

Hoopoe Teaching-Stories™

The Spoiled Boy With the Terribly Dry Throat

Paper Bag Puppets



With bag over hand,
move the puppet's
mouth.

Materials you will need: lunch-size paper bags, colored pencils, crayons, markers, water-based paint, glue, paste spreader, colored construction paper or cardstock, tape, scissors, stapler, and newsprint or plastic sheets to cover desks or tables. **Optional:** tissue paper, wrapping paper, old shopping bags, foil, ribbons, braid, beads, buttons, sequins, fabric scraps, yarn for hair, plastic eyes, etc.



DRAW & COLOR FACE

Then cut out the drawing. (If using plastic eyes, glue them on after you cut out the piece.)



The HEAD piece should be roughly the size of the flap of the bag



Draw and color the Boy including his clothing, arms and legs on white cardstock. Allow to dry and cut the piece out. The finished size should be 1.5 times larger than the bag.



1. CUT OUT ALL PIECES: Draw the outline and details of the pieces on white or colored cardstock paper. The Boy's HEAD/FACE should be at least as large as

the paper bag flap, and the Boy's BODY about 1.5 times as large as the bag. Cut out the drawings around the outside lines. Draw, color or paint the details of each part. You may want to use plastic eyes, or construct eyes from cardstock. (**Suggestions for Colors:** Face/Arms/Legs = color of choice; Cheeks = pink; Hair = brown or black; Shirt = white or light blue; Pants = blue; Decor for Shirt = any color or design; Mirror = see #4 below.)

2. Once the pieces are colored and dry, glue the HEAD on top of the bag's flap. You may want to make the hair using fabric scraps or yarn. Be careful not to glue the flap closed.

3. For the BODY/CLOTHES: After you have colored, decorated and cut out the entire BODY piece, glue the entire piece to the front of the bag, under the flap. (Allow the bag to dry completely before use.)

4. For the MIRROR: Draw the mirror on paper (see next page for a pattern), color or paint using two different colors, for the inner oval use a light color or a piece of metallic paper or foil. When it is dry, add a small piece of cellophane tape to the back of the boy's right hand for reinforcement, and cut a slight snip in the boy's hand. Slip the mirror's handle in the slit, and glue or tape it to the boy's hand. (If you want, instead of gluing or taping the mirror, leave the slit in the boy's hand to attach other props, such as medicine bottles, spoons, etc.)

5. FINISHING TOUCHES: You may want to add blue tear drops for a special effect, or draw and cut out a sleeping mask that can be taped to the face.



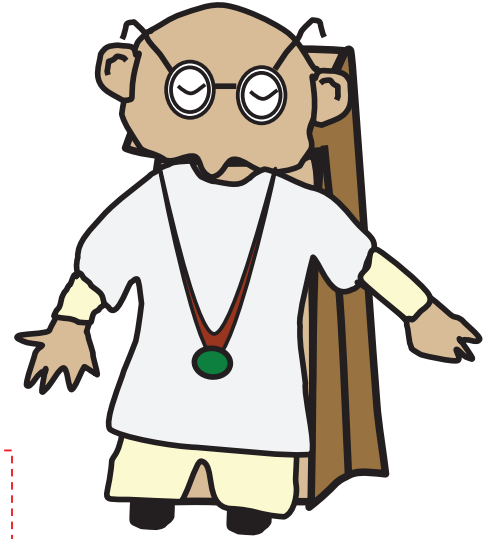
Idea: Reinforce the back of the boy's HAND with cellophane tape and cut a small slit for holding props.

For other ideas of puppets and objects, see next page.

Puppet Theater Ideas

- Place a tablecloth or sheet over a table and students sit under table and extend their puppets out from under the cloth to do their dialogues.
- Cut a rectangular window in a large cardboard box (such as an appliance box) on the front, and a “stage door” in the back. Have 1-2 students go inside box and perform their skits through the window.
- Place chairs facing each other and have students sit and perform their skits to each other. Have these puppets available in a drama center or storage bin for use whenever wanted.

The Doctor: Draw and cut out pieces to represent the doctor. Below is an idea.



Other Characters & Objects from the Story:

1. Using the same methods, draw pattern pieces for the MEDICAL STUDENTS, SERVANTS and the COOK in the story. Cut and assemble as paper bag puppets using the steps on the front page.
 2. Or, cut out each character and tape to the tip of pencils or craft sticks to make easy hand-held puppets.
 3. Draw and cut out MEDICAL CARTS, MEDICINE BOTTLES, and BOOKS, SLEEPING MASK, and other props.
- Use your imagination for further puppets & props. If children are to create the puppets, remember to keep it simple for them.

Scenes from the Story:

1. Have the children design and color the BOY'S Bedroom as a mural on a roll of art paper. Tape the mural onto a wall, and have the children retell the story or perform a Puppet Theatre in front of the mural.
 2. Create other murals, such as the kitchen, the medical room, etc.
- Allow the children to use their imaginations for the murals.

Allow the puppets to dry completely before use. Sometimes an extra bit of glue, tape or stapling needs to be applied for stabilization. **HAVE FUN!**



Ideas for Other Props



⚠ CAUTION: Avoid injury! Adult supervision recommended, if necessary. This project includes cutting with scissors!