

The Adventures of Sammy the Lamb  
Children's Sermons: Advent Year B  
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### Our Mission

We are a husband and wife team in ministry called to share the good news of our Lord Jesus with others. Our call to ministry includes serving the littlest believers and sharing the Gospels with them in an attainable, fun, and Biblically-based way. In a culture focused on what is trending on the internet, we are focused on the Way, the Truth, and the Life of Jesus Christ our King. Our mission is to share the love of Jesus with children (and children at heart) through this puppet ministry.

### How to use this script

This script includes lines for two characters: Sammy the Lamb and Pastor. If your congregation does not have a pastor, please know a deacon, youth director, or lay person may assume the role of "Pastor." The script is adaptable to suit your needs as a congregation.

When the name of the character appears on the left, say the line that appears after the colon. Italicized words are instructions, stage directions, and props lists. Please review these items but do not say them out loud.

The gospel reading for the week appears first in the script, followed by the some background information and a prop list. After these items, you will find the script.

### Children's Sermons

Children's sermons are for children, but they are also for adults. This script is written for children 12 and younger, but adults do listen, participate, and interact with the characters.

Please set aside a time during your service to invite the children to come forward for the children's sermon. They may be accompanied by their family or may come up alone. Ask them to sit in the front area of your church sanctuary with the individual playing "Pastor." Pastor should sit on the ground with the children if possible. Getting on their level will help them to feel more

comfortable. Pastor should also face the congregation, the children, and “cheat” his/her body toward Sammy. “Cheating” means the body is at an angle to allow the illusion of looking at and talking to the puppet to occur. Congregations will notice that this puppet ministry will encourage a lot of participation from children and adults.

### Setting the Stage

The individual playing the part of Sammy will need to hide behind something to only show the puppet to the children and the congregation. If your church has a pulpit or lectern, these places may work. You may also ask someone in the congregation to build a stage or platform to hide the individual playing Sammy. A quilt on poles may also serve the purpose of hiding the person playing Sammy.

Decide as a congregation how you would like to set the stage for the puppet. You can keep the setting simple, or you can get creative. Utilize the talents of your congregation—whether those talents include carpentry, sewing, or using a hot glue gun, any of these talents can help create a setting for Sammy. You may also change the setting as the puppet ministry continues. Allow yourself the grace to adapt based on what is working or not working.

### Liturgical Calendar

This script is for the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B. This script includes a children’s sermon for each week of the Liturgical Calendar. You do not have to use a children’s sermon each week, but churches with weekly children’s sermons attract more families to attend worship on a regular basis.

The Liturgical Calendar includes Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Palm Sunday, Easter, and Pentecost.

### Information about the Scriptures

The scriptures included in this script are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

### Audience

The Adventures of Sammy the Lamb is written for children 12 and younger as the target audience; however, older children and even adults enjoy the puppets. If you have no children in your congregation, please do not be

discouraged! Have children's sermons whether children are present or not, and you will find that they will come.

## Character Background

### Sammy

Sammy is a little lamb. You can make Sammy a boy or a girl, though we wrote her as a girl in the script. Sammy is sweet, spunky, and energetic. Sammy asks lots of questions and has a big heart for Jesus. Sammy met Pastor in seminary.

### Pastor

Pastor is grounded, convicted in his/her faith, and wise. Pastor also likes to have fun and enjoys Sammy's jokes.

### Bartholomew

Bartholomew is a bunny. He appears around Easter and also at other points during the year. He met Pastor during undergrad.

### Farmers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (brothers)

These farmers work on the farm where Sammy lives. We choose the farmer based on the gospel reading for the week.