



educational  
spiritual  
story bags

The outline that follows is an idea for new badge work that may be added to your SPES files.

As ever, this is flexible and 'Story Bags' may be used for Educational: The Arts or Spiritual: Bible or People of God and probably many others too. This was used for a District competition, with one bag per section per Company. They can now be swapped round and you may end up with enough to plan all your devotions for the whole year!

#### ❖ WEEK ONE

**Select a story, could be a Bible Story or a good story suitable for devotions.**

YOU WILL NEED: A selection of books

1. Allow the group to look through all the selected books. Look for books which have a good story and which include a few characters, places and objects suitable for making.
2. Encourage discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of the books and create a short list of three. Use 'voting' to select the favourite book.

#### ❖ WEEK TWO

**Make a list of all the characters / objects and props you plan to make. Add suggestions for materials and equipment required.**

YOU WILL NEED: Paper and pencils.

1. Re read the chosen story through with the group.
2. Identify and make a list of the characters /objects and props you plan to make to help tell your story.
3. Against each item, jot down material and equipment you may need. You could make characters as finger puppets from felt / wooden spoons (View Summer 05), card could be painted to make scenery (eg mountains)
4. Plan who will make which item. If this is a mixed age group, allocate tasks accordingly.

### ❖ **WEEK THREE**

**Start to make the characters / objects and props from your list.**

YOU WILL NEED: A selection of materials, fabric pens, scraps of felt / material, glue or needle and cotton, scissors, paper and pencils will be helpful for templates. Add anything specific from last weeks list.

1. Start to make your characters/ object and props.
2. Good idea to start with items that need to dry (the paint or glue jobs)

### ❖ **WEEK FOUR**

**Continue to make the characters / objects and props from your list.**

1. As week three

### ❖ **WEEK FIVE**

**If necessary, continue to make the characters / objects and props from your list.**

**Or start week six.**

1. As week three

### ❖ **WEEK SIX**

**Produce a large bag (like a pump bag) to reflect your story**

YOU WILL NEED: A selection of materials, fabric pens, scraps of felt / material, glue or needle and cotton, scissors, paper and pencils will be helpful for templates.

1. Allow girls to choose the material most suited to their chosen story (eg could have a rainbow motif for Noah), or choose plain material and decorate it with fabric paints or cut out designs in felt and stick on. This can be flexible depending on the age group involved.
2. Decorate material if necessary.
3. Apply the title of the story to the bag material.
4. Make up a simple drawstring 'pump' bag of a size to fit in all your props.