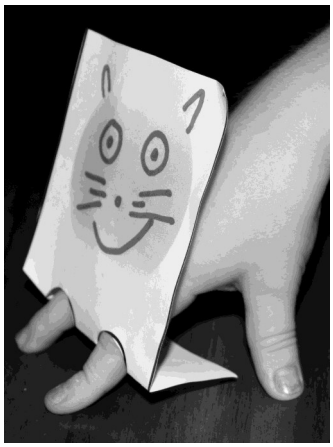
Learn by Doing

Choice Puppet People and Animals



Each human being is created in the image and likeness of the Lord—and yet each is different. The wonderful variety reflects just how big the Lord is! Children will create their own people and animal puppets and gather with their puppets to see how each is a unique reflection of the Lord.

1. Gather in a circle. Look at each other's faces and notice ways in which everyone looks similar (eyes, nose, ears, etc.). Notice ways in which each person is different (curly/straight hair, hair/eye color, skin tones, etc.).
2. No two people in the world are exactly the same—even if they are twins! Seeing how many different people there are helps us understand just how big the Lord is—and at the same time we can see that we are all created in His image.
3. We are going to make finger puppet people and finger puppet animals. Show the children your sample puppets. Talk about the animal and person you made. Show them how to put their fingers in the holes and make the puppet walk. Inspire creativity by talking to the puppet and making the puppet "respond".
4. Hand out previously cut out *Finger Puppet Templates* (p. 2) and puppet decorating supplies. Encourage the children to be creative—to "create" their own animals and people! Offer help with fancy supplies if needed. Suggest children use the circle as the face.
5. When the children have completed the puppets, help them get their fingers in the holes and "talk" to each other.
6. Encourage the children to notice and enjoy the variety of people and animals they have created—just as the Lord created wonderful variety in the world!

Materials for Each Child

Finger Puppet Templates (p. 2) printed on stiff paper, crayons or markers

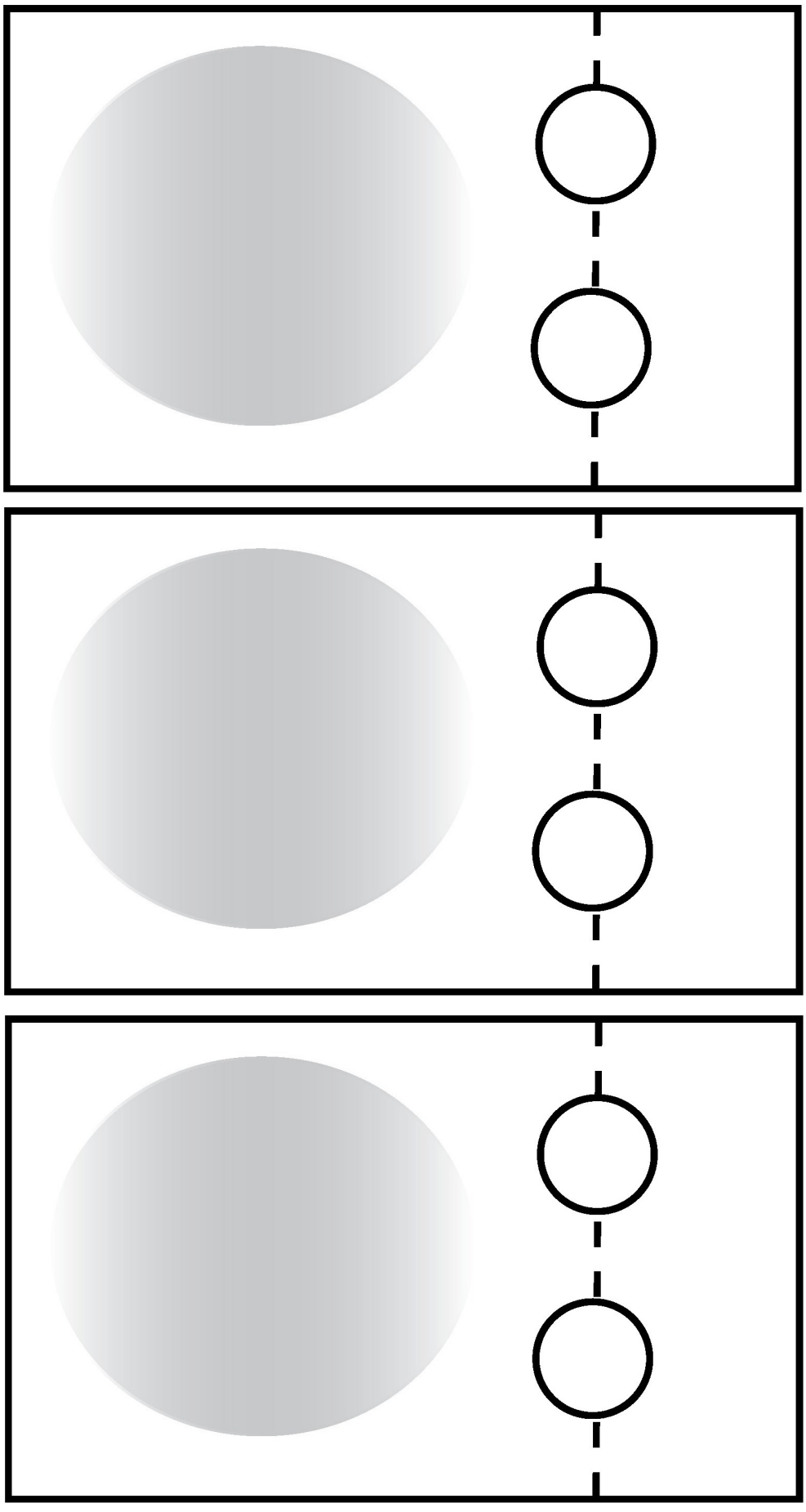
Optional: special decorative supplies such as yarn for hair, fur, ribbon, glitter, glue, etc.

Prepare in Advance

Print *Finger Puppet Templates* (p. 2) on stiff paper. Cut puppet shapes out using a paper cutter or scissors. Fold puppets on the dashed fold line and cut out finger holes using scissors. Each child will need 2 puppet pieces. Create two puppets of your own as models.

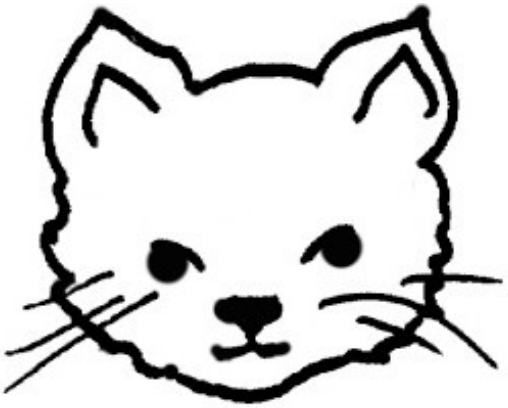
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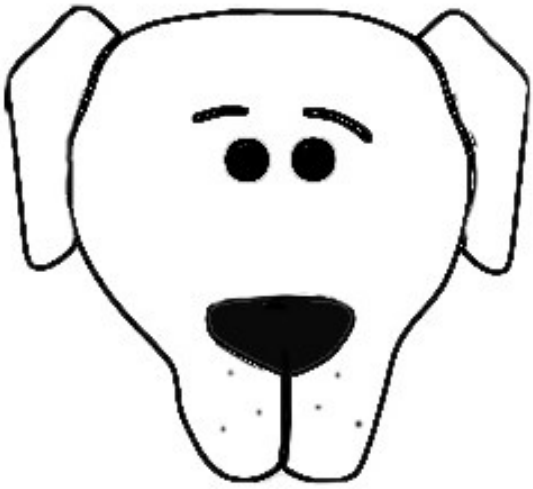


Finger Puppet Templates

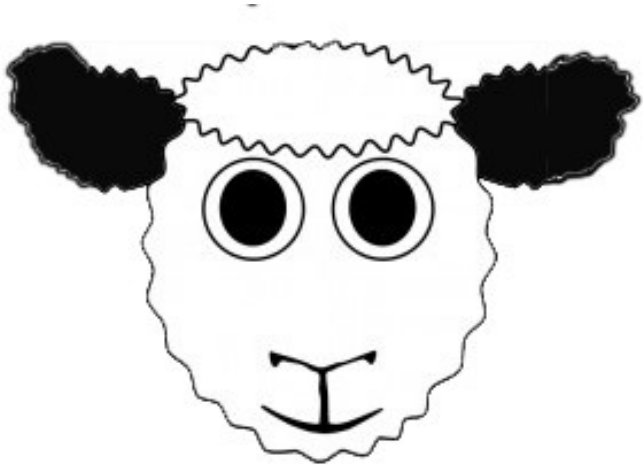
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Finger Puppet Examples