

## Make and Play with Sock Puppets

**Outcome:** This activity stimulates self-expression as children create their own puppets, stories, and imaginary adventures. Children choose which materials to use to create the puppets' features, name their puppet, and think of things that their puppets can do (like singing, dancing, cooking, reading, etc.).

**Materials Needed:** Socks, googly eyes or buttons\*, markers, pieces of string or yarn, glue.

### How:

- Gather the socks, craft supplies and glue and let your child\* make the puppet(s).
- Let your child take the lead on what they want their puppet to look like. Even if their puppet starts looking a bit abstract, go with it. Since this craft is all about exploring creativity, there's no right or wrong way to piece together a puppet.
- Once the puppet (or puppets) is ready, ask your child to put on a puppet show, act out their favorite book, or sing and dance along to their favorite songs with their puppet(s).

\*You can also help your child sew their chosen pieces to the puppet if you like.