

Singing is very effective when teaching children. So it is imperative that a good teacher not only use it as a tool but capitalize on it when given the chance.

Why is singing such a powerful teaching tool?

- A. Singing draws everyone into participation.
- B. Everyone can sing at the same time.
- C. It aids the learning process.
 - a. Children remember what's taught much better when the content is put to a tune or in song form.
 - b. Children also learn from repetition. The saying goes, "Repetition is the key to learning." Most songs or choruses are repetitious.
So, singing works because it combines two key factors in learning – Tune & Repetition.

II. PUPPETS AND MUSIC ARE DESIGNED AS INTERACTION TOOLS.

- A. Puppets are _____. Think about it. Puppets, in reality, are nothing more than an object lesson. What makes them so special? The answer is because they are an animated object lesson.
- B. Music is also _____. Action songs are easily remembered because of the animation involved. Who here cannot sing "Father Abraham?" Children especially love singing with puppets because they get to interact and become part of the "puppet show."

So if both puppets and singing work individually, then the combination of these two animated tools makes a win-win situation.

III. SINGING COMBINATIONS WITH PUPPETS.

- A. Puppet character teaches a song to the audience.
- B. Puppet character teaches a song to the teacher.
- C. Teacher teaches the puppet a song.
- D. The puppet sings along with the audience.
- E. The puppet sings a special.
- F. More than one puppet sings together.

IV. METHODS OF PUPPET SINGING.

- A. Acapella

- B. Pre-recorded music or sound tract.
- C. Pre-recorded music with voices (pantomime).
 - 1. A puppeteer may not have a good singing voice or because of the puppeteer's age they may not have the voice range so pantomime can be effective.
 - 2. The puppet voice needs to match the puppet character and physical characteristics.
- D. With live musical instrument.

V. WHEN TO USE SINGING PUPPETS.

- A. Generally, singing puppets can be used anywhere speaking puppets are used. However most of the time singing puppets are used with younger children. (Pre-school age)
- B. Music is great to use with older children to teach memorization or scripture and biblical facts. Using a puppet with singing creates _____ and _____ which leads to _____.



ANSWER KEY: I. MUSICAL BEINGS: II. A. Puppets are animated. II. B. Music is also animated. V. B. Music is... creates involvement and repetition which leads to learning.