

**A MOUSE IN THE HOUSE**  
**A Short Puppet Play for One Puppet and One Puppeteer**  
**Version 1**  
**By Lols Walker**

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*Puppet pops up from behind the puppet stage and says to the audience:*

*Hi Everybody! This is what happened to me yesterday. I saw a mouse in my house!*

*Yes, I did. Soooooo I went to see my brother and I said, "I have a BIG question. How do I get a mouse out of my house?"*

*And my brother said, "That IS a BIG question! Well, you need to use a trap."*

*"I don't have a trap," I said.*

*"I do. If you want, you can use mine," he said.*

*And I said, "Great! That was a BIG question and it is already answered!"*

*"Not quite," my brother said. "Next you'll need some cheese to make the mouse come into the trap. So an even BIGGER question is – do you have any cheese?"*

*"I don't have any cheese," I said.*

*My brother answered, "Okay then, a piece of bread might work. Now, the question gets BIGGER AND BIGGER. Do you have any bread?"*

*"I don't have any bread," I said.*

*"Okay then, use a bit of oil," he said. And here comes an even BIGGER THAN BIGGER question – do you have any oil?"*

*"Oh, this is terrible," I said. "I don't have any oil either!"*

*Then he said, "Well do you have any candy or popcorn or potato chips?"*

*"At this point I was so frustrated that I yelled at the top of my voice – NO, NO, NO!"*

*At this point in the performance, the puppeteer pops up from behind the stage (so that she/he can be seen by the audience) and talks to the puppet.*

*PUPPETEER: "Excuse me! I'm sorry for interrupting, but I've been listening to your story and I think you are missing THE BIGGEST QUESTION OF ALL! If you don't have any cheese, and you don't have any bread, and you don't have any oil or candy or popcorn or salty chips..."*

*WHAT IS A MOUSE DOING IN YOUR HOUSE AT ALL???????"*

*Puppeteer and puppet look directly at the audience. Puppeteer shrugs her/his shoulders and puppet shakes his/her head. Then both sink down behind the stage and the show is over.*

## **THE END**

*(It might be fun to serve bread and cheese to your audience at the end of the show).*

**A MOUSE IN THE HOUSE**  
**A Short Puppet Play for Two Puppets and One Puppeteer**  
**Version 2**  
**By Lois Walker**

*(2 Puppets pop up from behind the puppet stage. They speak to each other).*

*PUPPET 1: Hi \_\_\_\_\_ (name of your choice). You know what happened to me yesterday? I saw a mouse in my house!*

*PUPPET 2: No!*

*PUPPET 1: Yes, I did! Sooooooo, I have a BIG question. How do I get a mouse out of my house?"*

*PUPPET 2: That IS a BIG question! Well, you need to use a trap.*

*PUPPET 1: I don't have a trap.*

*PUPPET 2: I do. If you want, you can use mine.*

*PUPPET 1: Great! That was a BIG question and it is already answered!*

*PUPPET 2: Well, Not quite. Next you'll need some cheese to make the mouse come into the trap. So an even BIGGER question is – do you have any cheese?*

*PUPPET 1: No, I don't have any cheese.*

*PUPPET 2: Okay then, a piece of bread might work. Now, the question gets BIGGER AND BIGGER. Do you have any bread?*

*PUPPET 1: No, I don't have any bread.*

*PUPPET 2: Okay then, maybe you can use a bit of oil. So, here comes an even BIGGER THAN BIGGER question – do you have any oil?*

*PUPPET 1: Oh, this is terrible I don't have any oil either!*

*PUPPET 2: How about candy?*

*PUPPET 1: Nope.*

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*PUPPET 2: Popcorn?*

*PUPPET 1: Nope.*

*PUPPET 2: Potato chips?*

*PUPPET 1: Nope.*

*(At this point in the performance, the puppeteer pops up from behind the stage - so that she/he can be seen by the audience - and talks to the puppets. **NOTE:** If you don't want to use the puppeteer for this part, cast another person in this role and have them enter and stand front and to the side of the puppet stage to deliver the lines).*

*PUPPETEER: Excuse me, you two. I'm sorry for interrupting, but I've been listening to your conversation and I think you are missing **THE BIGGEST QUESTION OF ALL!***

*PUPPET 2: Really? I don't think so! We've pretty well covered the whole situation.*

*PUPPET 1: Yeah, I agree! What other question could we possible ask?*

*PUPPETEER: Well, let's put it like this: If you don't have any cheese, and you don't have any bread, and you don't have any oil or candy or popcorn or salty chips...*

*WHAT IS A MOUSE DOING IN YOUR HOUSE AT ALL??????*

*Puppeteer and puppets look at each other in stunned silence, then look directly at the audience. Puppeteer shrugs her/his shoulders and puppets shake their heads. Then all sink down behind the stage and the show is over.*

**THE END**

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