# **KEYS TO MAKING PUPPETRY WORK**

1. **Go with quality.**

Invest in it. Puppetry is an extremely effective tool with kids, so add value to your entire program by pursuing excellence here.

1. **Build a puppet stage.**

Though stages can be bought, the best are usually something you build to fit your setting. Ask for help among people in your church who are good at designing and building. For a special effect, use dark sheer cloth as a scrim. This allows the puppeteer to see *out* but the audience cannot see *in* if the interior of the stage is dark.

1. **Use sound amplification for puppeteers.**

A simple version is a portable karaoke machine.

1. **Find a leader to do puppets on a regular basis.**

The key to puppet ministry is effective leadership and someone who takes it seriously! The same voice from week to week is helpful.

1. **Train your puppet teams.**

See sheet *“Ten Tips for Puppet Teams.”* Also purchase the *Skillbuilder for Puppeteers DVD* from www.kidskountpublishing.com.