



Piccadilly Puppets Classroom Guide

Wish Tales



There are wishes we wish for others to grant and those only we can make come true through hard work and perseverance. This multicultural show tells three folktales about wishing, using three different styles of puppetry. The stories are “The Knee-High Man,” “The Frog Prince,” and “Little Orphan Animal”.

HISTORY

The Piccadilly Puppets have been entertaining and educating students for over four decades. Our performers are professional puppeteers who also have extensive experience working with children. We use a variety of puppetry styles and offer a large repertoire of programs that relate to curriculum.

- ◆ Awarded the UNIMA Citation for Excellence in the Art of Puppetry
- ◆ Formerly on the Artist Roster for Arts For Learning

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ELA STANDARD

ELAGSE1RL3: Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.

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ELA STANDARD

ELAGSE2RL2: Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.

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THEATRE ARTS STANDARD

TAES1.1c: Identifies big ideas and themes in a story or theatre experience.

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to draw a picture or write a descriptive paragraph of one or more of the characters.
Students will be able to retell one or more of the stories.
Students will be able to compare and contrast different styles of puppets.

Vocabulary

◆ Setting

◆ Problem & Solution

◆ Savanna

◆ Character

◆ Message or Lesson

Assess the Learning : Questions to Ask the Students Following the Program

For each story: What was the setting? Who were the characters? What was the lesson?
If you could have a wish, what would you wish for? (Or be more specific: for example, What thing (material possession) would you wish for? What do you wish you could do or be? What would you wish for our class, our school, the world?)

Extend the Learning: Post-Show Activities

Have the students make a simple shadow puppet using card stock or file folders. Templates and instructions can be downloaded from our website:
Use an overhead projector, or just hold them in front of a flashlight to see them on the wall. The children can act out the story of the Knee-High Man.

Have the children draw or write about something they wish they could do.

Additional Resources

Grimm's Fairy Tales: http://www.grimmstories.com/en/grimm_fairy-tales/index

American Folklore: <http://www.americanfolklore.net/>

American and World Folk Legends(World legends start halfway down the page):
<http://resourcesforhistoryteachers.wikispaces.com/1.7>