

Activity Outcomes

- A puppet theatre is a great way to encourage children to talk and to share their feelings through the safety of their puppet.
- Children could create their own play about some of the small steps we can take to make the world a better place.

Setting Up

What you will need:

- Toilet roll tubes
- Scissors (parental supervision required for younger children)
- Pen / crayons
- Items to decorate your puppet – not essential



Activity Guide

Activity 1 – Puppet Making

- Decorate a toilet roll tube (or kitchen roll) to create a character using crayons.
- Think about a name for your puppet, you might also want to create a second character for your puppet to talk to.
- Make sure you colour around the top of the toilet roll tube so that your puppet has hair.
- To make your puppet's hair more realistic, use scissors and carefully cut in lines around the top of the roll.

Activity 2 – Create a Play

- Now that you have your characters, you could create a play about what the year 2020 has been like so far.
- Your characters could teach others about the small steps we can all take to make a better world.

Questions to think about

- What have you learnt about the world in 2020?
- What things have frightened you this year? What has made you happy?
- Who has made life better for you in 2020?
- What or who have you missed in 2020?
- What can we all do to make a better world for everyone to live in?
- What things are you going to do to make the world a better place?

Further Support and Ideas

- To watch a video showing how to make the puppet, visit <https://bit.ly/35FBawZ>
- For more ideas and to share your thoughts and creations, visit <http://www.thechildrensvoice.net/>
- Don't forget to share your creations and ideas by using #NCDUK

