



ST. VALENTINE PAPER BAG PUPPET

AGE RANGE

3 - 10 Years Old

OBJECTIVE

Learn more about St. Valentine while using fine motor and creative thinking skills.

TIME TO COMPLETE

10-20 minutes per project, depending on age and project prep.

SUPPLIES

- 1 paper bag
- 1 pipe cleaner
- 2 heart doilies or heart shaped cut-outs
- 2 google eyes
- 5-10 pom poms, cotton balls or buttons (for beard)
- Gold tape, marker or construction paper
- Glue stick
- Hole puncher
- Scissors

INTRODUCTION

Saint Valentine is a friend of God who lives in heaven. When St. Valentine lived on Earth, he was put in jail because he loved and believed in God. There was a judge assigned to St. Valentine. The Judge's daughter was blind! (Cover your eyes with your hands! This is what it feels like to be blind!). Saint Valentine prayed to God and God gave St. Valentine the power to heal her eyes so she could see. (Uncover your eyes). We are going to make puppets of Saint Valentine!



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ACTIVITY

1. Make sure the bag is upside down (bottom at the top of the table) and you can see the bottom of the bag when it is folded).
2. Glue one heart doily or heart shaped cut-out to center of the front as a shirt.
3. Glue the other heart doily or heart shaped cut-out upside down to the top as a hat.
4. Glue google eyes and pom poms for his beard. *Be sure that pom poms are only glued to the bottom part of the bag! Otherwise the puppet won't work when you stick your hand in the bag to move his mouth!*
5. Make two hole punches one inch from the side of the bag, about ½ inch apart.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the holes and curl the top for a staff.
7. Add gold tape, marker or construction paper in the shape of a cross on the shirt doily
8. Add gold tape, marker or construction paper as an upside-down "T" for his hat.
9. Let puppet dry.

WRAP UP

When using your St. Valentine puppet, remember that St. Valentine loved God! Because of his love for God, St. Valentine would use his words to be kind to everyone he saw.

- What are some nice things that people have said to you?
- What are some nice things that you can say to other people?
- What do you like to look at?
- What does God see when he looks at you?