

Dressing Up is Serious Business



[Volunteers modelling costumes for Queen Jezebel and King Ahab from 1 Kings 17. \(click photo for basic costume instructions\)](#)

Fabric scraps, old sheets and other odds and ends can be treasure for a Bible class teacher. Using some of these items a teacher might dress up as a Bible character to tell the story. A teacher can also collect items that encourage children or other volunteers to play character roles in an impromptu re-enactment of the Bible story they have just been taught.

[Click here for instructions for making simple costumes that can be used for any Bible story that you teach.](#)

The brave volunteers at left are modelling examples of costumes that could be used for Elijah's nemeses, Jezebel and Ahab in the story [God Takes Care of Elijah](#).

Child's Play or Ancient Teaching Method?

At first glance this might seem like a childish way to review or re-tell a story. How can something this fun be serious, right? But think again! More than once in the Bible prophets used variations of costumes and props to bring home a message from God.

Jeremiah and a Yoke

We can read in [Jeremiah 27-28](#) how the prophet, Jeremiah, was instructed by God to

wear a wooden yoke to show how the people would fall under the rule of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

Agabus and a Belt

As [the Apostle Paul was making his way to Jerusalem](#), a New Testament prophet, Agabus, used a prop to warn Paul of dangers awaiting him there. He removed Paul's belt and then acted out the message by tying his own hands and feet ([Acts 21:7-14](#)). Paul would also be bound in Jerusalem.

Give it a Try in Your Bible Class!