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STORY TIME: **THE SILVER COIN** Make your own bird puppet

In Chapter Three of *The Silver Coin* we met Signor Rossignol who can talk to birds. He taught us how to talk to them too! If you haven't got any real birds at home to practice talking to, why not make this simple bird puppet?

What you will need:

- An ice lolly stick
- Some coloured paper
- Coloured pens or pencils
- Sellotape or glue

How to make your puppet:

1. Take your ice lolly stick (make sure it's clean) and lie it flat on a table.

2. Draw two eyes at one end of the ice lolly stick.

3. Make a beak by cutting out a small triangle of coloured paper and sticking it to one end of your ice lolly stick, below where you drew the eyes, with glue or sellotape.

4. Cut out two wings using the template below and decorate them with a pattern of your choice. You can add glitter or stickers – but make sure the wings aren't too heavy as this will mean they won't move up and down properly.

5. Attach the two wings to each side of your ice lolly stick with glue or sellotape (its best to attach them to the side you haven't drawn on).6. Hey presto, you have your very own bird puppet! Wave your ice lolly stick up and down quickly to create the perfect fluttering effect.

