Series for Young Audiences

Pre-Visit Stories

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I am going to the theater at the Everett Civic Auditorium to see a show.
We will park the car and then walk to the theater.

Once we arrive, we will walk up some stairs to the box office to get our tickets.

Every person must have a ticket to get into the theater.
The box office has a small window with a person on the other side.

We will tell the person behind the window our name and the show we are seeing.

The person behind the window will give us tickets for the show.
We will go into the front doors and then enter the lobby.

There may be other people standing around before entering the theater.

The lobby has several doors that all go into the theater.
There will be a friendly theater usher that will greet me at the doors to the theatre.

The theater usher will take my ticket and give me some paper.

The paper has information about the show inside.

It is called a program or playbill.

I can always ask a theater usher for help.
When I enter the theater there will be stairs and after that the floor will slope down.

I will be careful when I walk down the stairs and slope to find a seat.

I can hold the railing when I walk down the stairs and slope.
my seat

For this show, I am allowed to sit anywhere I want.

I can choose my seat in a place where I will feel comfortable.

There will be other people choosing seats too.
I will always be sitting next to my family.

I might have my family on one side of me and a person I don’t know on the other side of me.
sitting

When I am sitting, sometimes a person will walk in front of me.

If a person is in my way to see the show, I can quietly ask the person, “Can you please move out of my way? Thank you.”
There is a bathroom near the lobby for one person at a time.

The usher can tell me where to find it.

There is also a bathroom downstairs.
There is no intermission when the audience can take a break, so I will try to use the bathroom before the show begins.

But, I can go to the bathroom any time I need to.

I must push a handle to flush the toilet.

The sound of the flushing can be loud.
An usher can tell me where the **Away Space** is.

This is a place where I can go if I want some quiet time.

I can leave the show and go to the **Away Space** with a family member.

I can sit in a chair or walk around.
The show ends when the actors bow.

If I like the show, I can *clap* when the show ends.

Other people will *clap*.

I can cover my ears if the *clapping* noise is too loud.

People *clap* only for a short time then the clapping is over.
talk back

After the show is over, I can stay in my seat and wait until the actors come back on stage for a talk back.

This is when the audience can ask questions about the show.

If I have a question, I can raise my hand and wait quietly until I am called on.

Sometimes, if there are a lot of questions, I may not get to ask mine.
leaving

I have to walk up the slope and stairs to leave the theater.

All the people will leave the theater at the same time.

The walkways could be crowded.

I will walk only on the walkways.
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