



Make a Shadow Puppet

What will you create?



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As the nights drew in, people came together to share stories and games around the fireplace or bonfire.

- What is your favourite story?
- Who is your favourite person or creature in the story?
- What do they wear?

Create your own shadow puppet to project across the church!

You will need:

- A paper plate or piece of card
- Pencils
- Crayons or colouring pencils
- Glue stick
- Tissue paper or other decorations like wool / doilies
- Scissors 
- A stick
- Sticky tape
- Overhead projector
- Or a strong lamp against a wall or white sheet

How to make:

1. Draw your simple person or creature outline shape to cut out, make sure it is nice and big so you will see details in the shadows. 
2. Add details using crayons.
3. Cut and stick on hair, a hat or are they are holding something? If you're making a creature, do they have wings or a tail?
4. Attach a stick to the back using sticky tape. 
5. Voila! You have your own shadow puppet - use the projector or lamp create shadows in the church with your puppet!

Take home instructions for how to make your own shadow puppet theatre at home.

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Make a Moving Puppet

Tell a story in shadows



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- What is your favourite story?
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- What do they wear?

You will need:

- A paper plate or piece of card
- Split pins
- Pencil
- Crayons or colouring pencils
- Glue stick
- Decoration materials - tissue paper, wool, doilies
- Scissors 
- Sticks
- Sticky tape
- Overhead projector
- Or a strong lamp against a wall or white sheet

How to make:

1. On your card, draw a simple person or creature shape.
2. Draw the parts you would like to move (legs, arms etc.) separately.
3. Cut out your pieces and add details using crayons or colouring pens.
4. Cut and stick on details like hair, a hat or something they are holding.
5. If you're making a creature, do they have wings or a tail?
6. Using split pins, attach the fasteners to create moving parts. 
7. Attach a stick to the back using stick tape. 
8. Then stick another stick to any moving parts 
9. Use the projector or lamp to create shadows with your puppet!

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