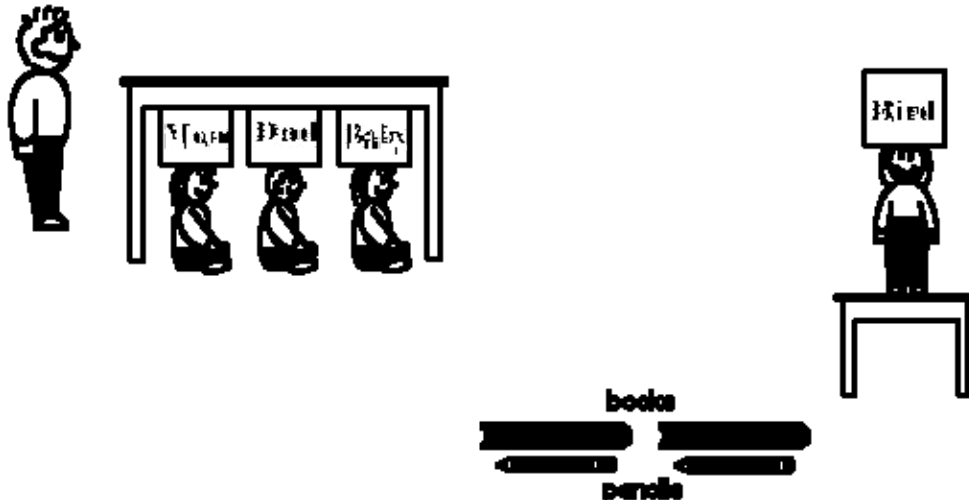


THE TRICKY WORMS



SUMMARY

A hungry bird is looking for some worms to eat. The worms disguise themselves and trick the bird into thinking that the worms he is looking for are giant, monstrous creatures. The trick works and the bird flies away. The worms have a good laugh.

CHARACTER FLASHCARDS

- Father Worm
- Mother Worm
- Baby Worm
- The Bird
- The Tree
- The Sun

SET-UP

Choose the children to play the various roles. Now arrange them like in the picture above. The worm family can sit under a desk, or blanket, or box. Use whatever material is at hand.

Make sure you have hats, scarves, large coats, etc., at hand for the worms to change into. Place two books on the floor (or rocks if you can find them). Under each should be a pen or a pencil, or any small object the children know in English.

Use the coloured character flashcards to make headband masks, or, fasten a string to the pictures and hang them around the children's necks.

_____THE SCRIPT_____

The bird is sitting in the tree (on a desk). He is waking up. He stretches and sings a little for fun. Then he jumps down from the tree.

BIRD: Oh, I am hungry. I want to eat worms.

The bird starts to walk around looking for a worm. He puts his ear to the ground.

BIRD: Where are you worms? Where are you worms?

He comes to a book on the floor. He puts his ear to the book.

BIRD: Oh, I hear a worm.

He lifts up the book and pulls out a pencil.

BIRD: Oh, this is a pencil. Hmm. Where are you worms?

The bird wanders to the back of the class. Under the desk or blanket come the worm family.

BABY WORM: What is it, mother?

MOTHER: It's the bird. He wants to eat some worms.

BABY: Oh, father. Help me. Help me.

Father lifts his arms up in the air.

FATHER: How?

Everyone pretends to think.

BABY: I know.

Baby whispers into mother and father's ear. They nod their heads.

MOTHER & FATHER: Okay.

Everyone puts on a coat, glasses, a scarf over their head, trainers, etc. (Choose something funny for each family member.) Then they walk away from the desk into the centre of the class. The bird comes back still looking for a worm.

BIRD: Where are you worms? Where are you worms?

The bird comes to another book on the floor.

BIRD: Aha! A worm?

He listens to the book and then lifts it up.

BIRD: Oh, it is a ruler. Blah!

The Father Worm walks up to the bird.

FATHER: What are you doing?

BIRD: I am hungry. I am looking for some worms.

FATHER: Oh!

Father says oh in a very suggestive voice as if something is wrong.

BIRD: Oh, what? What?

FATHER: Well, the worms here are big, ugly, angry, terrible worms.

Father makes some terrible gestures.

BIRD: What?

MOTHER & BABY: Yes, the worms here like to eat birds!

They snap at the bird. The bird looks quite scared.

BIRD: Thank you. Thank you. Oh, goodbye.

The bird flies away. Everyone laughs and throws off their hat, coat, scarves, etc. They should throw these things off dramatically and shout:

WORMS: Stupid bird. We are worms. Ha ha ha!