Moses and God's Glory

Bible Passage:

Exodus 33:12-23, 34:5-6

'The Lord, the Lord, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.'

Additional materials:

• Small beautiful stones / gems

optional

- Staff (short stick)
- Scroll (rolled paper or silver birch bark)



Words	Actions (storyteller's perspective)
	Make dais at 9 o'clock from 3 blocks and heart.
	Choose three figures with same pose and different shades. Place them on the dais and scatter stars and beautiful stones all around.
Moses said to the Lord, 'If I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways.'	Place Moses on disc at 11 o'clock (with staff at one side.)
The Lord replied, 'My presence will go with you and I will give you rest.	Extend some of God's stars / stones around Moses.
For you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.'	(Give scroll from God and place at Moses' feet.)
'I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.'	Sweep right arm then left arm across on 'gracious', and pat the air with palms down on 'mercy'.
Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.'	
And the Lord said, 'I will make my goodness pass before you, but you cannot see my face; for no one shall see my face and live.'	Pass hand slowly over your face and pause over your eyes.
'There is a place by me where you shall stand while my glory passes by.	Place disc to right of centre with piles of three wooden blocks to either side, keeping disc near front opening.
I will put you in a cleft of the rock and I will cover you with my hand.	Lean grey shapes against blocks to create narrow cleft.
	Place Moses on disc, facing front.
Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face you shall not see.'	Loosely wrap God figures in gold / fancy yarn
The Lord passed before Moses and proclaimed his name:	Pick up God figures as a block with left hand and move towards cleft. Place right arm around cleft with hand in front of Moses.
'The Lord, the Lord, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.' (repeat as many times are required)	As God passes across cleft, take God figures with right hand, moving away from Moses. Circle God figures slowly around back to dais.