

Puppet Skits

Day 1: Image of God

[Lucia and Rafa enter the stage. Lucia notices what Rafa is wearing.]

Lucia: (pointing at the tunic) Rafa, what are you wearing?

Rafa: (excitedly) It's a tunic. Do you like it?

Lucia: (shaking her head) Well, it is not the most stylish outfit I have ever seen.

Rafa: (looking down) You don't think so?

Lucia: (still shaking her head) Not exactly. What made you choose this outfit?

Rafa: (holding his chin up) I just thought that since I look like Jesus, I should dress like him too!

Lucia: (facing Rafa) What makes you think that you look like Jesus?

Rafa: (moving his head around) My teacher told me I did.

Lucia: (facing Rafa) Your Bible teacher?

Rafa: (holding his head high) Yes, my teacher told me I was created in the image of God so I must be really good looking.

Lucia: (shaking her head at Rafa) I hate to break it to you, but that's not what that means.

Rafa: (hanging his head down) It isn't?

Lucia: (putting her hand on Rafa's shoulder) The creation story in Genesis tells us that God said, "let us make man in our image" and the Bible tells us that Jesus was there with God in the beginning...

Rafa: (interrupting) See, I told you! I look like Jesus and Jesus wore a tunic!

Lucia: (sternly) Rafael, you didn't let me finish. When the Bible tells us we are made in the image of God, it means that we are created to reflect God and His character to the world around us by the way we think, talk and act.

Rafa: (nodding his head) And we should look like God!

Lucia: (compassionately) Well, sort of. Did you look in the mirror this morning?

Rafa: (confused) I think so...

Lucia: (continuing to speak compassionately) What do you see when you look in the mirror?

Rafa: (proudly) Me! I'm in the mirror!

Lucia: (inquisitively) So, when you touch the mirror, are you touching your face?

Rafa: (confused) No, I'm touching the mirror, right?

Lucia: (confidently) Right, the mirror isn't you. It is a reflection of you.

Rafa: (confused) Ok?

Lucia: (confidently) The mirror reflects your image. God created us to reflect His image. He created us to show the world His love, kindness, goodness and mercy.

Rafa: (starting to understand) So I don't need the tunic?

Lucia: (laughing) No, you don't need the tunic. You just need to treat others in a way that they see God's love through you.

Rafa: (enlightened) Ok! I'm going to go change and see if I can help my Mom with the chores.

Lucia: (happy) Perfect! You will show God's love to your Mom as a reflection of Jesus! I'll come help you with the chores.

[They both exit the stage together.]

Day 2: Hope in Jesus

[Lucia and Rafa enter the stage. Rafa's head is hanging low.]

Lucia: (coming closer to Rafa) Rafa, what's wrong?

Rafa: (sadly) My teacher made me sad.

Lucia: (astonished) What? How??

Rafa: (looking down) Yeah, she told me something that wasn't true and now I don't know if I can trust her.

Lucia: (shaking her head) What did she say?

Rafa: (bringing his head up to face Lucia) She told me hope was real.

Lucia: (facing Rafa) Hope is real. What makes you think it isn't?

Rafa: (looking down) I tried it and it didn't work.

Lucia: (puzzled) What didn't work?

Rafa: (cocking his head) Yesterday, when I said I hope I don't have to clean my room, my mom still made me do it!

Lucia: (rolling around laughing) Rafa that's not what hope really means!

Rafa: (confused) I hear kids saying they hope for things all the time so why is that not what it means?

Lucia: (compassionately) Just like when sin entered the world and things got messed up, humans mess up the original meaning of words. The words get changed over time and lose their true meaning by the way people use them.

Rafa: (confused) Huh?

Lucia: (teaching) The original meaning of the word hope is trust in God.

Rafa: (shaking his head) I don't get it.

Lucia: (compassionately) Today, most people use the word hope to mean wish. Like, I hope my soccer team will win this game.

Rafa: (confused) My soccer team did win 3-0!! Jesus must love soccer!

Lucia: (chuckling) Maybe, but that is still not the hope your teacher was talking about.

Rafa: (dejected) It's not?

Lucia: (explaining) No, hope is expecting something with confidence that it will happen.

Rafa: (proudly) I was confident my team would win!

Lucia: (sternly) That is still not what I mean.

Rafa: (shaking his head) I still don't understand.

Lucia: (confidently) You said you thought your teacher let you down, right?

Rafa: (still confused) Right.

Lucia: (continuing) Has your soccer team ever let you down?

Rafa: (angrily) Yeah, they lost last week by one goal.

Lucia: (confidently) Right! We may hope or wish that people won't let us down but guess what? No one is perfect and all of us have had someone let us down before!

But when we say Jesus is our Hope, we can be confident He will never let us down. When Jesus says he loves us, He does no matter what. When Jesus says he will save us from the punishment of our sin when we accept His gift of salvation, He will! Jesus was fully God and fully man, but even as a man, He never sinned. So when we say Jesus is our Hope, it is true and we can confidently expect that He will do what He says we will do every single time!

Rafa: (enlightened) So I need to be careful when I use the word hope when I really mean wish and I guess I should only hope in Jesus.

Lucia: (excitedly) Exactly! (looking off stage) I've gotta go now. See you tomorrow!

[They exit the stage in separate directions, Lucia waving goodbye.]

Day 3: Lifesaver

[Lucia and Rafa enter the stage. Rafa is not wearing his shirt and has a washcloth pinned over his shoulder as a beach towel.]

Lucia: (looking towards the towel) Rafa, are you going swimming?

Rafa: (excitedly) I am! I've got my towel, but I need to borrow a lifesaver. Do you have one?

Lucia: (walking off stage) We have one in our garage. Let me go grab it.

Lucia: (returning with the lifesaver) Here you go!

Rafa: (hurriedly) Thanks, I'll be right back!

Lucia: (talking to herself and moving her head around confused) That was weird...

Rafa: (returns with the lifesaver with the name JESUS written on it) Thanks, I feel better now. (Gives the lifesaver to Lucia and starts to walk off stage.)

Lucia: (urgently) Wait! Aren't you going to take the lifesaver with you?

Rafa: (confidently) No, I know how to swim.

Lucia: (agitated) Then why did you want to borrow the lifesaver?

Rafa: (commonsensically) Well when I was at church this week my teacher said that Jesus is our lifesaver so I figured just in case a shark showed up, it's better to have one.

Lucia: (really confused) So you thought she meant that Jesus was a lifesaver for the beach? (Rafa nods his head) And you aren't taking it with you because you think you swim well enough without Jesus? (Rafa nods his head up and down at first, but then side to side confused.)

Lucia: (sternly) That's not what your teacher meant, Rafa. She meant that Jesus is our Savior. He doesn't promise to keep us from being eaten if we go swimming with the

sharks. In fact, Jesus is not a thing that you can choose to take with you or not. Jesus is a person and when we trust Him, His spirit comes to live in us and never leaves. Jesus is God!

Rafa: (precociously bluffing) I knew that.

Lucia: (pretending to believe he understands) Ok, then explain it to me.

Rafa: (feigning confidence) I know Jesus loves me.

Lucia: (compassionately) You are exactly right, Rafa. John 3:16 says that “ For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in His should not perish but have everlasting life.” So you are right, Jesus is our life-saver; just not the floating kind. When we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved.

Lucia: (inquisitively) Do you know what we are saved from?

Rafa: (tentatively) Not being eaten by a shark?

Lucia: (explaining) While God may choose to save you from a shark, that is not what it means to be saved. Romans 3:23 tells us that what we earn as the punishment for our sin is death. That means we would be separated from God forever. Then it says that the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. God sent His son Jesus to save us from the punishment we deserve. Jesus took that punishment in our place.

Rafa: (beginning to understand) So if Jesus didn't die on the cross, I would have to be punished?

Lucia: (continuing to explain) That's right Rafa. Now I think we should go find your Bible teacher. I think she will be happy to know you do trust her after all!

[Rafa and Lucia exit the stage giggling.]

Day 4: A True Friend

[Lucia and Rafa enter the stage. Rafa is walking slowly deep in thought.]

Lucia: (waiting for Rafa) Hi Rafa, I have been waiting for you.

Rafa: (inquisitive) You have?

Lucia: (excitedly) Sure, I wanted to hear how it went when you talked to your teacher.

Rafa: (speaking slowly) Well, I told her I was sorry I thought she was a liar.

Lucia: (compassionately) Did she understand?

Rafa: (continuing to speak slowly) Yes, she said she forgave me and then she told me that Jesus wants to be my friend.

[Lucia leans towards Rafa expecting him to continue.]

Rafa: (now speaking quickly) Lucia, are you my friend?

Lucia: (confidently) I sure am, Rafa! Don't you think so?

Rafa: (becoming confused) I do Lucia. You listen to me, tell me things I need to know and help me understand them, but I'm still confused...

Lucia: (inquisitively) Why is that confusing, Rafa?

Rafa: (matter-of-factly) Well how can Jesus be my friend? I can't see Him.

Lucia: (relieved) Oh! Remember when we talked about Jesus being with God in the beginning as our Creator? (Rafa nods slightly.) And remember us talking about Jesus being our Hope because we can always trust Him? (Rafa nods a little harder.) And remember when we talked about Jesus taking the punishment we deserve for our sin instead of us? (Rafa's nods get bigger.) Well the Bible tells us that no one has greater love than someone who lays down His life for his friends...

Rafa: (excitedly interrupting) So Jesus is my friend because He loved me and died for me?

Lucia: (very excited) Exactly! When we accept Jesus' gift of salvation, we become friends of God. And he does talk to us through the Bible and he does listen to us through prayer. And the best part is! He will never leave us!

Rafa: (relieved) That's a relief. I didn't want to think my teacher was a liar again!

[Lucia laughs heartily.]

Rafa: Hey, my friend Juan should hear about Jesus. Do you want to come with me to tell him about our Savior?

Lucia: (very excited) For sure!

Supplies Needed:

Boy Hispanic Puppet

Girl Hispanic Puppet

Tunic & Belt for boy puppet

Colorful Hand Towel (Pin to boy puppet's shoulder to use as a beach towel on day 3 .)

Small Toy Lifesaver (Purchase or make one with a white polyfoam craft circle and red craft paint. It should be 6-8 inches in size.)