

# Decorating for BibleToons

## Rocky Ridge

If you've watched any of the God Rocks! videos, you know that Rocky Ridge is the home of the God Rocks! Rocky Ridge is a town just like your town—with street signs, buildings, and lots of boulders.

Start by creating large yellow caution signs and blue or green information signs: "Falling Rock Zone," "Pebbles Pond This Way," "Welcome to Rocky Ridge, Home of the God Rocks!" Suspend some of these from the ceiling; post others on walls.

Make plenty of papier-mache rocks and contact your local nursery about borrowing or renting artificial landscape rocks. Place rocks everywhere! Allow kids to make more rocks to add to Rocky Ridge! Give them brown grocery bags for large rocks or lunch bags for smaller ones. Crush the bags before filling them with crumpled sheets of newspaper. The more crumpled the bag, the more authentic it appears. Then shape the bags to look like rocks and seal them with masking tape. Leave them brown or paint them gray.

Purchase bags of gravel or landscaping rocks and create rock paths and rock piles. For color, add artificial greenery around the area. Add yellow "caution" tape (available at most hardware stores) where needed to block off "rock zones."

Copy and enlarge pictures of the The God Rocks! band and their friends: Beach Stones, Flint Rockly, Beat Rocks, and the Soul Stones. (Pictures of all the characters are included in the curriculum.) Make transparencies from the copies if using an overhead projector. Project the art onto plywood, foam board, or cardboard. Trace and cut out the artwork. Color or paint as desired. Attach easels and set the characters around Rocky Ridge.

## Rocky Ridge Bandstand

As a part of Rocky Ridge or as an entirely separate decorating theme, set up a stage for The God Rocks! band and friends. Borrow a drum set, keyboard, guitar, and other instruments that kids can pretend to play. (If you have a live band for your children's programming, think about how to incorporate the decorating ideas without creating problems for your band members!) Create and display a "Now Appearing" sign that can be changed each week to add the name of the band performing the session's BibleToon.

Have the BibleToons music playing in the area as kids arrive. Set up microphones and stands. Since kids love being on stage, plan a time when kids can perform, "play" the instruments, and sing with the karaoke version of the BibleToons.

Provide a props box that includes sunglasses, beach towels, Hawaiian shirts, blow-up guitars, wigs, and other theme-related, appropriate costuming for performing the BibleToons.

