

Let the finger puppets tell the story

Keep a finger puppet or two on your fingers out of sight and every now and then, pop them up from behind the book and let have the character ask the children what is going on, or predict what they think will happen next, etc.

Use the finger puppets to help retell the story

Use the finger puppets to ask questions and prompt the children to retell what happened.

Use the finger puppets to talk about feelings

Have the finger puppets ask the children to say how they would feel if they were one of the characters in the story.

Let the students use the finger puppets in pairs to retell the story

By allowing children to use the puppets themselves, you can encourage confidence in speaking.

Let the students use the finger puppets to make up new stories about the characters

Then help them write some of these new stories and have the children illustrate them. They might make fun wall stories, too.

Let the students use the finger puppets to turn the story into a puppet play

Make a frame stage with a student table on top of another table. Or just use the back of a student chair.

Have the students interview the finger puppet about the story

The teacher can model with the finger puppet first, and then the students can take turns being the character being interviewed, or the interviewer.