Hoopoe Teaching-StoriesTM The King Without a Trade Paper Bag Puppets



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

<u>Materials you will need</u>: lunch-size paper bags, colored pencils, crayons, markers, glue, paste spreader, colored construction paper or cardstock, tape, scissors, stapler, paperclips, newsprint for desks or tables. *Optional*: tissue paper, wrapping paper, old shopping bags, pipe cleaners, foil, beads, buttons, fabric scraps, yarn for hair, plastic eyes, rick-rack lace, sequins, etc.

1. **Easy Method**: Reproduce the book's illustrations of the king's and others' faces including hair, scarves, crowns and caps on construction paper in a size large enough to cover the bottom flap of the bag. Glue the head piece to the bag's bottom flap and allow to dry.

Suggestion: For the king, draw and cut out a crown and a shepherd's cap to exchange while reading the story. These pieces can be held in place by paperclips.

Or, draw and color the head parts (faces, beards, head coverings, hair, etc.) on art paper about the size of the flap and glue all in place. *Optional*: as embellishments, glue on plastic eyes, buttons, fabric for head and neck

2. Cut out other shapes for the clothes, making the dresses & tunics roughly the same width as the paper bag. Draw and cut out trousers, scarves, caps, and shoes from construction paper. Decorate the garments as desired by adding strips of contrasting colored paper, ribbons, fabric, rick-rack, lace, wrapping paper, decals, beads, buttons, and the like.

3. Draw and cut out another pieces of construction paper for arms and hands and glue on the back of the clothing sleeves.

4. Glue clothing pieces together making sure garment tops are over the trousers, the scarves are on top of the tunics, and the shoes glued under the trouser legs.

Once the body piece is dry, glue, tape or staple the entire clothing piece to the front of the bag (make sure you do not glue or staple the bag shut).

Puppet Theater Ideas

• Place a tablecloth or sheet over a table and children 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 children go inside box and perform their skits through the window.

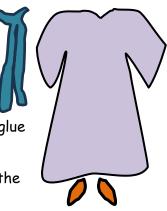
• Place chairs facing each other and have children sit and perform their skits to each other. Have these puppets available in a drama center or storage bin for use whenever wanted.



King puppet. See next page for ideas for other puppets for the story.



Shepherd's Hat and Crown



Draw and cut out other props, such as sheep, a loom, wool yarn, tools, peacocks, the Sultan's horse, hunting bows & arrows, etc. These props can be glued, taped or paperclipped into place as needed for play. 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!

