

## **Creating and Using Simple Puppets: Finger Puppets**

Video transcription from “Creating and Using Simple Puppets: Finger Puppets”

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The wonderful thing about finger puppets is that they are imaginary and concrete at the same time. It is important to welcome the children to use their imagination by modeling how you can use them. Because this is such a simple puppet, the voice is very important. It is also important to look at the puppet while it is speaking to help the children believe it is real.

Using your hand, you can move finger puppets a few different ways, making them appear to be running, walking, hopping, etc. To animate the puppets’ talking, move their heads by wiggling your finger. Finger puppets can be created very simply. The body can be made out of a tube: a PVC tube, a cardboard tube, some foam. The head can be a Ping-Pong ball (of any color), a pom-pom, or anything similar. There are any number of puppet shows you can do with a few simple finger puppets!