

WHY PUPPETS?

Puppets are a wonderful way to help children:

- learn language
 - act out a story
 - try on different roles
 - solve problems with other children
-
- Young children love talking with puppets, and will often comply with a request made by a puppet rather than an adult.
 - Try using a puppet when you want your child to get dressed, take a bath, or clean up toys. You'll both have more fun getting through these daily routines if you add a little puppetry.
 - Use a different silly voice with each puppet and (even though it's obviously *you* talking) watch how your child responds to what the puppet asks her to do!
 - Ask your child to help you name her puppet. The name can be whatever your child decides. (My daughter's favorite puppet was a cow puppet named "cow".)
 - Use the puppets to tell a bedtime story for a change from reading a book. Your child will love these stories no matter how silly they seem to you. If you have trouble making up stories, retell a simple fairy tale and use your child's name as the main character.