

Obedience Puppets

Puppets are an excellent way to tell a story or communicate an idea. Puppets can be made from many different materials: various fabrics, heavy paper, fur, old doll heads, toy stuffed animals, etc. Excellent stick puppets can be made by copying and coloring the pictures below, and then reinforcing them using a stick (tongue depressor or popsicle stick) for a handle.

Attach the following scenarios to the backs of each puppet. Ask the children to identify which puppet represents each of the four skills of obedience and why. Adapt the scenarios to suit the lifestyle and circumstances of the children.

<p><u>Patricia Patience</u></p> <p>This is Patricia. She overslept this morning and had to wait to do her bathroom chores because her little sister was already in there. By the time Patricia got to the breakfast table everyone had already eaten and all that was left to eat was dry toast; her favorite cereal was all gone. While Patricia was waiting for the bus to pick her for school, a boy from across the street needed help getting his wheelchair into the bus. It was cold and rainy but Patricia offered to help the bus driver.</p> <p>Which of the four skills of obedience does Patricia represent and why?</p>	<p><u>Rusty Resilience</u></p> <p>This is Rusty. He is the oldest child in his family and he has many responsibilities in helping to care for his two younger brothers while his Mom is at work. It is Rusty's birthday tomorrow and he is really hoping to get a new bike, but he knows money is tight. Today when Dad got home from work he told the family that he lost his job because the company is down-sizing. Rusty's Dad looked really sad and his Mom started to cry. Instead of thinking about not getting a bike for his birthday, Rusty ran and got the \$10 bill Grandma sent him for his birthday and gave it to Mom to help buy groceries.</p> <p>Which of the four skills of obedience does Rusty represent and why?</p>
<p><u>Peter Performance</u></p> <p>This is Peter. Peter loves to play video games. When Peter arrives home after school he knows that the rule is to do his homework before playing video games. This morning, before his Mom left for work she asked him to vacuum the living room and clean the bathroom after school because they were having guests over for dinner and she wouldn't get home in time to do the cleaning. Peter was excited this afternoon as he arrived home from school because one of his friends told him how to pass a particular level in the video game he was playing. Just as he started the game he remembered Mom's cleaning request. He didn't want to stop playing the game but he did anyway. He cleaned the sink and toilet, got new towels out, and mopped the bathroom floor. Then he vacuumed the living room and dusted the furniture. Finally he took out the trash.</p> <p>Which of the four skills of obedience does Peter represent and why?</p>	<p><u>Ruby Respect</u></p> <p>This is Ruby. Ruby loves to read and enjoys visiting the public library every week. Today she arrived in time to attend "Story Time" and was able to listen to a guest author read from her own book. Ruby had many questions to ask, but she waited until the author was finished with her presentation. Other children shouted out their questions, but Ruby waited for her turn. At last Ruby raised her hand and asked, "May I please look at your book?" The author was excited that Ruby was so interested in her book.</p> <p>Which of the four skills of obedience does Ruby represent and why?</p>