

Puppet Stories

Chicken in the Library

One day a chicken went into the library and marched right up to the desk. She looked at the librarian and said "book, book, book, book!" The librarian helped the chicken find some Scaredy Squirrel, a Fly Guy and a cookbook. The chicken checked the books out, tucked them under her wing and went out the library doors. Two minutes later the chicken strutted right back into the library, returned the books and once again said to the librarian "book, book, book, book!" The librarian was flustered, this chicken was a fast reader! This time they picked out a Nancy Drew, the latest Rick Riordan, a book on beading and a Minecraft magazine. The chicken checked out the books, tucked them under her wing and walked out the library doors. One minute later the chicken strutted right back into the library, returned the books and once again said to the librarian "book, book, book, book!" The librarian was flabbergasted, this chicken has an appetite for reading like she'd never seen before! The librarian rolled up her sleeves, dug deep into the catalogue and found a Robert Munsch collection, the whole Harry Potter Series, an entire encyclopedia set, every single book on dolphins, travel books on Peru, Australia and Iceland, a book on solar powered cars AND every Pete the Cat book they could find. The chicken checked the books out, tucked them all (yes, all of them!) under her wings and left the library. But this time the librarian thought she would follow the chicken to see how she read the books so fast. She followed that chicken out the library doors, down the street, up a hill and down a hill and down to the banks of a river. She peered between the reeds and sure enough she saw the chicken. The chicken was holding up *Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes* right in front of a frog. And that frog looked at the book and he said "readit, readit, already readit."

Three Little Pigs (from Carol Ashton's CD Molly Put the Kettle On - Merriweather Label)

Three little piggies sitting in a house, when along came a wolf as quiet as a mouse.
He said "little pigs, little pigs let me come in." "Not by the hair on our chinny, chin, chins!"
That old wolf huffed and that old wolf blew and awaaaay one little piggie flew.

Two little piggies sitting in a house, when along came a wolf as quiet as a mouse.
He said "little pigs, little pigs let me come in." "Not by the hair on our chinny, chin, chins!"
That old wolf huffed and that old wolf blew and awaaaay one little piggie flew.

One little piggie sitting in a house, when along came a wolf as quiet as a mouse.
He said "little pigs, little pigs let me come in." "Not by the hair on my chinny, chin, chin!"
That old wolf huffed and that old wolf blew and awaaaay that one little piggie flew.

Now there are no little piggies sitting in a house when along came a wolf as quiet as a mouse.
He said "little pigs, little pigs let me come in." But there was no one there to answer him.
That old wolf turned and walked away, he said "I'll be back another day!"
And those three little piggies did creep, back into their beds and fell fast asleep.

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Little Mousie Brown

Up the tall white candlestick went little Mousie Brown.
But when she got up to the top, she could not get back down.
She called for Mama, "Mama, Mama!" but Mama was in town.
So she called for Daddy, "Daddy, Daddy!" but Daddy wasn't around.
So little Mousie curled right up and rolled right down!

Billy Goats Gruff

Trip, trap, trip, trap - across the bridge they come,
Trip, trap, trip, trap - crossing one by one.
Trip, trap, trip, trap - baby takes a stroll
Trip, trap, trip, trap - over the sleeping troll.
Trip, trap, trip, trap - louder taps I hear,
Trip, trap, trip, trap - middle goat is near.
Trip, trap, trip, trap - stomps the biggest goat.
Trip, trap, trip, trap - troll goes in the moat!

Bark, George (Adapted from the book by Jules Feiffer)

This is a story about a dog named George and his mother. And like all parents she was extremely proud of her son George and she liked to show him off.

One day she said: "Bark, George." George went: "Meow."

"No, George," said George's mother. "Cats go meow. Dogs go arf. Now, bark, George."

George went: "Quack-quack."

"No, George," said George's mother. "Ducks go quack-quack. Dogs go arf. Now, bark, George."

George went: "Oink."

"No, George," said George's mother. "Pigs go oink. Dogs go arf. Now, bark, George."

George went: "Moo."

George's mother took George to the vet.

"I'll soon get to the bottom of this," said the vet. "Please bark, George."

George went: "Meow."

The vet reached deep down inside of George...and pulled out a cat.

"Bark again, George." George went: "Quack-quack."

The vet reached deep, deep down inside of George...and pulled out a duck.

"Bark again, George." George went: "Oink."

The vet reached deep, deep, deep down inside of George...and pulled out a pig.

"Bark again, George." George went: "Moo."

The vet put on his longest latex glove. Then he reached deep, deep, deep, deep, deep, deep, deep, deep, deep, deep, deep down inside of George...and pulled out a cow.

"Bark again, George." George went: "ARF!"

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George's mother was so thrilled that she kissed the vet. And the cat. And the duck. And the pig. And the cow. On the way home, she wanted to show George off to everyone on the street. So she said "Bark, George."
And George went: "Hello."

Books to Adapt to Puppet Stories

- **Night Animals** by Gianna Marino (2015)
- **Hooray for Hat!** by Brian Won (2014)
- **Dog's Colorful Day** by Emma Dodd (2001)
- **Elephant and Piggie Series** by Mo Willems
- **Pete the Cat Series** by Eric Litwin
- **The Singing Chick** by Victoria Stenmark (1999)
- **Dear Zoo** by Rod Campbell (1982)
- **Wide Mouthed Frog** by Keith Faulkner (1996)

Puppet Songs and Rhymes

When Cows Get Up in the Morning

When cows get up in the morning, they always say hello.
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And what do they say? Mooooooo! And that is what they say.

Little Bunny in a Hat

Little bunny in a hat sitting so still.
Will it come out? Yes it will!
It looks to the left it looks to the right,
It looks straight ahead and pops out of sight!

Mmm Ahh Went the Little Green Frog

Mmm ahh went the little green frog one day, mmm ahh went the little green frog.
Mmm ahh went the little green frog one day and they all went mmm, mmm, ahh.
But...
We know frogs go (clap) shanananana, (clap) shanananana, (clap) shanananana.
We know frogs go (clap) shanananana. They don't go mmm, mmm, ahh!

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Resources: Ideas and Inspiration

Thrive After Three

- One Story, Seven Ways <https://thriveafterthree.com/2014/03/31/one-story-seven-ways/>
- Puppet Stories <https://thriveafterthree.com/category/puppet-stories/>
- Puppet Songs <https://thriveafterthree.com/category/puppet-songs/>

Storytelling with Puppets <https://www.youtube.com/user/stories13579> for videos and *Beyond the Book Storytimes* blog <http://btbstorytimes.blogspot.ca/> for ideas

Allison Taylor-McBryde "Puppets in the Library" video <https://youtu.be/oyUQhmSj66s>

YAACSweb YouTube Channel *Puppet Party* videos <https://youtu.be/XYBEIOfpTqM>

Jbrary playlists

- Puppets Songs and Rhymes <https://youtu.be/QoHg4pqkJ4>
- Oral Storytelling <https://youtu.be/mGqb4CU83Yo>

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