



Cerebral Palsy Puppet Program (K-4)

Suggested Number of Students: 40 (2 classes)
Program Length: 35 minutes

Program Synopsis

Mark has just moved into the neighborhood and meets Melody. Melody is curious about Mark's wheelchair and mobility, and she has a lot of questions. Mark explains that he has Cerebral Palsy and how it affects him. He talks about all the things he loves to do, and he and Melody find common interests and make plans. This program uses puppetry, videos, and discussion to talk about CP, friendship, and inclusion.

Key Program Points

- CP originates from damage to the brain and can affect many parts of the body.
- CP shows up differently in people and everyone is an individual.
- People with CP have many interests and enjoy friendships.
- Don't assume that someone with CP can or cannot do something. Communication is key.
- As with any friendship, find ways to play together and share common interests.

Resources

[What is CP?](#)

[Cerebral Palsy in the Classroom](#)

[10 Myths About Nonverbal/Minimally Verbal Children](#)

[Top 10 Things I Wish People Knew About Cerebral Palsy](#)

[Cerebral Palsy Foundation](#)

[Just Say "Hi!" in Schools](#)

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