



## A Faith Proclaimin' Story About JEREMIAH

### Story Content and Presentation:

This story is designed to recognize Jeremiah as a participant in the proclamation of God's story. It is based on the call of Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:1-8 and it identifies a youth who is called and empowered by God to be a prophet.

It provides a great introduction to the Grand Central Proclamation Station as it features Jeremiah running through the books of the Bible to give life to some of the many people and adventures it contains.

The presentation is set within the creative context of a "live" TV program entitled "The Proclamation Station." A bumbling, dramatic, well-intending MC named O-me-o-miah sets the stage for the story.

Scan the script and recruit a youth or adult to play the role of O-me-o-miah ("O") and Jeremiah (J). Note also the preparations necessary for presentation highlighted below.



**Download the script for this story presentation.**

### Setting the Stage:

Design a closet or entryway door to represent a large Bible. Completely cover one side of a door with a roll of black construction paper. Print a cross just above the center of the door and place the word "BIBLE" underneath it. The door will set the stage for the presentation of the story.

You will most likely need the following supplies:

- A roll of black cloth or construction paper
- Gold or white wrapping paper, contact paper or poster board
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- White poster board

If you're choosing to share these Bible story presentations on a regular basis, you may wish to also create a "Table of Contents" with a listing of all the books in the Old and New Testament to mark the place of the proclaimers as you feature them.

You might also wish to set up a timeline of faith proclaimers to recognize their placement throughout history. See Guidelines for [FPBN Timeline](#) in the Proclamation Station program outline.

The thematic art for the [Grand Central Proclamation Station](#) is also available to display. Download the 4-color file and print it out on a transparency. Then, use an overhead projector to enlarge it on a wall. You might also have the design printed on a cloth or plastic banner for long-term use.

**Props and Accessories:**

- A costume for Jeremiah - A plain, knee-length shift or dress, typical of Bible times and a kippah or yarmulke (beanie or skull cap)
- A costume for O-me-o-miah that is intended to be his trademark throughout the many story presentations. - A suit and tie, covered with an open bathrobe (to honor the Biblical and modern worlds with which he relates). A flat top Styrofoam hat might also top off his or her personality.
- A stool for O-me-a-miah
- Microphone with a long, tangled cord
- A large megaphone (You may wish to use the pattern for the mini “Go-Tell” megaphone featured in the Proclamation Station: Now & Then Gathering Activity. Simply download it and copy it onto a transparency. Then, use an overhead projector to enlarge it onto a piece of poster board. Adhere it with glue or tape.

**Sound Effects:**

- 1) Jeremiah walking through the pages of the Bible - Separate several pages of a newspaper - crumple them on cue. (See script)
- 2) Background music to highlight 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.

**Discussion Questions:**

Following the story presentation, you may wish to engage your audience or participants in a discussion using the following questions as a guide.

**Questions for Clarification:**

1. Use the Proclaimin' Roles to Play sheet as an easy reference for identifying the role of a prophet. How is the role of a prophet described in this story presentation?
2. What does God say to Jeremiah when he tries to excuse himself as be too young to do what God ask.

**Questions for Interpretation:**

1. Do you ever make comments about what's happening? Do you ever include some thoughts about what God might be thinking about it?
2. Do you ever feel inspired or prompted to share words of warning, joy, hope or encouragement with others. How do you proclaim your faith in your daily life?

**Activity Suggestion:**

Make a kippah or yarmulke (beanie or skull cap) to symbolize their faith. Use a paper plate as a pattern. Cut one slit into the center of the plate. Cross over the ends to make a little cap. Staple end to secure them in place.