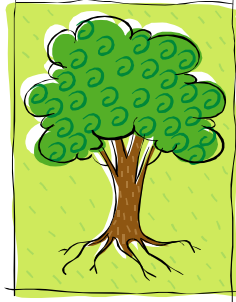


The Tree Seed

Puppets. and materials- 2 puppet characters (one a shark if possible but not necessary), small, medium and big paper trees, a seed and a poster describing seed + water + sun + time = growth



Tell the children about two best friends that lived far apart from one another. Puppet 1 lives in St. Pete (or wherever your school is located) Puppet 2 is in the army and travels around (or if you have a shark say the shark lives in the ocean) Then tell about every once in awhile Puppet 2 would visit Puppet 1. Today is one of those days.

Puppet 2 called Puppet 1 and he is coming over. Puppet 1 has a surprise for Puppet 2. He has a seed for them to plant together. Puppet 2 shows up, they hug and are excited. Puppet 1 tells Puppet 2 of the seed. Puppet 2 looks at it and says it looks like a dot and asks what a seed is. Puppet 2 tells him and asks him to help plant it. Then they play chase and hide and go seek. (hide one puppet and have children help you count. Ask children where he is and find him.) Then Puppet 2 has to leave because Puppet 1's mom calls him home for dinner. They hug goodbye.

Then tell the children to help you say what happened next with voice and hand motions – “the rain came down, the sun shown and time went by and the seed grew into a baby tree” (put baby tree up)

Puppet 2 called Puppet 1 to tell him he was coming for a visit. Puppet 1 is so excited to show Puppet 2 their baby tree. Puppet 2 comes, they hug and then Puppet 2 notices the tree and asks what that twig is doing there? Puppet 1 explains that the tree is the seed they planted. It had grown. Puppet 2 starts to laugh and says good joke. Puppet 1 explains he is not kidding. Puppet 2 gets mad and calls Puppet 1 a liar and storms off. Puppet 1 is sad.

Next ask the children to help you talk about the rain came... And put up the medium size tree.

Tell the kids Puppet 2 cooled off and missed his friend and was coming to visit. Puppet 2 comes and screams when he sees the tree and yells “what is this tree doing here? He is

squishing our twig.” Puppet 1 explains how the tree had grown. Puppet 2 doesn't believe him. He leaves mad.

Next have children help you say the rain. .. and put up the big tree.

Tell children the Puppet 2 has cooled off and asked Puppet 1 if he could come play. Ask children to help explain the rain to puppet 2 and if he gets mad, have him wait till you count to three. Have Puppet 2 come and look at the big tree and look at the children then look at the tree again and then the children and then scream. Puppet 2 yells “what is this big tree doing here?” Then cue children 1,2,3... the rain came. Then Puppet 2 says “really. It's a miracle. I've got to go tell everyone.” He apologizes for not believing Puppet 1 and leaves. Puppet 1 thanks the children.

(You could also use this same kind of story but change it to seasons.)