

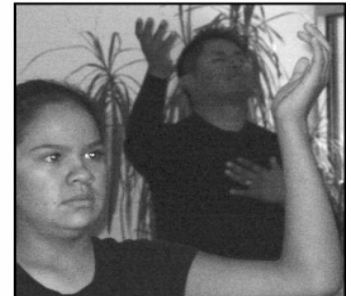


# God's Story

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## Drama Pictures

Over 70 people gathered on a beautiful fall Saturday on October 13 at Rehoboth Church to learn from the Northwestern College Theatre Touring Company how to present Scriptural Stories and Concepts. Professor Jeff Barker, who leads the team of students, believes that the ancient Israelites probably presented many Old Testament stories in the form of plays with a narrator and people enacting the parts. The company presented two stories involving Elisha, the prophet. Jeff Barker provided guidance for those who read scripture in our churches. The group also prayed for people using a method called "Enacted Prayer" in which people create a picture (either moving or still) of the prayer. The Farmington Maranatha Drama Team also shared some insight and exercises from their drama ministry. On Sunday, the following day, Rehoboth Church was completely full for a Worship Service of Joy and Lament, centered on Psalms and other scripture - led by the Rehoboth Christian School Choir and the Northwestern College Theatre Touring Company. Following the Sunday Worship Service, Mark Charles, of the Window Rock CRC, provided the Northwestern students with some experiences to help them understand scripture



in a "high desert" setting, similar to the setting of the Old Testament. Students stayed overnight in a hogan (traditional Navajo dwelling), butchered a sheep, and helped with some of the chores such as chopping wood and making bread, that are part of the daily routines of many Navajo people, living in rural places.

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