



## Discover Countless Ways To Play

- ① **WHO AM I?:** Help kids identify each dinosaur and talk a little about each (T-Rex was one of the biggest meat-eating dinosaurs; Triceratops is named for its three horns; Stegosaurus had bony plates along its back; Ankylosaurus weighed three to four tons but only ate plants). Help kids identify the colors on each puppet and talk about characteristics the dinosaurs share and what makes each unique.
- ② **Q&A:** Use the puppets to ask kids questions, and have them ask questions of the puppets, too. For instance, the puppet might ask what it's like to be a kid, or ask about favorite snacks, games, or friends.
- ③ **CHALLENGING SCENES:** Use the puppets to act out challenging social scenes and encourage kids to help resolve them. For instance, perhaps the Stegosaurus wants to play with the Ankylosaurus but doesn't know how to ask. Or, maybe the Triceratops and the T-Rex both reach for the last cookie at the same time.
- ④ **SHOWTIME!:** Encourage kids to make up a story of their own and act it out as a puppet show. Add a stage for the big performance, make a poster with the name of the play -- perhaps "Prehistoric Party," "First Day of Dino School," or "T-Rex Makes a New Friend."