

BLINK AT HOME

Shadow Puppets

How can I make shadows of different shapes and sizes?

Skills to Develop

- + Fine motor skills
- + Gross motor skills
- + Creative thinking
- + Scientific exploration

Materials

- + Flashlight
- + Shadow puppets printable [PDF]
- + Blanket (optional)
- + Popsicle/wood sticks (optional)

WHAT TO DO

Prepare Before the Activity

1. Print shadow puppets printable [PDF] and cut out individual animals. Attach to sticks if available.
2. Make the room dark, or hang a blanket to create a dark fort.

During the Learning Activity

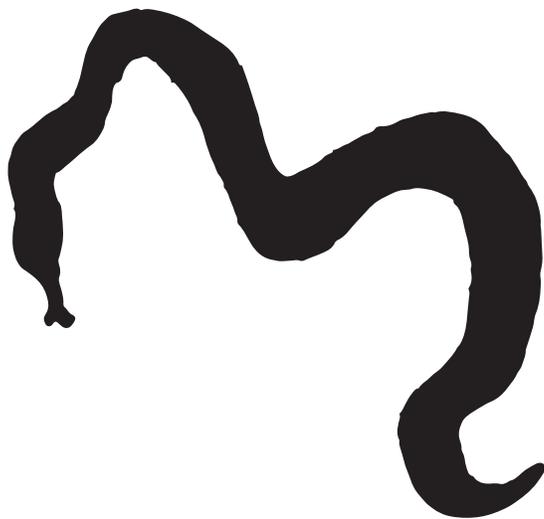
1. Have children shine the flashlight towards the wall. Make shadow puppet shapes with your hands in the light beam. Discuss what animals and shapes you make.
2. Help children make their own shadow puppets with their hands.
3. Show children how the shadow puppets you created make shapes in the light.
4. Try moving the shadow puppets closer and further from the flashlight. Discuss how this changes the size of the shadow.

Extend the Fun

- + Create your own shadow puppet characters
- + Invent a story or retell a favorite book
- + Use transparent colored materials or color on plastic wrap over your flashlight to investigate color

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