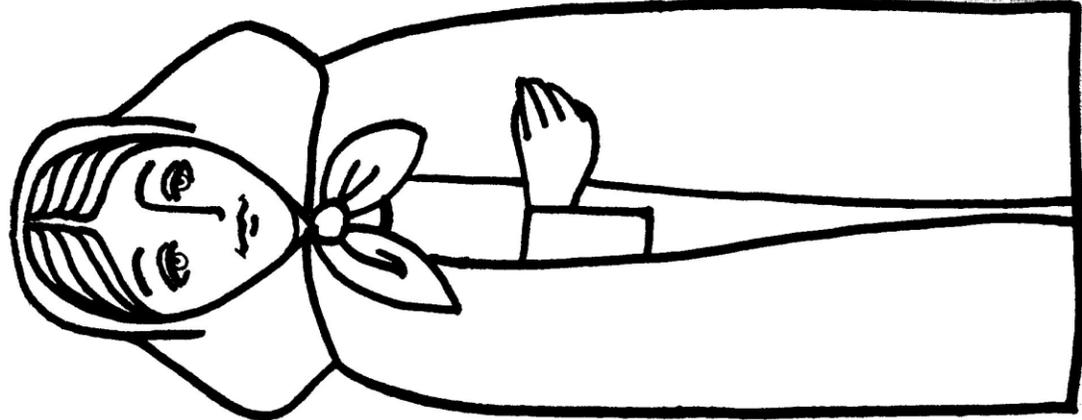
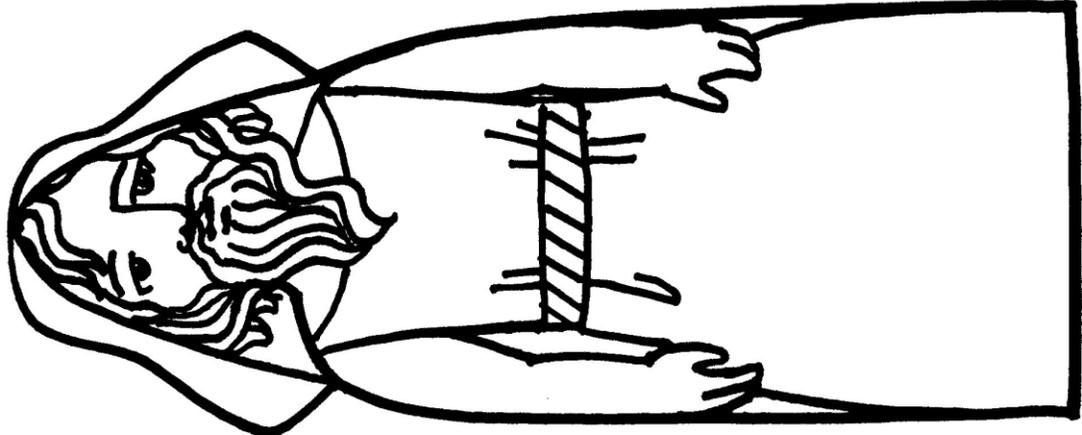
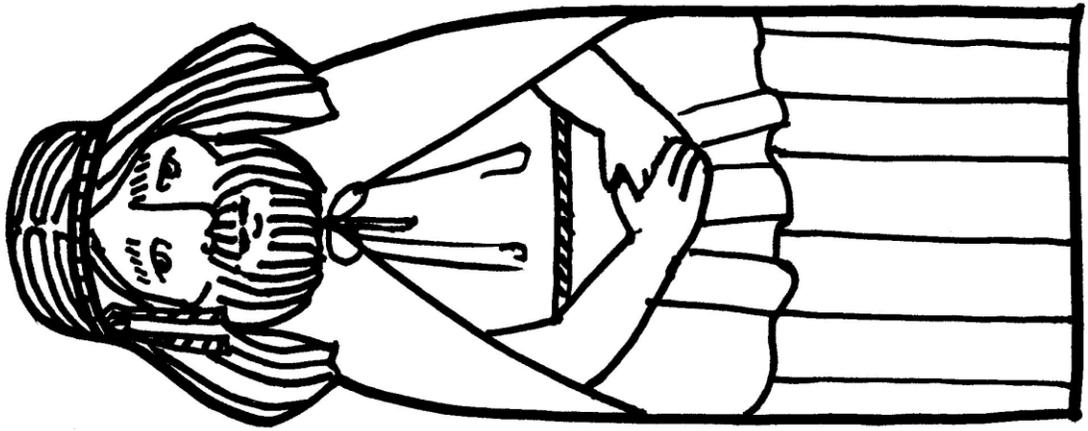
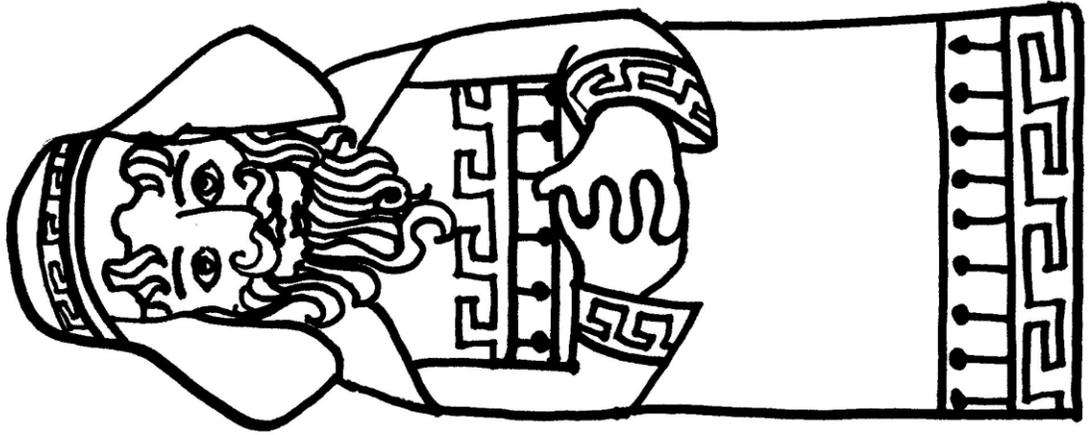
1. Color the head of each puppet.
2. Cut out the four puppets.
3. Cover the entire puppet with contact paper. Repeat this for all puppets.
4. Cut out the four robe patterns for the puppets.
5. Decide which material will be used for each puppet. Pin the robe pattern to the material. Cut out. Do this for the four puppets.
6. Glue each robe onto the corresponding puppet.
7. Glue two wiggle eyes onto each puppet.
8. Tape the tongue depressor onto the back of each puppet.

Puppets for "Elijah the Prophet" Story





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Elijah the Prophet

Retold by Joan Philosophos

A long time ago in a far away country, there was a big city. Like all big cities, this one had different parts to it. In one part lived rich merchants; in another area was the palace, buildings, and gardens of the king; in another part were the nice houses of rich merchants; and, of course, there was a part of the city where the streets were tiny and the homes small and poor and kind of falling down. The doorways were narrow, some windows were cracked, and roofs leaked. In one of these poor, and almost empty houses lived a poor and righteous man and his wife and children.

When people needed help, the man could sometimes get a little work. Then the family could buy bread. When the man couldn't work, he went to the shul and prayed and studied Torah. Times were bad, and there was no work for him. Things were so bad they had nothing to eat in their home.

His wife said to him, "Go out to the market. Perhaps you'll find some work so we can get some food. Otherwise, we shall die of hunger."

The poor man said, "Oh, whom shall I turn to? Where shall I go? I have on one but the Holy One. Blessed be He."

So the wife stopped urging him to. But the children were hungry, and they shouted and cried out. So she spoke to him again, "If G-d intends to help us, it better be soon. But whatever He might do, for you to sit at home doesn't improve matters. You must go into the city. Even while waiting for a miracle, it is good to do something. Man must begin and G-d will help him."

The poor man said, "How can I go out without nice clothing?"

The wife said, "Your clothes are clean. That is what is important."

"Now go," she said, "and luck be with you." When he left, she told the children to pray that their father would not come home with empty hands.

When the pious man went outside, he stood perplexed not knowing where to turn. He walked a little way full of anxiety. He met a man who asked him, "What is wrong? Why do you look so unhappy?" The man told him his story. Elijah said, "I am Elijah. Sell me and take the money, and life will be better for your family."

The man said, "How can I sell you? Everyone knows I have neither slaves nor servants. If you came from heaven, I am **your** slave. How can a slave sell his master?"

"Do not worry," said Elijah. "Follow my advice and everything will work out fine for you."

So the man went to the market place with Elijah. If anyone asked him if the man was his slave, he said, "Yes this is my slave." The slave looked so noble, so wise that merchants gathered around Elijah and the man. They asked Elijah if it was true he was a slave, and he said, "Yes, it is true."

Everyone liked the "slave," and he was sold to the highest bidder, a rich merchant. When the merchant paid for the slave, Elijah told her all that had happened to him. She was so happy she said, "If you had waited any longer, all of us would have perished." The man bought a lot of property, and they were never without money or food again. The thanked G-d and gave some of their money to the poor.

Elijah went away with the merchant who bought him. The merchant had been thinking of building a mansion for some time. He had bought many slaves to carry stones and wood. He

had bought all the tools required for building. The merchant asked Elijah if he had a trade. Elijah said, "I am a builder." The merchant said, "I want a mansion built." Elijah said, "I will do as you wish and even more so." The merchant said he would like the work done, and if it was completed in six months he promised to give his slave Elijah his freedom. Elijah asked the merchant to order his servants to bring all the tools, and they did so.

When night came, Elijah spoke to G-d and said, "I sold myself as a slave to save a poor man who is your servant. I pray you now help me build a mansion as the merchant wants."

G-d heard Elijah's prayer, and by dawn the mansion was complete—all built as the rich merchant had wanted, and gorgeous it was! Elijah left at once. The merchant was surprised and very pleased to see his wonderful mansion all built. He was also puzzled as he looked and looked for his slave and couldn't find him.

Some days later, the poor man (now not so poor) met Elijah. He asked, "What did you do for the merchant?"

Elijah said, "I could have let him go at once, but I did not want to go back on my word. I made a promise so it was my duty to fulfill it. He told me that if I built a mansion for him, he would set me free. So I built it and disappeared. I did better work than he expected."

The "poor" man thanked him and said, "Elijah, you have restored me to life."

Elijah said, "Thank G-d who did this for you."

With that, Elijah had helped the man all he needed, so he disappeared.

Source Materials:

- *Elijah the Prophet, Part IV*: This story, an excerpt from Tales of Elijah the Prophet, is reprinted through the courtesy of Reb Yisroel Klapholtz.
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Elijah the Prophet: Puppets

Directions for use:

These puppets can be used to tell the story or to retell it after the first telling. Children can act out the story with the puppets. They can tell the story to someone else with the puppets. The puppets can also be used to review the story.

Using the puppets for review can be done in a variety of ways. If you are doing it with one child, place the puppets on the table in front of the child. The child then picks up the puppet that correctly answers the question. If two or more children are involved, they can take turns choosing the correct puppet. Or they can pick up the puppet, keep it until someone else answers another question involving that puppet, and then pass it to that person. Or two children may each have two puppets, and then pick up or raise their hand with the right puppet in it. The review is meant only to firm up details and events in the story. You may think of more questions than those listed below.

Who had a hard time finding work?

Who went to the shul when he couldn't find work?

Who said, "Go out to the market and look for work"?

Who studied Torah when he couldn't find work?

Who said, "Perhaps you'll find some work so we can get some food"?

Who said, "Oh, whom shall I turn to? Where shall I go"?

Who said, "For you to just sit t home doesn't improve matters"?

Who said, "I have no one, but the Holy One. Blessed be He"?

Who said, "You must go out into the city. Even while waiting for a miracle, it is good to do something"?

Who said, "Your clothes are clean. That is what is important"?

Who left to look for work?

Who told the children to pray that their father would not come home with empty hands?

Who walked along looking worried and not knowing where to go?

Who said, "What is wrong? Why do you look so unhappy"?

Who said, "Sell me and take the money, and life will be better for our family"?

Who said, "How can I sell you? Everyone knows I have neither slaves nor servants"?

Who said, "If you came from heaven, I am **your** slave"?

Who said, "Do not worry. Follow my advice and everything will work out fine for you"?

Who went to the marketplace with Elijah?

Who did everyone in the marketplace think was the slave?

Who replied that it was true that he was a slave?

Who bought the slave?

Who told the poor man to take the money paid for him and go take care of his family?

Who went and bought bread, meat, oil, cereals, and everything he needed and went home?
Who said, "Tell me what happened"?
Who bought a lot of property?
Who said, "If you had waited any longer, all of us would have perished"?
Who was never without money or food again?
Who thanked G-d for their good fortune?
Who gave some of their money to the poor?
Who went away with the merchant who bought him?
Who had been thinking of building a mansion for some time?
Who had bought many slaves to carry stones and wood?
Who asked Elijah if he had a trade?
Who said, "I want a mansion built"?
Who said, "I will do as you wish and even more"?
Who explained that if the work was finished in six months Elijah could go free?
Who asked that the servants be ordered to bring all the tools?
Who spoke to G-d and said, "I sold myself as a slave to save a poor man who is your servant. I pray you now help me build a mansion as the merchant wants"?
Whose prayer did G-d hear?
Who left at once when the palace was finished before dawn?
Who was surprised and pleased to see his wonderful mansion?
Who looked for his slave but couldn't find him?
Who asked Elijah, "What did you do for the merchant"?
Who said, "I made a promise so it was my duty to fulfill it"?
Who said, "I could have left him at once, but I did not want to go back on my word"?
Who said, "Elijah, you have restored me to life"?
Who said, "Thank G-d who did this for you"?
Who helped the man all he needed and disappeared?