

BLINK AT HOME

Character Puppets

Who are the characters in our story?

Skills to Develop

- + Early literacy
- + Verbal communication
- + Written communication

Materials

- + Books
- + Paper
- + Crayons/markers/colored pencils
- + Craft sticks
- + Scissors
- + Glue or tape

WHAT TO DO

During the Learning Activity

1. Choose a book to read. As you read, ask questions about the plot, setting, and characters: *who are the characters in this story? What are the characters doing? What problem do the characters have? Where does this story take place?*
2. Discuss the characters in the book after you read. Ask: *who was your favorite character? What did you like about them? What did they do in the story? What other characters were in the story?*
3. Cut a sheet of paper into halves or fourths. Invite your child to draw their favorite character on one of the pieces of paper. When they have finished, use glue or tape to attach the paper to a craft stick.
4. Discuss their artwork and record their thoughts on the back of the puppet. Ask: *what is this character's name? What do you like about them? What do you dislike about them? What do they do in the story?*
5. Invite your child to recreate other characters from the story. Encourage them to look back at the story and pictures if they need help remembering the other characters.
6. Invite your child to retell the story using their character puppets. Prompt them to invent other stories involving these characters. Ask: *what else might these characters do together? What happens next?*

Extend the Fun

- + Retell the story with changes to plot, characters, or setting.
- + Create sock puppets or paper bag puppets of your favorite characters.

BLINK: CHARACTER PUPPETS

Alaska characters book list: Print and use

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- + *Berry Magic* by Teri Sloat and Betty Huffmon
- + *Whale Snow* by Debby Dahl Edwardson
- + *The Raven and the Loon* by Rachel and Sean Qitsulik-Tinsley
- + *How Devil's Club Came to Be* by Miranda Rose Kaagwéil Worl
- + *Let's Go! A Harvest Story* by Hannah Lindoff
- + *Shanyaak'utlaax Salmon Boy* a Tlingit story edited by Johnny Marks, Hans Chester, David Katzeek, Nora Dauenhauer, and Richard Dauenhauer
- + *Charlie and the Blanket Toss* by Tricia Brown
- + *Groucho's Eyebrows* by Tricia Brown
- + *Kitaaq Goes Ice Fishing* by Margaret Nicolai
- + *Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Joose
- + *On Mother's Lap* by Ann Herbert Scott
- + *The Eye of the Needle* by Teri Sloat