



# WALNUT STREET THEATRE



*The  
Berenstain Bears*

**HOSPITAL  
FRIENDS**

***STUDY GUIDE***



## SHOW SYNOPSIS

"The Berenstain Bears take a trip to the hospital and get a special tour! While Brother and Sister Bear see all the amazing things that happen in the hospital, they make new friends along the way!"

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### BEFORE THE SHOW

- Has anyone ever been to a live play before? How was it different from television or a movie?
- Have you ever read a Berenstain Bears book before? What was it about?
- Have you ever gone to the hospital before? How did you feel about having to go there? What did you learn?

### AFTER THE SHOW

- Did you enjoy this performance? What was your favorite part?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What are two things you learned about the hospital that you did not know before?

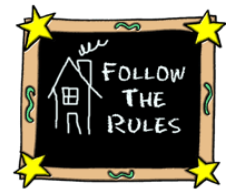


## THEATRE 101: REVIEW THE RULES!



### AUDIENCE RULES

- ◆ No talking during the show !
- ◆ No phones allowed!
- ◆ Laugh and clap for the actors!
- ◆ Use the bathroom **BEFORE** the show!



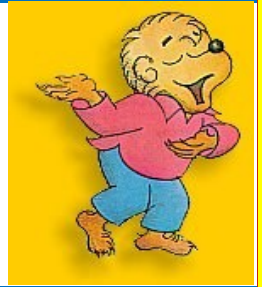
## TRY IT YOURSELF!

### DIRECTIONS

Give students a chance to act out a scene from *The Berenstain Bears Hospital Friends*.

### VARIATION

Younger students may choose to “re-enact” a scene from the show instead of read the script, or create their own scene.



## SAMPLE SCENE

**Dr. Grizzly:** I hope you enjoyed learning about the hospital as much as I enjoyed showing it to you.

**Brother:** We sure did!

**Sister:** You bet. Thanks Dr. Grizzly.

**Dr. Grizzly:** I am glad you liked it. I will go get Mama and Papa Bear and remember to keep washing those hands!

**Brother and Sister:** We will!

**Sister:** I can't believe all the stuff we saw!

**Brother:** Yeah, we saw the information desk and the gift shop.

**Sister:** We saw the Pediatric Ward and Cousin Fred.

**Brother:** We got to sign a cast and learn what physical therapy is.

**Sister:** We scrubbed up like real doctors and nurses and learned about recovery. We also got to remind Papa about how important it is to wash our hands.

**Brother:** And we saw the ED and a helicopter!

**Sister:** Kind of!

**Mama:** Did you enjoy your tour?

**Brother:** We sure did!

## THEATRE ACTIVITY: DUCKS AND COWS

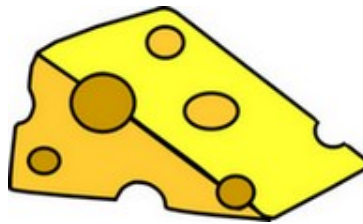
### DIRECTIONS

1. Everyone stands in a circle and closes their eyes.
2. Go around the circle and tap students one by one. A tap on the shoulder makes them a duck, a tap on the head makes them a cow.
3. When you say “Go” they are to open their eyes, then find the members of their group by “quacking” or “moo-ing”.



STUDENT ACTIVITY: WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

Circle the things that Brother and Sister saw at the hospital during the show!



## STUDENT WORKSHEET: BECOME THE INSECT!

### DIRECTIONS

- The Berenstain Bears learned many ways to stay healthy!
- In the space below, draw a picture that shows one way to be healthy.

*LIKE THE SHOW? LET US KNOW!*

**Send letters or drawings to:**

Walnut Street Theatre

ATTN: Education Department

825 Walnut St.

Philadelphia, PA 19107







# WALNUT STREET THEATRE



## BIOGRAPHY

Walnut Street Theatre has the unique distinction of being the oldest, continuously operating theatre in the English-speaking world, having served Philadelphia audiences for over 200 years!

Today, under the direction of Producing Artistic Director Bernard Havard, Walnut Street Theatre is in its 33rd season as a self-producing, non-profit theatre company. Walnut Street Theatre continues to entertain and enlighten diverse audiences with high quality theatrical programming. With more than 50,000 subscribers, the Walnut is also the most subscribed theatre company in the world!

Each season, Walnut Street Theatre holds a nation-wide search to recruit accomplished young professionals for Acting Apprenticeships. These actors form our Touring Outreach Company. Nearly 350 candidates are considered each year for these four positions. Last season, **180,000** children and adults were impacted by the Walnut's Education Programs- including our theatre school with classes for kids and adults, Camp Walnut, Our Touring Outreach Program to local schools and our artist in residency programs.

## WALNUT STREET THEATRE EDUCATION STAFF

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- **Educational Drama Activities for students**  
<http://plays.about.com/od/activities/>
- **Walnut Street Theatre Touring Outreach Company**  
<https://walnutstreettheatre.org/education/outreach.php>

## FROM BOOK TO STAGE

## THANK YOU

Adapted by Tom Quinn from the book *The Berenstain Bears Hospital Friends* by Michael Berenstain. *Hospital Friends* was written to support the Stan and Jan Berenstain Healthy Kids Foundation. The Stan and Jan Healthy Kids Foundation is also intended to inspire fans of Berenstain Bears characters to promote and pass on a sense of well-being and healing during medical ordeals. This overarching message of compassion and service to those in medical need is also reinforced through *Hospital Friends*.

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2015-2016  
SEASON

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*Oskar and the Big Bully Battle* (Bullying) Grades K-6  
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*Freedom Riders* (Diversity) Grades 6-9  
*The Berenstain Bears Hospital Friends* (Family & Good Health) Grades pre K-3  
*The Adventures of Nick Nutrition and his Dog Fiber* (Nutrition) Grades K-6

Open a dialogue with students about issues  
that affect them!

Call 215-574-3550, ext. 584

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BRING YOUR KIDS TO  
WALNUT STREET THEATRE!

*Shrek the Musical Jr.* (September/October)  
Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* (December)  
*Zombie in Love* (February)  
*Freckle Face Strawberry the Musical* (March/April)  
*Miss Nelson Has a Field Day* (June)

Tickets just \$10-\$16

Read the books, then see the stories LIVE!

Call 215-574-3550, ext. 504



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CLASSES FOR KIDS, STUDENTS  
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Find your inner star at the Walnut!  
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AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM  
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# WHEN WE PLAY, LEARNING HAPPENS!