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Spotlight on Performance Script

At the Movies

Costume/Prop Suggestions
The children should be dressed casually in everyday school clothing. Perhaps each child could wear a t-shirt or hat representing the movie they will be promoting. Add other costume props to represent the ages you'd like to use. Dad should be dressed conservatively with a sweater jacket, moustache, glasses, and so on. Be sure to locate the movie cover boxes for the specific titles mentioned in the program.

Set Suggestions
Dress the stage like the inside of a movie rental store. Locate current movie posters to hang on the wall. Add chase lights around certain areas and include various sale signs.

Script Begins

(Dad leads the children onto the stage area.)

Dad: Okay, kids, you must decide on only one age-appropriate movie to watch this evening. *(Looking at his watch)* Since we're running short on time, try to make your selection quickly.

Damon: But Dad, how do we decide on just one?

Miranda: Yes, there are too many from which to choose!

Logan: And how will we all agree on the same one?

Carrie: Especially when it's hard for us to agree on anything!

Dad: Well, how about each of you pick one movie and meet back here with your ideas? I'll give you 15 seconds.

Kids: 15 seconds?!

Dad: Ready? Go!

(Dad looks at watch and begins tapping his foot as the kids frantically run off stage in different directions. Each returns in a hurry carrying his/her own movie.)

Dad: Okay, who would like to go first?

Damon: *(Out of breath)* I would.

Dad: Go ahead, Damon.

Damon: *(stepping forward but hiding his movie cover behind his back)* I selected a movie about the most interesting and unusual family I know.

Dad: Besides our family, who could that be?

Damon: Why, the Addams Family. Who else?

Song 1: The Addams Family Theme, p. 307

Dad: Okay, who would like to go next?

Miranda: *(stepping forward, holding movie cover behind back)* I will. As you all know, I'm crazy about the Muppets.

Logan: You can say that again! You have Muppet posters all over your bedroom wall!

Carrie: And own every album they ever made!

Damon: *(using silly voice)* And, you think Kermit the Frog is adorable.

Miranda: *(turning towards Damon)* How do you know that?

Damon: I read your diary.

Miranda: Dad!

Dad: Go on.

Miranda: Anyway, I really think the movie we should choose is... *(revealing movie cover)* "The Muppet Movie"!

Song 2: The Rainbow Connection, p. 310

Dad: Okay, Logan. You should go next.

Logan: *(stepping forward holding his movie behind his back)* Let me give you some hints about my movie. The main character is big and green.

Carrie: *(raising hand)* I know...the Hulk!

Logan: Nope. There's more. One of the characters is a girl who chooses to transform from being beautiful to somewhat unattractive.

Damon: Beauty and the Beast!

Miranda: Wrong movie, silly!

Logan: One last hint...there is also a talking donkey who is very funny!

Dad: Hey, I know this one. It has to be "Shrek."

Logan: *(pointing to Dad)* You're right!

Song 3: I'm a Believer, p. 312

Dad: Last, but not least, it's Carrie's turn.

Carrie: Let's see if you can guess my movie choice. All of these actions you'll find in my show.

(Carrie acts out walking on a tight rope.)

Damon: Does this movie have a tight rope walker in it?

(Carrie points to nose and nods head. She next acts out an elephant with a swinging trunk and curly tail.)

Miranda: Are you an elephant?

(Carrie again points to her nose and nods her head. Finally, she acts out being a clown.)

Logan: Are there clowns in your movie?

(Carrie points to her nose and nods her head.)

Dad: Your movie has to be about a circus... "The Greatest Show on Earth."

Song 4: The Greatest Show on Earth, p. 308

Damon: Well, Dad, everyone has presented their idea. Now what do we do?

Miranda: And each idea sounds like a great idea!

Logan: Yes, each movie has its own characteristic making it unique and special.

Carrie: I know. Let's rent them all!

Dad: No, we can't do that but you've learned a valuable lesson today.

Damon: What's that, Dad?

Dad: You learned how to value everyone's opinion and open yourselves up to new ideas.

Kids: *(ad lib)* You're right! That's great! Yes, we did! *(and so on)*

Dad: That leaves only one decision for the movie choice.

Miranda: And what's that?

Dad: My decision! Now where is that John Wayne section?

Kids: Dad!

(Dad walks off looking for the movie with all of the children following behind.)