"Pirate Goodie and the Magic Chest"



Study Guide For Grades K-3rd

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About Sean Driscoll

Mr. Driscoll performs hundreds of shows throughout the United States each year in theater, television, school, and festival settings. In addition, Sean conducts numerous Artists in Residency programs in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. He has been doing educational performances since the age of 15 for thirty years. His performances are very unusual combining technology, theater, music and animation. Here is what people are saying, "Enchanting. Truly Magical!" (Savannah Morning News), "You fed my soul.." (Gainesville, GA) People are still raving! (Flager County, Fl), "... our favorite program year after year."(Orland, FL). He has also released several Audio CDs including, "Critter Tales" (Storytelling.) and "Kindred Spirits" (Classical Guitar). His stories have been heard throughout the world on the World Space Radio Network. Sean is a gifted storyteller and actor as well as musician. He plays a number of instruments including the banjo, guitar, mandolin, African and Irish Drums.

Performances & Residencies

- · City of Auburn & Opelika Schools, Auburn, Alabama
- The Breakers Resort, Palm Beach, FL
- The Homestead Hotel, Hot Springs, VA
- The Cloister Hotel, Sea Island, Ga
- North Carolina Renaissance Festival Raleigh, NC
- Gorham's Bluff Storytelling Festival Gorham's Bluff, AL
- Armstrong State College, Savannah GA
- Hoggtowne Medieval Fair, Gainesville, FL
- · Kiawah Island Resort, Kiawa Island, SC

- Spartanburg Regional Libraries
 Spartanburg, SC
- Brookgreen Gardens, Litchfield, SC
- Beaux Arts Festival, Miami, FL
- Creative Spark, Mt. Pleasant, SC and hundreds more.....

Radio & Television

- WSVH (NPR) Savannah, GA
- WSAV (Television) Savannah, GA
- World Space Radio Worldwide Broadcasts

About The Program

"Pirate Goodie and The Magic Chest"

Sean Driscoll, combines musical theater, comedy, puppets, magic, music and animation into an extraordinary live performance. Goodie can't remember how to open his magic chest full of treasure. So he calls upon the audience and his animated friends to help. The show includes a giant video screen with colorful animations and charming puppets. Plenty of magic, music, and comedy make this show unforgettable. The show explores key character development traits such as honesty, tolerance, persistence, cooperation, pride, and compassion.

Technical Requirements

2 grounded outlets, 1 chair, one table 6'X2', performance space 25'X 25' with a clean floor

Set Description

The set includes a giant interactive video screen with animated characters and puppets that interact with the audience. The stage is also full of magic props and musical instruments that the children use with Sean to tell the story.

Program Objectives

Through listening to the story and interacting with the animated characters and puppets, the students observe character and understand the following character values. Pre and post-performance discussions and activities are strongly suggested for students to get the most out of the performance experience.

Discussion Questions

What problem did Pirate Goodie have to overcome?

How did the Baby Beluga help Pirate Goodie?

How did Stella The Star Fish help Pirate Goodie?

How did Ollie The Octopus?

Did Pirate Goodie help Baby Beluga, Stella The Starfish or Ollie The Octopus?

When faced with the problem of how to open the magic chest, do you think Pirate Goodie persevered or kept trying in different ways to open the chest?

Did the Pirate Goodie have patience?

Did the Pirate Goodie use compassion and kindness to help the other undersea characters to overcome their problems?

Was Pirate Goodie courteous to the others?

Was Pirate Goodie creative in thinking of ways to help Ollie, Stella, and Baby Beluga to overcome their problems?

Do you think Pirate Goodie should be proud of his accomplishments?

Vocabulary

Perseverance- steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Diligence - careful and persistent work or effort.

Virtue - behavior showing high moral standards

Self Control – the power to restrain ones own emotions

Compassion - sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others

Kindness – the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate

Courtesy - the showing of politeness in one's attitude and behavior toward others

Generosity - he quality of being kind and generous

Patience - the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset

Honesty - the quality of being honest or tell the truth

Cooperation - the process of working together to the same end

Pride - a feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired

Productivity - the state or quality of producing or making something

Creativity - relating to or involving the imagination or original ideas

<u>Curriculum Connections and pre or post performance activity suggestions.</u> *Arts:* Have the students create their own Pirate story with one of the character development traits listed above.

Music: Listen to examples of Pirate music. What moods does this music bring to you? Create a percussion ensemble to accompany this music.

Character Ed: Review the character development terms listed above before the show and discuss what they mean. Be sure to have a study group discussion asking the questions listed above after the performance.

Literature: Read aloud "Treasure Island" and discuss each character and how they exemplify the character traits listed above.

Support materials

"Pirate Hunter: The True Story Of Captain Kidd" By Richard Zack

"Kidd's Can Draw Pirates" Phillipe Legendre

"Happy and Max the Pirate Treasure" Kris Jamsa

<u>Websites</u>

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/pirates/ http://www.ability.org.uk/pirates.html http://cybersleuth-kids.com/sleuth/History/Pirates/