UNFORGETTABLE COMPANION FINGER PUPPET

AGES 5–11 ACTIVITY TIME 30–60 MINS

ABOUT THE CLASSICS THEME

Some films have a timeless, enduring quality, and are handed down from generation to generation for whole new audiences to fall in love with. These films have the power to make us laugh, cry and think – learning a little more about ourselves and the world we live in along the way. What’s more, these are films to be enjoyed time and again, by ourselves when we are in a particular mood, or better yet, settling down with friends and family to share the experience and magic for the first or hundredth time.

THE FILMS INCLUDED IN THIS THEME ARE:

- *101 Dalmatians* (1961, U)
- *Babe* (1995, U)
- *Dumbo* (1941, U)
- *Mary Poppins* (1964, U)
- *Nanny McPhee* (2005, U)
- *Oliver!* (1968, U)
- *The Iron Giant* (1999, U)
- *The Jungle Book* (1967, U)
- *The Secret Garden* (1993, U)

YOU WILL NEED:

- A DVD of a film from the Must See Movies Before You Grow Up: Classics collection
- Unforgettable companion finger puppet activity sheet
- Colouring pencils/felt tip pens
- Scissors
- Range of craft materials such as fabric pieces, wool, googly eyes etc
- Glue.

SAFEGUARDING

The films in this resource have been classified by the British Board of Film Classification and in addition Into Film suggests age groups that each film is engaging for. However, it is always recommended that you view the film before watching it with your child to ensure that content is appropriate. Additional information on the content of films is available on the British Board of Film Classification and Common Sense Media websites.
WHAT TO DO

1. Talk with your child about the supporting companions in the film that you have just watched. How did they help or hinder the main character? What clues did you get about their personality from the way that they looked? What made the companion memorable?

2. Ask your child to imagine that they are the main character in a film and to list the qualities that they would want their companion to have.

3. Using the Unforgettable companion finger puppet activity sheet, work with your child to design the appearance of their character. They should also try to think about how their clothing, hairstyle and accessories provide information about the character’s personality and the adventures that they will go on with your child.

4. If they have chosen an animal companion, there is the option for them to draw their own puppet on the sheet.

5. Once the design of the character is complete, help your child cut around the outline of the character and carefully cut out the finger holes.

6. Now your child is ready to go on an adventure with their unforgettable companion.

TAKE IT FURTHER

1. Download the 3Cs and 3Ss Literacy Tool from the Into Film website for further activities and questions to discuss with your children while watching films together at home (www.intofilm.org/resources/127).

2. Add more detail to their character by using craft materials such as wool, googly eyes and fabric to bring the puppets to life.

3. Plan and perform a skit involving your child and their companion. This can be filmed on a tablet, smartphone or camera to screen to friends and family.
Design your own Unforgettable Companion Finger Puppet

1. Draw your own companion in the box below.
2. Make sure that their legs are placed where the circles are.
3. Cut out your character along the outline and the leg holes.
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