

Jeremiah & O-me-o-miah

BACKSTAGE PREPARATIONS

Note: The stage presentation time is about six minutes.

Setting the Stage:

Equipment and Supplies:

- A closet or entryway door
- A roll of black cloth or construction paper
- Gold or white wrapping paper, contact paper or poster board
- Scissors
- Glue or masking tape
- White poster board
- Stage Props and Accessories:
- Microphone with a long, tangled cord
- A large megaphone (See instructions below)
- Character costumes (See suggestions below)

Choose a closet or entryway door in your large group gathering area to set the stage for the presentation of "Jeremiah & O-me-o-miah." Create and display a Bible backdrop on the side of a door facing your gathering area using the following guidelines.

- 1) Cover the side of a door with a roll of black construction paper.
- 2) Print a cross + just above the center of the door and place the word "BIBLE" underneath it.

Make any arrangements that might be necessary for reserving this space to be a stage for other Proclamation Station presentations throughout the year.

You may also choose to display the Proclamation Station sign design-A (4-color art) near your stage "door." Download this file and print it out on an overhead transparency. Then, use an overhead projector to simply enlarge the design on a bare wall or screen.

Cast/Costumes:

- Jeremiah** - An adolescent Old Testament prophet - wearing a plain, knee-length shift or dress, typical of Bible times and a kippah or yarmulke (beanie or skull cap).
- O-me-o-miah** - The name characterizes a bumbling, dramatic, well-intending MC of a TV show entitled "The Proclamation Station." It gives life and breath to people who named, claimed and proclaimed God's story in Bible times. He or she may be a youth or adult - wearing modern day clothes and covered with an open bathrobe (because O-me-o-miah wants to honor both worlds). A flat top Styrofoam hat might also top off his or her personality.

Accessories:

Megaphone: You may wish to use the pattern for the mini “Go-Tell” megaphone featured in the Studio P3 FPBN Gathering Activity. Simply download the pattern, copy it onto an overhead transparency and enlarge it on a piece of poster board. Adhere it with glue or tape.

Microphone and Long Tangled Cord: Use a standard microphone. If you need to create a longer cord, use an extension cord onto the microphone cord.

Sound Effects:

- 1) Jeremiah walking through the pages of the Bible - Separate several pages of a newspaper and “crumple” them on cue. (See script)
- 2) Background music to highlight Jeremiah’s run through the Psalms - Choose a contemporary Christian song on a cassette or DVD to play. Press play/pause so it’s ready to go on cue. (See Script)
- 3) Animal and thunder sounds during creation – Recruit a few people to make animal sounds. Gather two small wood planks. Slap them together to make loud, crashing thunder.
- 4) Rumbling and tumbling – Gather a few empty cardboard boxes. Gently toss them in the air and let them fall and lightly tap the door or each other.