



## Puppets For Peace Bully-Proofing for Kindergarten to Grade 6

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- Unique presentations to educate your students about friendship, bullying and both bullying and citizenship
  - The program enhances the social studies and health & life skills curricula.
  - Designed to build and improve the social climate within a school.
  - Professional puppeteers present interactive scenarios.
  - Racially diverse, child-sized puppets deliver the message.
  - Program includes posters for each play, teacher resources and student activities for the older two plays.
  - Have visited over 200 schools in Calgary and area, presented to 40,000 students and teachers.
  - Won the 2005 YMCA Peace Medal, Community Group.
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**Puppet Shows:** Maximum of 75 students per show. Interactive. 'Three's a Picnic' (K to Gr 1: 30-35 mins), 'Lisasaurus Rex' (Gr 1 to Gr 3: 40-45 mins) and new play, 'Birds of a Feather' (Gr 4 to Gr 6: 45 mins).

**Classroom Visits:** Intended for one classroom at a time for 1.5 hrs. Approximately 30 students. Includes discussion, role-play, activity and teacher resource material. Lori Tenycke, conflict resolution consultant.

**Teachers' and Parent Workshop on Bullying:** Lori Tenycke, conflict resolution consultant or dr Tanya Beran, Professor of School Psychology, U of C. Includes presentation, discussion, group work, hand-outs.

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*Project Ploughshares Calgary is part of a national peace organization and supports local peace education programs.*

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**The cornerstone of PFP is provided by the FOOTSTEPS**

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# The Footsteps



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### *Puppets for Peace Scripts*

**Three's a Picnic** (Pre-school to Kindergarten) aimed at preschool through Kindergarten, teaches about respect and being a friend. Synopsis: Lise and Simon are having a picnic together when Bingo the dog steals some cupcakes. Lise does not take kindly to this and behaves meanly to the dog. Bingo's owner Rusty arrives and helps everyone think about how friendship requires people to treat others with respect.

**Lisasaurus Rex** (Grade 1 to 3) educates children about different types of bullying and introduces the Footsteps, (Bully-Proofing strategies for when they are being bullied), encouraging children to practice and use them. Synopsis: Lise and Shanti are working on a dinosaur project together. Lise doesn't have her part done and it needs to be handed in so she tries to bully Shanti into doing it. Shanti and Lise, with Jason and Simon's help, discuss what it means to bully.

**\*\* NEW! Birds of a Feather** (Grades 4 to 6) strongly linked to the citizenship component of the new Grade 5,6 Social Studies curriculum, includes a bullying situation. It focuses on students deciding to take positive action and discovering that real people are making the world of difference in many places. Synopsis: A gifted Magpie suggests to Luke, a new Canadian, that he can do something about the bullying he is aware of at school. He and his female friend Amal decide to take action when the bullying comes closer to home. With the Magpie as a colourful guide they explore how to go about changing the situation.

## **Testimonials**

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**"The interaction between the children and the puppets was delightful to watch and provided a hands-on learning opportunity for the children."** Bobbie Werth, Bearspaw Christian School

**"It was funny to watch but had a serious message too. The puppets were like real kids!"** Janet Layton, Killarney School

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**"Effective at increasing the number of positive strategies as well as reducing the number of negative, or aggressive, strategies students stated they would use."** Dr. Tanya Beran, University of Calgary

**"Overall, the Puppets for Peace performance seem to have had a positive effect on students' understanding and management of bullying."** Dr. Bonnie Shapiro, University of Calgary

**"Continue your awesome work! The topic of peace within our own community is so relevant."** Helena Wilson, Cardinal Newman School

**"I used to act like a bully but I don't anymore. The rules help everyone get along better."** Student, Deer Run Elementary

**"I liked how you included the students in the decision making process. Very age appropriate show, Hockey Cards. Your show gives our students tools to deal with bullying, thanks"** Ms. Stewart, Don Bosco Elementary School.

**"I loved everything about the show. It was very entertaining, even for us teachers. Great characters, great message. The puppets are very real!"** D. Apuzzo, Our Lady of Fatima

**"Great age appropriate messages and interaction with students. Fabulous props and good humor to reinforce the message."**  
C. Doll, St Monica

**"The puppet show kept the students engaged in the topic and was an effective way of dealing with the bullying."** J. Ray-Skopik, Le Roi Daniels

**"The shows presented very real situations for our students. Great performance."** T.Dharamsi-Sayani, Cambrian Heights Elementary school.

**"We help kids to stand tall and be assertive."** says ventriloquist Val Hilliker. One young girl said: **"think of all the things you can do about bullying, I didn't know there were so many."** **"That's exactly what we want to hear."** says a clearly delighted Meredith Perry-Taylor, puppeteer. *From the Claresholm Newspaper: Playful Puppets Produce Poised Performance. By Ian Shute Claresholm news. December 1st 2004.*