**Puppet Activity Example Script**

***Notes:***

* This text is an example of a short script which can be used for a puppet show to promote hygiene.
* This script can be modified to suit the theme and key messages to be delivered.
* Instead of puppets, people dressed up as characters could also deliver the script.

Change to suitable local names depending on your context

Characters/Puppets: Piko (stuffed cow)  
Kupi (stuffed horse)  
Gadut (stuffed elephant)  
Chikki (stuffed chicken)

Narrator: In a country, there were four animal four companions who always play together. One day the four friends were going to have a picnic in a beautiful garden on the edge of a forest.

Piko: "Hello my friends, I am Piko, funny and hilarious cow''  
Kudi: "Hello, my name is Kudi, smart and handsome horse''  
Gadut: "Hello, I am called Gadut, an elephant who is cute and always happy''  
Chikki: "Hi, my name Chikki, a kind and helpful chicken"

Narrator: After walking through the forest for the morning, all four friends have reached the goal, and found a beautiful picnic spot which is shady and cool.

Kudi: “My friends, lets just stop here in this beautiful, shady and cool place”  
Gadut: “Yeah ... I love this place! ”  
Chikki: “Well then, OK, we will stop and have lunch”  
Piko: “Hooray lunch!! But...I really need to go poo\*(change to local word) first....”

Narrator: Piko starts to walk over to the bushes to go toilet.

Doggy: “Hey Piko, do not poo there ... iihhh eewww ... slob!”

Kudi: “Yes Piko, if you want to poo, you had better go to the toilet... there are toilets/latrines at the other side of the picnic spot...hurry”

Piko: “Nah... here in the bushes is OK, the toilet is far away and I’m a bit lazy....”

Chikki: “Don’t be like that Piko, we wont let you poo in the bushes! The only way to protect our health is to poo in one place, not to mention the picnic spot would smell!”

Kudi: “Do not forget to wash your hands with soap after you go toilet!

Piko: “Yeah-yeah..OK guys I’m going to the toilet now.” (Piko then goes to the toilet)

Narrator: The four friends then get ready for their picnic lunch.

Gadut: “Hey, it's time for lunch I’m hungry, let's have lunch”

Kudi: “Before eating we should wash our hands with soap”

Piko: “Why? See our hands look clean...”

Chikki: “Although your hands look clean, there are lots of invisible germs that are on our hands because we often hold or touch objects that have bacteria without us knowing.”

Kudi: “Yes, I have some soap here! Let’s wash our hands in the tap/shower over there.”

All together: “Come on!”

Narrator: So my friends, let us all listen to the four messages from each of our friends:

Doggy: "Wash your hands with soap frequently to prevent disease"

Kudi: "Use the latrine/toilet every time you go – not bushes! – and wash your hands with soap after defecation"

Piko: "Drink safe and clean water to keep our bodies healthy"

All together: Let's keep up the good hygiene practices every day, and this will keep us free of disease and keep our bodies healthy!

**Puppet Activity Instructions**

1. Prepare hand puppets for each character. Assign someone to be the narrator and people to play each character. You could also do this script as a theatre with people dressed up like different characters.
2. Make sure the facilitator and narrator are familiar with the script. Adapt or change the script according to themes or key messages you want to get across.
3. Use the empty banner or banners with the key message (see HP Box banner kit) to cover the people holding the puppets, so the puppets look more "alive".
4. The actors should speak loud and clearly, and in accordance with each character played.
5. Once the puppet show has finished, have a discussion with those who were watching. You could ask them questions like:
   1. Did they like the puppet show?
   2. What were the messages that people got or understood from the show?
   3. Who was their favourite puppet and why?
   4. Did they disagree with anything in the puppet show?
   5. Is there anything that the animals could have done better?