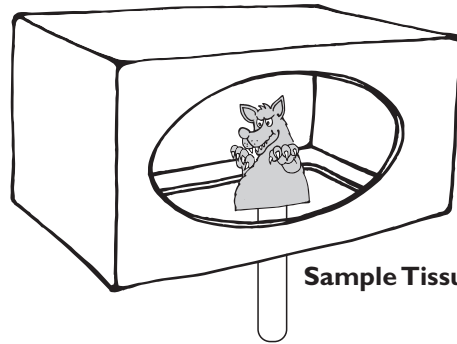


Puppet Show!

When children can put on their own puppet plays, they stimulate their imaginations and are working on their language skills, too. Retelling a story is an early literacy skill, so combine storytelling and puppetry with this easy puppet stage and puppets. Make the stage with your child, then put on some skits using finger puppets or simple stick puppets (glue or tape a picture onto a large craft stick). First read or tell a familiar story like “Little Red Riding Hood,” then retell it with your child using the puppets.

What you need:

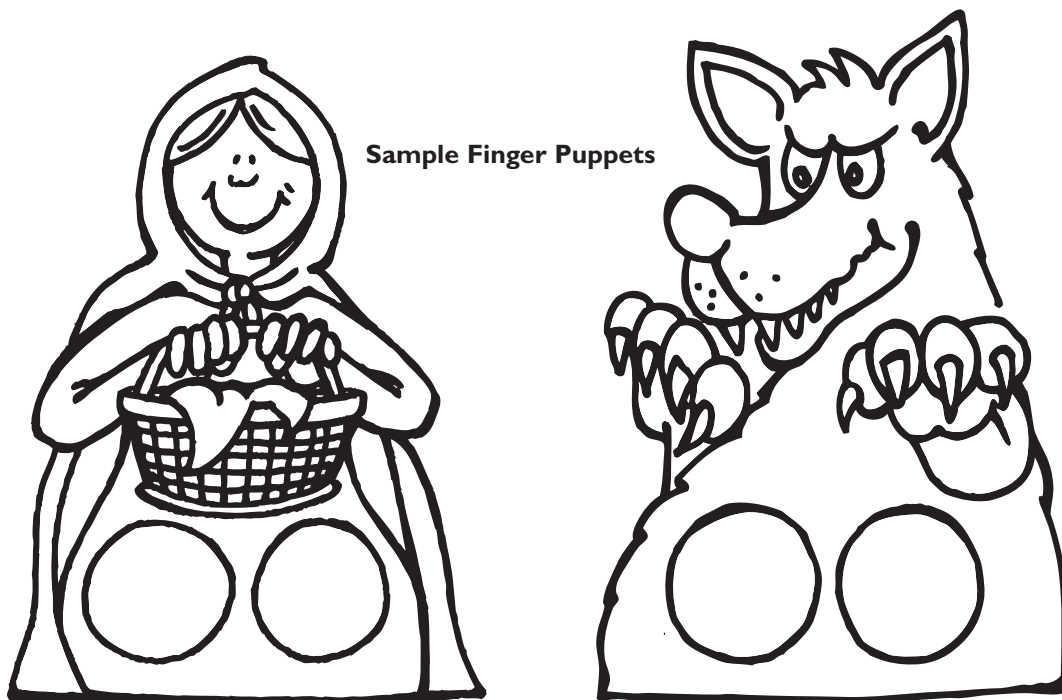
- an empty oblong facial tissue box
- scissors
- stick or finger puppets



Sample Tissue Box Stage

What you do:

1. Place the box on its side with the open oval area for the stage.
2. Cut out the bottom of the box. This is where your child will insert his or her hand with the puppets.
3. You and your children can act out a favorite story or make up your own skit.



Sample Finger Puppets