

PRESCHOOL PUPPETRY PLAYSHOP:

Inspired by Dinosaurumpus! by Tony Mitton (illus. by Guy Parker-Rees)

INTRO (children in story circle)

- 1) My name is _____--I am here to share a story!
- 2) Times for you to be audience (listening, watching enjoying) and times for you to help with story (be an actor or puppeteer)
- 3) ACTOR/AUDIENCE PREP: eyes open, ears open, thinking caps on, mouths closed, hands in lap

READ STORY TO CHILDREN (they are audience)

ACTIVITY: SONG (THE DINO SONG)

- 1) So many different types of dinos, all unique, all with special things they can do (like each of us)
- 2) Song that lets us learn more about them
- 3) Teach/play Amy & Tim's song, "led by" T-Rex puppet (can also display pix of the dinos)

PUPPET BUILDING WITH KIDS (T-rex rod puppet)

READ STORY TO/WITH CHILDREN (back to story circle)

- 1) Rules and turn-taking
- 2) How to bring puppets to life (manipulation lesson)
- 3) They act out T-rex parts with their puppets

CLOSING ACTIVITY: FINGERPLAY ("You Are You")

You are you	<i>(point out)</i>	except for me	<i>(point to self)</i>
And I am me	<i>(point to self)</i>		
There's nothing else	<i>(arms in "nothing" gesture)</i>	'Coz you are you	<i>(point out)</i>
We'd rather be		And I am me	<i>(point to self)</i>
		There's nothing else	<i>(sweep arms up)</i>
We hold our head	<i>(finger under chin)</i>	We'd rather be!	<i>(applaud)</i>
up high each day			
no matter what	<i>(hands on hips)</i>		
anyone will say			
Don't want to change	<i>(shake head no)</i>		
Don't want to be			
anyone	<i>(thumb sweep)</i>		

THE DINO SONG

By Tim & Amy Sweeney

A long time ago
There were some dinos,
you know!
Some were small,
some weighed a ton
Here are some of their names,
just for fun!

Repeat after me!

Tri Cer
(Tri Cer)
A Tops
(A Tops)

Three horns
(Three horns)
On Top
(On Top)

They ran
(They ran)
with a clop, clop, clop!
(with a clop, clop, clop!)

Triceratops (Triceratops)
[Clap 3x]

Dye non
(Dye non)
lk us
(lk us)

They bit
(They bit)
And fussed
(And fussed)

They ran
(they ran)
with a hiss, hiss, hiss
(with a hiss, hiss, hiss)

Deinonychuses
(Deinonychuses)

[Clap 3x]

Ah Pat
(Ah Pat)
Uh Sawr us
(Uh Sawr us)

They liked
(They liked)
the forest
(the forest)

Their necks
(their necks)
Were long, long, long
(Were long, long, long)

Apatosaurus (Apatosaurus)
[Clap 3x]

Tear ann
(Tear ann)
Owe don
(Owe don)

Their wings
(Their wings)
Were long
(Were long)

They flew
(They flew)
With a flap, flap, flap
(With a flap, flap, flap)

Pteranodon (Pteranodon)
[Clap 3x]

Steg-oh
(Steg-oh)
Sawr-us
(Sawr-us)

Had plates
(Had plates)
Of course
(Of course)

Their tails and spikes
(Their tails and spikes)
Went swish, swish, swish!
(Went swish, swish, swish!)

Stegosaurus (Stegosaurus)
[Clap 3x]

tye-RAN-uh
(tye-RAN-uh)
SAWR-us
(SAWR-us)

They roared
(They roar)
Like this
(Like this)

Roar!!!
(ROAR!)

Tyrannosaurus!
(Tyrannosaurus!)

Let's say them again!

Triceratops, three horns on top!
(repeat)

Deinonychus, they bit and
fussed! (repeat)
Apatosaurus, they liked the
forest! (repeat)

Stegosaurus, had plates of
course! (repeat)

Pteranodon, their wings were
long! (repeat)

Tyrannosaurus, they roared like
this! Roar! (repeat)

And those were some dinos
So now you know!

SO NOW I KNOW!!!