

The Big God Story Supply List

Note: This is not an exhaustive list, but it should get you going.

Sand Tray:

1. I used metal boot trays I found at Target. They were a dark silver color, so I taped them off with painters' tape to leave just the bottom and sides on the inside exposed. Then I spray painted them with a shiny sky-blue color. One of the smaller cans did both trays I bought. This allows you to sculpt the sand and leave room for water.
2. I used tan kinetic sand in the tray itself.
3. I bought trees (especially palm trees on stands), flowers, bushes, etc. at a craft store and online.
4. I bought two bags of smaller wooden blocks online (Like [these](#).) Leaving one set natural and another set painted bright colors (painted with chalk paint).
5. I used thick felt 8x10" sheets to make a lot of the items in the Creation story, but they proved helpful for other ones as well.
6. I bought a wooden boat, fence, and temple.
7. I bought one piece of small turf grass and cut it into two other pieces that could be used as needed.
8. I bought some nesting wooden boxes (2 sets) at Target that were great to make the Upper Room, buildings, and just store the sand for the friends to dump it into the tray.
 - a. Side note: Target also carries in their \$1-\$5 section in the front packs of fun cardboard treat containers. These are great to do lots of things with. I used them for: treats, personal sand pots to keep hands busy, which was a lifesaver, to put items like the trees or flowers in prior to a build, and ritual making items as well. They worked, and looked good, for storage too.
9. I bought at the craft/hobby store packets of fish, wild animals, birds, and farm animals. I also bought online a whole bag of about 100 sheep.

People:

1. I bought my wooden people on Amazon, as that was the best buy.
 - a. This [group](#) made our general people, plus we pulled the tiny ones to make a baby Jesus or three!
 - b. These made up the main people. The "[male](#)" ones were for the disciples and other male characters, and we used the "[female](#)" ones for women, angels, priests, etc.
 - c. We also made each friend their own person, and each teacher. We painted the hair and clothes and brought them dry to Children's Worship. The friends then decorated themselves.
2. I started off using acrylic paints, but I found that I could not use paint markers on them easily. I ended up getting a big box of [chalk paints](#). These worked like a dream! I bought a big bottle of white too, which really helped. All of our Bible figures were brown and black skinned, as they would have been in the actual times of the Bible. It was important

to me and my teachers that we not elevate whiteness in teaching the Bible. To that end, I found some thinner acrylics in rich browns at a craft store that I used for hair.

3. I used both Posca paint pens (my favorite) and regular paint pens too. The Poscas need to be sealed, but they can really be helpful with some aspects.
4. Glitter. We used a lot of sparkly white, gold, and silver glitter. Glitter makes everything good.
5. For Esau, I also used a strip of fake fur. Baby Esau is my favorite.
6. For Goliath, I took one of the wood cylinders (from the above basic wood blocks) and glued it to the bottom of a male figure. Then I painted the whole thing. The soldiers had gold-spray painted plug covers (left over from my little girl) that I cut off the plug part. I then just glue-gunned them onto the soldiers. The swords are those fancy toothpicks with the twist in the end, just cut to size, and spray painted.
7. I found some cool [feather strips](#) on Amazon that really did our angels up right! Also, a lot of glitter.
8. If you feel intimidated about painting all of them, I found some ideas on ETSY where people made them with different kinds of faces, etc. You can go simple (like our Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus) or get fancy. I got fancy a lot! It made me so happy to paint them and give certain disciples chest hair or a nose ring to a particular Mary! Have fun!
9. I made a lot of different Jesus'. Here's the list:
 - a. Infant Jesus
 - b. Teen Jesus (using one of the smaller men from the bigger set of people)
 - c. Regular Jesus (he has a blue stripe)
 - d. Jesus the Good Shepherd (he has a staff)
 - e. Transfigured Jesus (he is glittery and has a blue stripe)
 - f. Jesus of the Cross (he has no clothes on, but does have a blue stripe, a thorny crown, blood on the crown, and blood dots for hands and feet. (Side note: don't paint hands and feet on your people. You will thank me for this advice!)
 - g. Jesus of the Resurrection (Basically another Transfigured Jesus, but with all the GLITTER, and the same red dots as Jesus of the Cross).
10. Check out my YouTube video of the whole Children's Worship Storytelling Cabinet to get a sense of a lot of these things.