

EVERYDAY SKILL BUILDERS

Storytelling using puppets



3 MINUTE VIDEO
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Puppets are an awesome way of engaging children in storytelling.

Puppets need not be plush and expensive – indeed they can be home made or made with the children. Fingers and hands can also serve as a makeshift puppet.

If you've got a story you know well, telling that story from memory using puppets is an engaging and fun alternative to reading a story from a book.

TIPS FOR STORYTELLING USING PUPPETS

1

Have fun with the puppets personalities – perhaps you have a crocodile that likes to nibble on children's toes? Perhaps you have a cheeky monkey that hops onto children's shoulders or a shy wallaby that hides if the room is too noisy... taking the time to have a few moments of fun with children with the puppet helps to settle the room and buy a few moments of time for the group to form.

2

Engage with the puppet in conversation, helping your puppet come to life in the process. Having the puppet whisper in your ear is a sure fire way to capture children's interest.

3

Be expressive with your voice and body language to keep your audience engaged



EXAMPLE: I WENT WALKING – SUE MACHIN.

Taking inspiration from this story, you can adapt it to fit finger puppets or a gloved puppet with five different animals.

Calling out children's names as you go helps them to be involved in the story...."Jaxson went walking, what did he see? He saw a stripy tiger, looking at me!"

Notes

Reflections

