

Tips for Good Puppetry:

1. Open and close the puppets mouth on every word syllable. Make sure the puppet's mouth is moving when you are talking.
2. Practice voices for a little girl, little boy, man, woman, old man, old woman, and devil.
3. Exaggerate all emotions.
4. Make sure the puppet is facing the kids. It is easy to forget the position of the puppet when you are concentrating on reading your lines. Make sure your arm inside the puppet is up tall and straight. People have the tendency to let their arm droop.
5. Puppets should enter and exit the puppet stage as if they are ascending and descending a set of stairs.

Rocksolid Bible Story Curriculum Puppet Show - Thanksgiving Thankfulness

(Characters: Stinky and Sally)

Stinky: I hate my nose! It's an ugly nose.

Sally: I think you have a cute little nose. Why aren't you thankful for your nose?

Stinky: Cause it's a puppet nose! That's why!

Sally: Would you rather have an elephant nose?

Stinky: No. And I hate my poofy hair. I can't do anything with it! Every day is a bad hair day!

Sally: Why aren't you thankful for your hair? Some people I know, who shall remain nameless, don't hardly have any hair!

Stinky: Cause it's puppet hair! That's why! And my long floppy legs. I hate em!

Sally: Now that's it Stinky! I have heard enough of your ungrateful attitude. Look at me. I don't even have any legs!

Stinky: That's cause you're a puppet Sally!

Sally: So?

Stinky: I'm a puppet! Can you believe it? I'm a puppet! I always thought I was a real boy. But Blue Bob, told me that I'm a puppet!

Sally: (with attitude) And what's wrong with being a puppet? I'm thankful to be a puppet.

Stinky: You always knew you were a puppet and you didn't tell me I was a puppet? You just let me think I was a real boy!

Sally: I thought you always knew you were a puppet. There's nothing wrong with being a puppet. You have lots to be thankful for.

Stinky: What do I have to be thankful for?

Sally: You get to come to kids church pretty much every week. Lots of the puppets backstage never get to come to kids church. Some puppets have only come to kids church one time in six years, but they don't have the stinking ungrateful attitude you have.

Stinky: I've never thought about it that way before.

Sally: God uses us puppets. We are VIP's, very important puppets. We get to give messages to kids. Kids can learn things from us.

Stinky: You're right Sally. I'm sorry I have been so unthankful. (to the kids) Is it okay kids if I'm a puppet and not a real boy?

(Let kids respond.)

Stinky: I like my nose. It's a cute nose.

Sally: Very cute.

Stinky: I like my hair.

Sally: You should!

Stinky: I like my long skinny legs. Sorry you don't have any legs Sally.

Sally: I'm still thankful. At least I have hair and 2 eyes and 2 arms.

Stinky: You have a good attitude Sally. Will you marry me?

Sally: Nope.

Stinky: How come?

Sally: Cause I don't like boys.

Stinky: But I'm not a real boy. I'm a puppet.

Sally: It's all the same to me.

(Sally exits.)

Stinky: Girls!

(Stinky exits.)