

# Instructions for using *Betty Lukens Through the Bible in Felt* “Deluxe Bible in Felt” Kit for Preschool Lessons

## The three **Boards**



Sky and Water



Inside Room



Purple (Nighttime)

The two **background overlays** which go on over the water part of the Sky and Water Board:



Hillside



Desert

## Filing System

Finding the felt pieces for a story is time consuming without using the filing method provided in the kit.

Here are basic steps to organize the felt pieces:

1. Cut out the pieces. Note: You only need to cut out the pieces used for the PS stories (about 1/3 of the total pieces). A list of pieces needed for Preschool stories is at the end of this document.
2. Put the pieces on the velour sheets that have the outline and number of each felt piece. The velour sheets enable organization of the pieces according to number and category, so they are easy to find. For example, the first sheet (for the felt kit with the larger 12” figures) is Jesus/Angels 1-16 (includes felt pieces 1-16).
3. Place the velour sheets into your selected file system, either: A. the Included Boxes; B. the Art Portfolio Presentation Book; or C. the Art Drawers. The following information provides more details on each file system option.
  - A. Boxes - The kit includes cardboard to fold into boxes and the velour sheets fit in the two boxes.



- B. Art Portfolio Presentation Book – reasonably priced and can easily flip to find sheets. The plastic sleeves need to hold at least 29 sheets for the larger felt figures (or at least 12 sheets for the felt kit with the smaller 6.5” figures) that are 18” x 24”. The felt pieces stick well to the velour sheets, but it is recommended that you store the velour sheets flat rather than upright, because if the book is bumped frequently while upright, some of the pieces may slide.

Note: These pictures show the velour sheets in the Art Portfolio Book without the felt pieces on them.



- C. Art Drawers - Art drawers can be purchased or custom-made. Will need 29 drawers (12 drawers if using the smaller felt kit with 6.5” figures) that hold sheets that are 18” x 24”.



## Teacher’s Manual

The *Betty Lukens* Teacher’s Manual has different stories than the Apostolic Christian Sunday School Curriculum, so you do not need it for the Apostolic Christian Sunday School Stories. However, if you would like to see sample pictures of what the flannel board looks like with felt pieces placed on it, there are pictures in the *Betty Lukens* Teacher’s Manual. Also, if you are interested in knowing all of the felt pieces that are available, the *Betty Lukens* Teacher’s Manual has two indexes: (1) a numerical index listing each felt number and giving a description of the felt pieces and (2) an alphabetical index (within each category) listing the description of the felt pieces and then the number of the felt piece.

Note: The Teacher’s Manual index does not list the **S** pieces or the **T** pieces, so we have provided a list of those for you at the end of this document. The **S** pieces are scenery, such as trees, bushes, and flowers. In the list of felt pieces for each story, we only included **S** pieces that specifically related to the story. Teachers can also add other **S** pieces for scenery if they want to.

## Important notes:

- Cutting out pieces: Cutting out the felt pieces on a new kit does take a significant amount of time. If you are getting a new kit, consider having a work night and fellowshipping with others as you cut. If you only want to cut out the pieces used for the Preschool lessons, a list of the pieces used for our lessons can be found at the end of this document.
- Throne room and shoreline overlay: The Teacher’s Manual and website lists “throne room overlay.” Since that means you should use 4 specific pieces with the Inside Room board (Steps – T1; Red carpet for on steps – T2; Curtain for behind steps – T3; Pillars – T4), we simply listed those felt pieces rather than list it as

“throne room overlay” and have teachers try to figure out which pieces that means. The same applies to the “shoreline overlay” that is listed in the Teacher’s Manual. Shoreline overlay means you should use the Grass and Path (S3) felt piece, so we listed them in the pieces when needed.



Inside room with T1, T2, T3, T4 (throne room)



Sky and Water with S3 for shoreline

- Suggestions truly mean suggestions: The lesson gives suggestions, but teachers may use any pieces they prefer. Once the felt pieces are cut and organized on the velour sheets (filing system), it is easy to find animals, people, objects, etc. Teachers (especially those who have already used the Deluxe Bible kit in the past) may prefer to glance through the sheets and pull out a few felt pieces that tell the story, rather than reading which felt pieces are suggested for each lesson and then finding those exact pieces. Also, you may find more or different pieces that you would like to use for a story. Or you may want to use fewer pieces. It is up to you as the teacher.
- Teaching tip: Consider involving students by giving them a felt piece to put on the board at the appropriate time in the story. *Refer back to the flannel board when asking the students the questions about the story.* At this young age, students need something to look at when learning a story.
- Want to see a kit before deciding if you want to purchase it? Our church in Tremont, IL has several kits. Contact any Tremont minister and ask for the minister who has oversight of the Sunday School to connect you with a Sunday School teacher. Below is a sample of pieces on a board to tell a story.



- Other questions or documents: contact Kendra Ramsier at [ramsierfamily@gmail.com](mailto:ramsierfamily@gmail.com).

Excel Spreadsheet of Pieces Used in PS Lessons: A searchable Excel Spreadsheet of the felt pieces used in each of the Simplified Narratives PS stories has been created. The Excel spreadsheet indicates which pieces to cut out of each big felt sheet. It lists the felt number, a description of the felt piece, any special explanations or instructions, and what stories use that felt piece. Go to the file labeled *Felt Kit Excel Spreadsheet for Pieces Used in PS Lessons*.

## Index for S and T pieces (only the pieces used in the PS curriculum)

S2 - grass and path (referred to as "Shoreline Overlay" in the teacher's manual)

S3 - smaller grass and path

S6 - purple mountains

S7 - large tree

S14 - row of various trees

S20 - small pink flowering bush

T1 - steps

T2 - red carpet for steps

T3 - curtain for behind steps

T4 - pillars

In the Teacher's Manual, they actually refer to those 4 pieces as the "throne room overlay."