

Make a Farley Figure

Farley is a life-sized, 10 year-old stuffed figure. Farley interacts with teachers and children as they learn the Gospel Presentation.

Make a paper pattern by tracing around a 10 year-old person. Transfer paper pattern to cloth (heavy muslin cotton fabric) . . . OR trace directly on fabric without using paper pattern.

Trace AT LEAST four (4) inches away from the body to allow seam space and fullness when stuffing. Cut out two figure pieces of cloth and sew together. Leave openings to stuff body parts.

Additional suggestions for making a Farley figure:

- Place dry beans in Farley's seat so he sits well.
- Use a yardstick or wooden dowel rod for his spine.
- Use wire hanger to stabilize his neck and shoulders.
- Instead of completely sewing up Farley, use zippers or Velcro so inside "stuffing" is removable.
- Stuff Farley with commercial fill, white tissue paper, clothing (when traveling), or newspaper (cheap and convenient, but smudges).
- Sew a seam at the elbow and knee joints so arms and legs bend
- Use yarn, fur fabric or wig for hair
- Select outfits related to each Unit's theme. Remember, he needs shoes and socks.
- Place Velcro on Farley's face in area of his mouth. Velcro the back of his cut-out, curved mouth. (This allows Farley to frown or smile, depending on the Unit's theme.) Add Velcro to his hands.
- Use fabric paint or permanent marker to complete the rest of Farley's face.
- Farley should appear as a real 10 year-old boy. Accessorize him in a catchy or novel way (CD player with ear phones, backpack with books sticking out, a belt on his pants and baseball cap).

Hey Kids ... Meet Farley

Interactive Farley

An adult leader sits on a stool with Farley on his lap, being the “voice” of Farley. As kids come up to Farley to share the Gospel (or practice a certain portion of it), Farley responds with comments, questions and prompts/hints. Farley’s arms move, engaging kids in communicating with Farley

Live Farley Staged

Bring Farley to life by using two volunteers and curtained stage. The two people work together to present the Gospel, do skits, and interact with class. Mimic fun, humorous ways of a 10-12 year-old to make Farley come alive.

Build a simple 6-foot high PVC frame. Hang black curtain from frame. Curtain should be long enough to reach table top. Place screen behind table.

Person #1: Sit at a table (covered with cloth so that legs do not show). Position curtain screen behind back. Slip head through neck of an oversized T-shirt and pull shirt down to cover upper body. (Do not put arms in sleeves.) Place bare arms in pair of Farley-sized jeans. Cover hands with socks and shoes -- Farley’s feet. Place hat or wig on head. This represents Farley’s head, upper torso, legs and feet.

Person #2: Hidden by the curtain, stand behind Person #1. Slip arms through sleeves of t-shirt worn by Person #1. This represents Farley’s arms.

Teacher can interact with “Live Farley,” throwing a ball to him, giving him a drink of water, and discussing the Gospel with him.