Ages: 2-3

A theatre with two socks

25 min · indoors · all year round



Prep:

- Clean socks with no sewn-on parts - 2, in different colours
- Piece of fabric, 50 × 50 cm - for the curtain
- Smaller piece of fabric - for the mat
- Two chairs

Step by step (~25 min):

1. Stretch the larger piece of fabric between the chair backs to make a curtain. Lay the smaller piece out in front of it.
2. Put a sock on your hand and one on your child's hand. Your child names the characters.
3. Invent voices: one low and slow, the other high and fast. The difference should be clear straight away.
4. Act out a meeting: the first character comes out and says hello; the second suggests a game; the first agrees or declines. Your child decides.
5. Swap socks and act out the same meeting. The second ending is almost always different.

If it’s not working: If your child doesn't want to speak for a character, the adult voices both while your child shows who comes in, leaves or gives a hug.

Playing together: A child aged 2-3 moves one character; a child aged 4-5 invents one line; an older child plays the second character and helps give the story a clear ending.

Make it your own: The characters could look for a lost block, invite each other to tea or choose a game to play together. You can change a voice, but don't make fun of a participant.

Let’s talk:

- "Who came in first?"
- "What did the second sock say?"
- "What did they play?"

Why try this:

Your child tries speaking and acting as a character, invents lines and notices how another person responds to their ideas.