

Trinket, The Robot

*A little Robot who longs to become "real"
- but is he ready for what it means to be alive?*

A Puppet Show by Jeremy Lavender



The story is of an inventor, Dr Doovalacky, who, with the help of his assistant, a green caterpillar named Gizmo, sets out to build a robot. But this will be no ordinary robot! Trinket will have the ability to have feelings like a "real" human. The audience helps him to learn about the world, but quickly it becomes more complicated. Dr Doovalacky finds himself losing control of his own creation.

Trinket learns that to become human is to not only feel wonder and joy, but also to feel other emotions like anger, fear and the sadness of saying goodbye to someone when you are not ready to. Having feelings is not easy and to be alive means making difficult choices. *Trinket the Robot* is an interactive solo puppet show that provokes a discussion about emotional literacy and provides a framework for younger children to identify their feelings.

"The children were captivated by the show. They laughed and some cried. Trinket the Robot was entertaining and thoughtful in dealing with emotions." ~Lisa Hicks, Early Childhood Educator, NSW

"Thank you, that was the best!" ~Lucas, 8 year old, MiRA Marysville, VIC

"Wonderful. Your message was beautiful. You see through the eyes of children so well." ~ Audience members, Mooroolbark Community Centre, VIC

"Fab show! We loved it. Thank you!" ~ Audience member, Woodford Folk Festival, QLD

"What a lovely show! Great comedic timing. Perfect for my grandson aged 5. Loved the action, story, moral, emotions - everything!" ~ Barb, Rosny Barn, TAS

"It was good to see the Robot cry. Sometimes I cry too. It was good when the Robot got sad and then got happy again. It makes me feel like when I get sad, I can get happy again too." ~ Charlie, 4 years old, Seymour, VIC

"That was better than Cirque du Soleil" ~ Stanley, 9 years old, Sydney NSW



Jeremy Lavender - Little Wing Puppets

Jeremy Lavender joined Little Wing Puppets in 2015, and he has been a creative, fun and energetic member of the team ever since. He's performed A Little Bit of Blue and Trinket the Robot across Australia, as well as performing on national television for ABC's Play School. Jeremy has been building puppets and sets with Little Wing for the last 10 years. He has also co-facilitated many artist residencies in Victoria including building giant puppets for two Upwelling Festivals, working with over 500 students, and Creative Learning Partnership Residencies making masks and Bunraku-style Puppets. Jeremy also co-developed a shadow puppet show Too Much Bats with children at the Wugularr Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory for the Walking with Spirits Festival 2016.

Early Years Learning Framework Links:

- Emotional Wellbeing
- Non-verbal Communication & Expression of Ideas
- Interact with Care, Empathy & Respect
- Skills of Problem Solving & Investigation



Recommended age: 4 -10 years old Duration: 40 mins + Q&A
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