

Puppet Show Family Activity

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ACTIVITY

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Age Range: 5 and up

Activity Time: 45 minutes

In this activity we will create our own stories, invent character puppets to put on a performance.

ACTIVITY MATERIALS

- **N** Markers
- // Crayons
- **N** Color
- PencilsTape
- **♦** Scissors
- Paper (plain white or colored construction)
- Sticks (or instead pencils or markers)

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. First we will need a story! Come up with a short story, based on something real or imaginary, where the characters must travel to a new place. Tell us why you are moving and what you hope to learn in this new culture. Keep track of important plot points, characters, props and setting.
- 2. Next draw your main characters on to your paper. Make sure the characters take up at least half the paper, we want large and bold characters! Continue to decorate the characters to whatever extent you like.
- 3. If there are any major props or setting, make sure to also draw and decorate these as well.
- 4. Cut out your characters, props and setting using scissors.
- 5. Take your cut outs and use tape to prop them onto sticks or pencils. Use as much as needed here. These will become your puppets.
- 6. Once all your puppets are made, gather your family and put on your show! Have family members play at different characters. Use different voices, narrate the story as you go. You bring life to your short story.