

# Bilingual Birdies

A Foreign Language  
& Live Music Program

## FRUITS MANDARIN PUPPETRY SCRIPT

### 水果 | Shuǐ Guǒ

#### Myla 很饿 | Myla Hěn È (Myla Is Hungry)

- **Keywords:** 我很饿 | wǒ hěn è (I'm hungry), 一 | yī (one), 二 | èr (two), 三 | sān (three), 四 | sì (four), 五 | wǔ (five), 六 | liù (six), 七 | qī (seven), 八 | bā (eight), 九 | jiǔ (nine), 十 | shí (ten)
- **Prepare:**
  - Be sure that you can easily access Myla in your bag. Check before class to make sure the puppet is clean and review what you'll be teaching.
- **Perform:**
  - Make a sound like a bird.
  - Ask the class, "Did you hear something? I think I heard Myla! Can we call her out?"
  - Instruct the class to repeat Myla Birdie with a fun rhythm as you prepare your hand in the puppet inside of the Bilingual Birdies bag.
  - Myla enters with an exciting melody or gesture.
  - Instruct the children to repeat "你好 Myla | ní hǎo Myla!"
  - Look at the Myla and say, "Myla, 你好吗 | Myla, ní hǎo ma?"
  - Myla responds, "我很饿 | wǒ hěn è!"
  - Explain to the children that Myla is hungry. Invite the children to repeat 我很饿 | wǒ hěn è with Myla three times.
  - Explain that the class is going to get some apples for Myla to eat. Look up and pretend to see an apple tree.
  - Instruct the children to reach their hands up and repeat after you as you pick ten apples for Myla to eat.
  - Count to ten in Mandarin saying each number twice and encouraging the children to count with you. "一 | yī (one), 二 | èr (two), 三 | sān (three), 四 | sì (four), 五 | wǔ (five), 六 | liù (six), 七 | qī (seven), 八 | bā (eight), 九 | jiǔ (nine), 十 | shí (ten)".
  - Invite children to hold out their hand and pretend to feed Myla.
  - Go up to each child and have Myla eat apples out of their hands.
  - Explain that Myla is so full from all of the yummy apples she ate. Tell the children she is going to take a nap now.
  - Encourage the children to repeat "再见 | zài jiàn Myla!"
  - Myla exits with the same melody or gesture.
- **Challenge:**
  - Once the children are confident counting to ten, have them count to twenty.