

Adventures
with Alice 



Puppet Play

Provocations

Puppets can be helpful to talk through emotions or to emphasise instructions to highlight information, relate to and reveal stories and events and bring any experience to life through characterisation.

However, some children may be a little hesitant and unsure of them at first. Use them to encourage, to praise, to emphasise how the puppet is feeling as if they are in someone else's world.

Invitations...



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Jacinta loves to help!



This puppet likes to stay safe...

Irresistible Ideas

Brave and brilliant

Choose a puppet who is always going to be about helping children become brave and less hesitant and fearful about new events and experiences.

Jacinta is our puppet. She is a bit quirky to look at, she stands out in a crowd, so people often expect her to behave in a certain way. Explain to the children she has taken a while to be confident and believe she can do things. Now she loves to help anyone worried or concerned about anything!

When you have observed a child being challenged or struggling with something, use your puppet to create a little scenario that reflects the worries or conflicts of the child. Remember to highlight that it is the puppet feeling this, without the children realising it is reflecting one of them. Use the puppet to enable children to feel *if Jacinta can do it, so can I*.

We can do it

Choose another puppet to support quiet and timid children to work with another person (the puppet), to help the puppet understand and learn how things are used.

When you are trying to explain or introduce a technique or idea that will be of benefit, explain to the children that this puppet has no ideas, they have just landed from another planet, they don't know how to weave or make paint or do experiments.

You wondered if the child or children would teach them? As the child passes on the way to carry out something, it's a great way for you to notice and record that the child is clear or needing a bit of support or help with something.

Helpful and hopeful

Choose another puppet to help with tasks, jobs that need to be done. The puppet is basically being used to highlight instructions that have to be followed to make their play safe, exciting and collaborative.

Use the puppet to help carry out an important task. Risk assessing with children can be a challenge, so the puppet would be used by the adult highlighting safety. Pretend the puppet is looking to see if it was safe to use the slide or she checked to make sure the gate is closed.

Or use them to highlight the need to share, take turns, be patient and kind. Any behaviour being demonstrated, use this puppet to deal with it in a playful and positive way.