

Children's Shepherd Theatre

This production is done best in a park.

CAST

White

Red

Brown

Black

Yellow

Blue

Green

Musician

NOTE: Cast should wear a shirt of the color they are. Their name should also be on the shirt in bold print. Cast should also wear khaki or khaki color pants/skirt/tights, etc. Cast can be any gender, ethnicity, age, etc.

Musician can be a guitarist (or sting instrument similar to guitar), or one who plays a brass or woodwind instrument.

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WELCOME

RED: *(Has jump rope around neck)* Welcome to Summer Outside Theatre

YELLOW: We are happy you chose to be with us today

BLUE: Just a few rules before we get started

GREEN: Make sure you are quiet while watching the show today

RED: You do not want to disturb the person sitting next to you

YELLOW: Or behind or in front of you

BLUE: If you find something we do is funny, laughing is okay

GREEN: Use your phones at minimum, you do not want to be a nuance to your fellow audience member

RED: If you choose to film or photograph be discreet

YELLOW: Make sure you tag us if you post in on social media. You can find us on *Yellow lifts sign with social media information*

YELLOW: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Tumblr at csbtelevision

BLUE: If you have Twitter, you can also tag readywritercsb

Blue lifts sign with information on it

GREEN: And use hashtags Summer Outside Theater, readywriter, and csbtelevision

RED: And the hashtag (Location, i.e.: Newark, NJ) Summer Outside Theater is cool presented by CSB television and produced by readywriterco

Red lifts sign with information on it

Yellow, Blue, and Green, look at Red strangely

BLUE: Lastly, you will be following us as we play, so sit back and get comfortable, but don't get too comfortable.

GREEN: It is now time for-

ALL: Little Po Pat lost his/her cat!

LITTLE PO PAT LOST HIS/HER CAT

This play should take place near a tree. The tree should be directly or not far behind the actors. Yellow runs to location where his/her fireman costume is. Red takes jump rope off neck, Red and Blue use jump rope while Green jumps.

RED, BLUE, GREEN: There once was girl name Sally, who went to a small bowl alley. With her friends Lisa, Dina, and Cali, after the high school rally.

Green stops jumping

RED: It's my turn to jump

Red jumps

RED, BLUE, GREEN: There once was a boy named Ronald, who sang like Michael McDonald-

Brown enters

BROWN: Oh, my goodness, I need help!

Blue, Red, and Green stop the jump rope game.

BLUE: What is it, Po Pat? How can we help?

BROWN: I have lost my cat.

GREEN: Let's look for Po Pat's cat.

RED: It's a white cat.

To the audience

RED: If you see a white cat, say there is the cat. Okay? *Pause.* I cannot hear you clearly. Okay?

GREEN: Thank you. Don't forget, let us know when you see a white cat.

White appears in the tree. There should be a ladder place safely behind the tree.

WHITE: Meow

BLUE: Do you see the cat?

GREEN: Where is it?

They look behind to see White

RED: Oh no. Your cat is in the tree.

BROWN: Oh, no what should I do?

BLUE: Just leave it. The cat will come down when ready.

BROWN: I don't have time. I have to take it to the veterinarian. Cat, come down here now!

WHITE: Me-no (*Said like a meow*)

BROWN: Is there anyone that can help me?

Yellow appears in fireman suit (does not have to be realistic)

YELLOW: I can help you.

GREEN: Look! It's a firefighter.

BLUE: Awesome. Are you able to get that cat down here?

YELLOW: Yes, I am.

BROWN: Thank you for your help.

YELLOW: No worries.

Yellow climbs the ladder. White fights Yellow.

YELLOW: Would you just come down the ladder?

WHITE: Okay

Yellow and White come off ladder and approach Brown

BROWN: Thank you for getting my cat.

YELLOW: You're welcome.

BROWN: (*To the audience*) and thank you for finding my cat. I appreciate it. Come on cat. Let's go to Dr. Stumpy.

Brown and White exit to location to change into next costume

YELLOW: My job here is done.

Yellow waves and exits to location to change into next costume

Red looks at watch

RED: It's time for me to go.

GREEN: Why?

RED: I'm going to my grandparents today.

BLUE: Awesome. See you later.

Red waves and exits to location to change into next costume. Black, behind a tree, makes the sound of a crow.

GREEN: What was that sound?

BLUE: I'm not sure.

Black makes the sound again. Blue to the audience

BLUE: Do you know what sound that was?

GREEN: (*Speaks after audience responds*). I think it was a crow. Let's go find out. Follow us to the sound.

BLUE: And don't forget to take your chairs and belongings with you.

Blue and Green guide the audience to the next location. This location can be anywhere in the park, but best near multiple trees. Once audience is situated Blue and Green continue.

BLUE and GREEN: It is now time for The Birds of (Location, i.e.: Manhattan, NY)

Blue and Green exit to next location to change for next play.

THE BIRDS OF (LOCATION)

Black enters with crow (depending on location, it can also be a raven or a rook) costume (*does not have to be elaborate*) making crow sounds. Musician appears in, on, or near a tree. Musician and actors can compose the songs to their liking.

BLACK: *Singing*

Hello, I am a crow, I can fly high, I can fly low. I can fly fast I can fly slow. When you see us crows, please be kind. We can remember your face keep that in mind. Whatever you do, we'll make sure to do unto you.

(Song for raven)

(Hey, I am a raven, trees are my haven, and I am behaving. When you see us ravens, please be kind. We can remember your face keep that in mind. Whatever you do, we'll make sure to do unto you.)

(Song for rook)

(Yo, I am a rook, smart like a book, and I am no crook. When you see us rooks, please be kind. We can remember your face keep that in mind. Whatever you do, we'll make sure to do unto you.)

Red makes the sound of a cardinal. Musician should play freestyle during the dialogue

BLACK: What was that?

Red enters

RED: That was me.

BLACK: What are you?

RED: I am a cardinal

BLACK: I love your red feathers.

RED: And I love your black feathers.

BLACK and RED: Thank you.

Yellow makes the sound of a canary

BLACK: And what was that?

RED: I am not sure.

YELLOW: That sound was me.

BLACK and RED: What are you?

YELLOW: A canary

RED: Your yellow feathers are amazing.

YELLOW: Thank you, red bird. Your feathers are vibrant.

RED: Thank you

YELLOW: And your black feathers are sharp.

BLACK: Thank you, canary.

White makes the sound of a dove

YELLOW: What was that?

WHITE: It was me. A dove.

RED: I like that sound.

BLACK: Yes, and what bright and beautiful feathers you have.

WHITE: Of course. I have the best feathers any bird could have.

Musician stops playing instrument

RED: What do you mean by that?

WHITE: White is the best color. It has always been superior to all others.

YELLOW: That's not true. All colors are uniquely and equally beautiful.

WHITE: Not at all. White is the best.

BLACK: Now hold on there, dove. If anyone of us is the best is me.

YELLOW: Why you say that?

BLACK: Because black is the best. It's the only color that makes humans skinnier than they are.

RED: Red is a vibrant and beautiful color that woman everywhere place on their lips. Obviously red is the best.

YELLOW: Yellow is the color of the sun. Surely yellow is the superior color.

Yellow, Red, Black, and White adlib an argument. Brown enters as an owl.

BROWN: What is all of this negative energy you are creating?

BLACK: Who are you?

BROWN: Is that supposed to be some kind of joke?

BLACK: No. who are you?

Musician continues playing instrument

BROWN: I am an owl wondering why you are making a fuss.

YELLOW: We are having an argument.

BROWN: What are you arguing over? Climate change?

RED: No

BROWN: Why men go to space?

BLACK: No.

BROWN: Are you arguing over why the chicken crossed the road?

WHITE: No. Everyone knows the chicken crossed the road to show the deer it could be done.

BROWN: Then why are you arguing?

YELLOW: Dove, thinks he's the best bird because he /she has white feathers.

RED: Yeah. Dove said white is the best color of them all and that's why he/she is superior to all of us.

Brown laughs

BLACK: Why are you laughing?

BROWN: There is no such thing as a superior bird.

YELLOW: There isn't?

BROWN: No. No superior or inferior. No better or lesser. No majority and no minority. We all matter differently.

WHITE: How is that so?

BROWN: We each contribute to the earth. And even though we birds come in different colors and sizes we are more alike than you think.

RED: Really?

BROWN: Yes. Cardinal. You help disperse seeds. And the crow and the cardinal eat insects in gardens that would destroy the human's garden. So, you both are a natural pesticide. And canaries not only keep insects away from human gardens, but also can provide a pet to humans. And doves are seed dispersers as well. Both cardinals and doves help keep plants growing on earth.

WHITE: Wow. I didn't know that.

RED: Yeah. So, we are all important. No one is more important than the other.

BLACK: That's pretty cool.

YELLOW: And what do you do, owl?

BROWN: I annoy humans by repeatedly asking them who, while they are sleeping.

YELLOW: That's awesome.

RED: I annoy humans too. I poop on their car right after they wash it.

BLACK: So, do I.

YELLOW: Me too.

WHITE: I do that all the time.

BROWN: Sounds like fun. I think I might try it one day. *Pause* My point is there is no reason to segregate or discriminate. We are all here for a reason, and no one's reason is ever more important than another. We birds are a diverse community and there is nothing wrong with that. If there were something wrong with us being diverse, then we wouldn't be.

RED: Thank you for clearing that up, owl.

BROWN: No worries.

WHITE: I'm sorry I said those mean things. They weren't true. To be honest, I was jealous of all your feathers. I thought if you felt bad about your feathers, I wouldn't have to feel bad about mine.

RED: Your feathers are fine just the way they are.

YELLOW: Yeah, no need to be jealous of another bird's feathers.

BLACK: Be proud of your feathers.

BROWN: And appreciate the diversity of others.

Blue is heard at another part of the block

BLUE: Get out of my way you little pest.

RED: What was that?

YELLOW: It sounds like little humans are fighting.

WHITE: Let's go be nosey and watch.

BROWN: Come on everyone. Let's go be nosey. Follow us.

BLACK: And don't forget to bring your chair and all your belongings with you.

Black and Brown exit to location to change for next play. White exits to location to change for ending (Dance Rhyming Song). Red and Yellow lead audience to final location. Once audience is situated play continues.

BLUE: I said get out of my way.

YELLOW and RED: It's time for our last play, Be the Love Your Bully Lacks.

Yellow and Red exit to location to change for Dance Rhyming Song

BE THE LOVE YOUR BULLY LACKS

Costumes: bright shirts and shorts/skirts. Can look cartoonish. To be worn over basic costume.

GREEN: Sure thing.

Green steps out of Blue's way. Green is smiling the entire time.

BLUE: Stop smiling at me with that ugly smile. You have an ugly face.

GREEN: Thank you. You have a beautiful smile and handsome face.

BLUE: Oh yeah, well, well, I hate your shoes. They look cheap where did you get them, the thrift store?

GREEN: I got them from the shoe store. Your shoes are amazing. Really stylish.

BLUE: You really think so.

GREEN: Yes.

Black and Brown enter watching

BLUE: Well, I don't care. You, you, are dumb.

GREEN: You are brilliant and very smart.

BLUE: And you are, you are, wearing the most horrible outfit.

GREEN: You have a great fashion sense. Your outfit is totally awesome, dude.

BLUE: Oh yeah. Well-

Blue sees lunch bag on bench

BLUE: Is this your lunch?

GREEN: Yes it is.

Blue snatches it

BLUE: Well, it's mine now.

GREEN: Sure, you can have it. I hope you like fruit and vegetable sandwich.

BLUE: Yuk, why would you put fruit on a sandwich. That's yucky.

GREEN: Tomatoes and pickles are yummy on a sandwich.

BLUE: Those are vegetables.

GREEN: Tomatoes and pickles have seeds, making them fruit.

BLUE: Oh. Well, I'm taking this lunch. And I am going to hit you.

Green stretches arms

GREEN: How about a big and long hug instead.

BLUE: I'm out of here.

Blue exits

BLACK: That was awesome.

BROWN: You made him run away and you weren't even mean to him/her.

BLACK: Why were you so nice to him/her. He/she was so mean to you.

GREEN: People who are mean do not know kindness. The best way for them to know it is to experience it.

BLACK: Wasn't it difficult being so nice?

GREEN: It used to be. I am used to it now. Being kind to those who are not kind is not easy at first. The more you do it, the easier it gets.

BROWN: I don't know if I can do that. I personally wanted to hit her/him.

GREEN: It's not nice to hit. It also doesn't solve problems. It only makes things worst. You cannot fight with kindness.

BLACK: That's true.

GREEN: You have to be the love your bully lacks.

BROWN: Why?

GREEN: Because it is your love, they need the most.

BLACK: Really?

GREEN: Yes. If you show them your love, it will conquer their hate.

BLACK: That sounds nice and all, but it also sounds easier said than done. What happens when I feel like showing someone my fist instead of my love.

GREEN: Remember what you do to people will return to you. If you show your fist then karma will have someone show their fist to you. If you show your love then love will return to you.

BROWN: Wow. I wish I had the courage to be nice like you just did.

GREEN: Everyone has the courage. You just have to choose to use it.

BLACK: You sure are smart.

BROWN: And nice.

BLACK: I sure wish he/she hadn't taken that sandwich. It sure sounds good.

Green walks to bookbag and takes out three sandwiches.

GREEN: I have a whole bunch more.

BLACK and BROWN: Awesome.

Brown, Yellow, Red, Blue, White, and Musician return. Black, and Green remove costumes.

YELLOW: That was so much fun.

RED: Yeah.

BLUE: It sure was.

GREEN: Before we leave, I want to dance.

WHITE: Let's play the Dance Rhyming Game.

Everyone agrees.

DANCE RHYMING SONG

BROWN: Let's get started.

Musician plays along.

ALL: Get off your feet, get off the couch, and get out of bed, whose turn is it to cut a rug, come on and dance, it's your turn-

BROWN: Whose turn is it to dance? What color rhymes with bed?

Wait for audience to respond.

YELLOW: Who is wearing red?

RED: Yes, I am. If you're wearing red, stand on your feet and dance with me.

Musician should play an 8 count of music.

All applaud.

BLACK: Great job dancing. Let's keep going.

ALL: It's time to dance play some music, guitar, flute, drums, or cello, whose turn is it to bust a move?

RED: What color rhymes with cello?

Wait for audience to respond.

ALL: Who's wearing yellow?

YELLOW: That's right. It's my turn to dance. If you are wearing yellow stand up dance with me.

Musician should play an 8 count of music.

All applaud.

ALL: Dance is so much fun to do, that I'm sure you already knew. Whose turn is to boogie?

YELLOW: What color rhymes with knew?

Wait for audience to respond.

ALL: Who's wearing blue?

BLUE: You're so smart. I am wearing blue. So, it's my turn to dance. If you are wearing blue stand and dance with me.

Musician should play an 8 count of music.

All applaud.

ALL: To learn how to dance, you don't a book, you don't need a pen, you don't need any paper or back pack. Who's turn is to get groovy?

Wait for audience to respond.

ALL: Who's wearing black?

BLACK: That's right. Black rhymes with pack. Anyone wearing black stand up and dance with me.

Musician should play an 8 count of music.

All applaud.

ALL: Every day and any day you can dance all day. In the morning and the evening, in the day and at night. Who's turn is to strut their stuff?

BLACK: What color rhymes with white?

Wait for audience to respond.

ALL: Who's wearing white?

WHITE: This is right. It's me, white. Now anyone wearing white it's your turn to dance with me.

Musician should play an 8 count of music.

All applaud.

ALL: Anyone can dance at any time, child, adult, even a teen. Who's turn is to party down?

WHITE: What color rhymes with teen?

Wait for audience to respond.

ALL: Who's wearing green?

GREEN: Yeah. It's time for me and everyone else wearing green to stand up and dance.

Musician should play an 8 count of music.

All applaud.

ALL: Come on a dance with us everyone. No need to wear a fancy tux or a gown. Who's turn is to dance?

GREEN: What color rhymes with gown?

Wait for audience to respond.

ALL: Who is wearing brown?

BROWN: It's time for everyone who is wearing brown to stand and dance with me.

Musician should play an 8 count of music.

All applaud.

RED: That was so much fun.

BLACK: Wait a minute. I see people who are wearing pink, orange, purple and so many other colors.

BLUE: Yeah, me too.

YELLOW: If you have not had the chance to stand and dance, stand up and dance with (say Musician's name).

Musician comes forth and dance while playing instrument.

Musician should play an 8 count of music.

All applaud.

BROWN: Great job everyone.

WHITE: Yes, and always remember dance is a great way to exercise.

BLACK: And it's a great way to feel good when you're feeling bad.

YELLOW: Yes, so make sure you dance often.

RED: We sure hope you enjoyed the show

GREEN: It is now time for us to go

BLUE: If you'd like to meet us and/or take pictures with meet us over (say the location meet and greet will be).

YELLOW: We are going to head over there now.

RED: But before you leave our director has an announcement to make.

BROWN: Please welcome, (say the name of the director)

Actors go to location where meet and greet will take place.

DIRECTOR'S SPEECH

This is the time for director to thank audience for coming to performance. To keep litter low at park digital programs (playbills) are recommended. This is the time to tell them how to download digital programs. If you had sponsors now is also the time to mention and thank sponsors. Also mention any directions audience needs to know. End with a thank you and enjoy your day. Lastly, invite them to go to meet and greet area.

NOTE: If you plan on doing multiple performances in a day make sure you make time for meet and greet, and time for the cast to refresh themselves for the next performance.