

PUPPET SHOW

a short play for children by

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Characters

SAM - 10 or 11 years old. Keith and Brett's older brother (male)

KEITH - 8 or 9 years old; Brett's twin brother (male)

BRETT - 8 or 9 years old; Keith's twin brother (male)

TIME: Yesterday after school, anywhere in the world

PLACE: A bedroom which all three boys share. It has three beds, a desk, at least two chairs and a closet. The closet door may be suggested rather than actual.

synopsis

A boy "loses" his new Teddy Bear and enlists his brothers' help in finding it.

AT RISE: **KEITH** is on the floor, looking for something. **SAM** enters.

SAM:

What are you looking for, Keith?

KEITH:

My stuffed bear.

SAM:

The new one Mom gave you? For your collection? Did you look in the closet?

KEITH:

Yes! And under my bed.

SAM:

How about under mine?

KEITH:

Yeah, Sam. I can't find it!

SAM:

Well, it has to be has somewhere, unless you --- Did you take it downstairs?

KEITH:

I don't think so.

SAM:

Sometimes you do. When you're watching TV.

KEITH:

But I haven't watched TV today.

SAM:

I'll help you look. But maybe we can figure out where you left it.

KEITH:

Okay. Thanks.

SAM:

When you got up this morning, what did you do?

KEITH:

I washed up, got dressed and I oiled Brett's baseball mitt -- it got all greasy. He was really mad!

SAM:

Uh-huh. Did you ask him if he saw it?

KEITH:

He's not home yet. He's got his after school program today.

SAM:

Which one?

KEITH:

Oh, you know, where they use puppets.

SAM:

Oh, that's right. I forgot.

KEITH:

I have to find it. Mom'll kill me!

SAM:

Was Brett *really* mad at you? About his glove?

KEITH:

Yeah! He said I did it on purpose!

SAM:

Did you, Keith?

KEITH:

Well ... no. I was just trying to help 'cause he was in a hurry.

SAM:

Maybe he hid it.

KEITH:

Hid it! Oh, Sam, if he did I'm gonna - hide his Gundam!

SAM:

I'm gonna look all the way on top of the closet. Here, hold the chair while I ...

KEITH:

Can you see it?

SAM:

Not yet, but I can feel something all the way at the back of the shelf.

KEITH:

Reach farther!

SAM:

I'm trying! Hold onto the chair!

(As SAM reaches, BRETT walks in with his backpack.)

BRETT:

What are you doing?