

The Germ

Puppets and materials - 2 characters, a germ and soap (add bubbles if you would like)

Puppet 1 is going to eat with Puppet 2. They are best friends. Puppet 2 asks Puppet 1 to wash his/her hands so they can eat. Puppet 1 laughs and refuses. Puppet 2 tells Puppet 1 that if does not wash his hands then he can not eat over with him. Puppet 1 gets angry and leaves to go to McDonalds. He eats at McDonalds without washing his hands and even wipes his nose with his hand and licks it.

The next day Puppet 2 is at the baseball game waiting to meet Puppet 1 but Puppet 1 never shows up. Puppet 2 goes to Puppet 1's house and finds him sick in bed. Puppet 2 tells Puppet 1 why he thinks he is sick. He tells him about germs (throw out the germ during this part). The germ, in a nasty voice, tells the children how he gets on their hands when they play and do other things and if they don't wash their hands before they eat, he gets on their mouth and down their stomach to make them sick. Then tell them "but if we use soap and water" we can kill him. Have germ say "what did you say?"

Next put soap up and say with a superhero voice "I am soap that gets rid of the germs." Have germ die with soap still out. Then take soap away and have Puppet 1 and 2 come out. Puppet 1 looks at hands. He says he can't see them on his hands. Puppet 2 tells him they are too small to see (microscopic) but reassures him that they are there. Puppet 1 decides to always wash his hands before he eats. Puppet 2 says "and after you go to the bathroom". Puppet 1 says "next you're going to tell me I need to use toilet paper." (ha-ha)

You can also change the story to plaque and toothpaste.