



TROOPS @ HOME

October Emblem of the Month



PLAY ACTOR / DRAMATICS

This packet belongs to:

Getting Started



Complete this packet throughout the month of October.

Moonbeams (PreK & Kindergarden) - Complete Activities 1-3

Sunbeams & Explorers (grades 1-5) - Complete Activities 1-5

Girl Guards & Rangers (grades 6-12) - Complete Activities 1-7

Activity 1

The best way to understand the world of live acting is to attend a production. There are many elements that have to come together to have a successful production. Even though we cannot attend a live production there are many options to watch a stage production online. As you watch the play, take a moment to notice the stage, lights, curtains, set, backdrops and costumes. It takes a lot to put on a play.

Name of Show: _____

Date: _____

Suggestions:

Moonbeams:

Snow Mouse (<https://www.ft.com/content/689e0228-7342-11ea-ad98-044200cb277f>);

Circle of Life from The Lion King on Broadway (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEtThAJhe5Y>)

Sunbeams/Explorers:

Finding Nemo the Musical (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kluOSZLJUqo>)

Shrek the Musical (Netflix)

Girl Guards/Rangers:

Newsies (Disney+)

Into the Woods (Amazon Prime)

Hamilton (Disney+)

Activities 2 & 3



Activity 2

In plays, the actors and actresses will wear clothing and accessories that help to tell about their character and what kind of person they are portraying. Costumes can tell the audience about a person and the time period during which the play takes place. Design three costumes for the characters listed below and use markers, crayons, pencils to show how you would create the costume. Don't forget you can add a prop if needed.

Sunbeams/Explorers (Moonbeams only need to design 1 costume)

A pirate; A farmer; A ballet dancer; A king; A baseball player

Girl Guards/Rangers (using the internet or your own artistic skills design 3 costumes from different time periods or settings)

Ancient Civilizations; Medieval Royalty; Greek or Nordic Mythology; Victorian England; 1920s; 1950s; 1980s; Pick Your Own

Activity 3

The scenery of the play displays the setting of the story. It helps the audience know where the action is taking place. In this activity you will create the set from a play you have seen or a show you enjoy. It make be a character's bedroom, a park, a store or any specific area.

You can create your scene by drawing in the box on the following page or you can think outside the box and make a diorama of the scene using a shoebox and craft supplies. A diorama is a three-dimensional representation of an event or scene.

Costume 1

Costume 2

Costume 3

Set/Scenery1



Activities 4 & 5



Activity 4

There are many words used in the theater that are unique to stage performances and plays. Fill in the vocabulary term for each definition.

props	_____	The boy in a theatrical presentation.
exit	_____	The girl in a theatrical presentation.
actress	_____	The people in a play.
entrance	_____	The setting of the play.
actor	_____	A conversation between two people in the play.
dialogue	_____	The movement that happens in a play.
script	_____	The words that people say in the play.
action	_____	The place where you leave the stage.
scene	_____	The place where you come onto the stage.
lines	_____	The sequence of events that happen in the play.
plot	_____	Objects used on the set of a play.
characters	_____	The written text of the play used to know what to perform

Activity 5

The following areas are known as stage directions. Using the diagram on the next page place the listed areas in the correct squares. ** Hint - stage directions follow the actor's right and left when they are facing the audience. Anything UP stage is away from the audience and DOWN stage is toward the audience.**

Audience



Activities 6 & 7



Activity 6

Read a Bible Story and write up a character analysis that helps you understand the personality and motivation of your character. It can include physical characteristics, background, morals and anything else that defines how a character will act or react during the play.

Activity 7

Write a short play or monologue based on your favorite Bible lesson. Include setting, stage instructions, costume descriptions and blocking (stage movement). Once this is done you can plan to perform it for your troop. Maybe you can create a video with puppets or animation, or yourself performing the monologue. Be creative in how you imagine this; maybe you set it in modern times or you write from the perspective of a minor character.

For Leaders



Virtual Group Options

- Host a watch party - you could watch a musical (or parts of a musical) together. Maybe you could even make it a dress up event and have your own virtual red carpet.
- Using a script host a virtual reader's theater. You don't need sets, props or costumes, but each person in the group could become a character for your reader's theater performance. There are free options online (<http://www.playscriptsforkids.net/browse-play-scripts-for-kids/free-scripts/>)
- You can have a virtual costume party. Have participants come dressed up like their favorite characters. Each participant can have a turn showing off and explaining their costume!
- For the older participants - set up a time for each participant to share their monologue or short play. If they are pre-recorded you can show the videos. Or you can have a performance night.

Suggestions for hosting Virtual Groups

Remember many kids who are attending school remotely may be burned out with screen classes. Use your time wisely and be mindful that you may only have a 20-30 minute window. Checking in and building relationships is key! Have fun!