



Childsplay's Student Activity Guide for: **The Velveteen Rabbit**

Today you saw a production of *The Velveteen Rabbit* performed by Childsplay. Here are some things to talk about and some activities to do now that you've seen the show!

Talk to your family, friends and/or classmates about the play you just saw. Talk about the following:

♥Tell them about the story and the characters. How many characters can you remember? Which characters were puppets and which were live actors? Which character was your favorite and why? What was your favorite part of the play? The boy was played by a grown up, but do you know how they made the boy seem small?

♥The boy and the velveteen rabbit become the best of friends. Do you have a favorite toy? What is it? Have you ever lost a toy that you really loved? How did you feel?

Here are some activities to do at home!

♥Imagine that you take a trip to the seaside. Make a postcard to send to a friend. Draw a picture of the seaside town on one side. Write to your friend on the other side, describing your trip. Don't forget the address and a stamp!

♥Create a puppet from common objects (a sock, a clothespin, a toilet paper roll). Choose a character from the play and make your own version of a puppet for that character. Use crayons, markers, pipe cleaners, feathers, scraps of fabric or any other found objects that might be interesting to use. Now, create a puppet play! First, work on manipulating (moving) the puppet by having it look at another puppet while having an improvised (made up) conversation. Try to make your puppet walk, run or do other physical things. Then, decide on a short story that has some kind of problem in it and play it out a few times until you are ready to share with your friends and family!

♥Go to the library and check out *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams. Read the book aloud with parents/family/friends playing different parts!

The Velveteen Rabbit

From the book by Margery Williams

Adapted by Brian Burgess Clark

Directed by David Saar

Original Music Composition
Alan Ruch

Scenic Designer/Scenic Artist
Jeff Thomson, USAA

Lighting Design
Marc Riske, USAA

Costume/Puppet Design
Rebecca Akins

Stage Manager
Samantha Ries

THE CAST

The Boy. April Monte
Nana/Lion. Dwayne Hartford
Velveteen Rabbit. Katie McFadzen
Tin Soldier/Rabbit. Jon Gentry
Skin Horse/Rabbit. Gordon Waggoner
Nursery Fairy/Model Boat. Kristin Hailstone
Narrator. Debra K. Stevens

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Words in
Unscramble
Puzzle:
tin soldier
model boat
skin horse
bunny
nana
seaside
fairy
airplane
real
velveteen
puppet

Try your hand at our Velveteen
Rabbit Word Puzzle!

1. T _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
2. H _ _ _ _ _ _
3. E _ _ _
4. V _ _ _ _ _ _ ' _ _ _ _
5. E _ _ _ _ _ _
6. L _ _ _
7. V _ _ _ _ _
8. E _ _ _
9. T _ _ _
10. E _ _
11. E _ _ _ _
12. N _ _ _
13. R _ _ _
14. A _ _ _ _ _ _
15. B _ _ _ _
16. B _ _
17. I _ _
18. T _ _ _ _ _

Clues:

1. Toy character in the play.
2. Christmas and Hanukkah are _____.
3. The _____ sign shows the way out of the theater.
4. _____ is February 14.
5. We hope you _____ the play!
6. This makes toys become real.
7. Purplish-blue color.
8. You use these to see with.
9. Things to play with.
10. The day before a holiday.
11. A number between seven and nine.
12. Character in the play who looks after the boy.
13. Love makes toys become _____!
14. The boy and his rabbit go flying in this.
15. Another name for a rabbit.
16. The part of the scenery that becomes an airplane.
17. The boy becomes _____ with scarlet fever.
18. Buildings in which plays are performed.

Unscramble the following words!

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|-------------|-------|
| nti dlrsoei | _____ |
| domle tba0 | _____ |
| ksni oshre | _____ |
| nynub | _____ |
| aann | _____ |
| asdiese | _____ |
| ryifa | _____ |
| lpaaeirn | _____ |
| Irea | _____ |
| eevlvet | _____ |
| tppeup | _____ |

Answers to Word
Puzzle:

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|-----|-----------------|
| 1. | The Toy |
| 2. | Boat |
| 3. | Holidays |
| 4. | Exit |
| 5. | Valentine's Day |
| 6. | Enjoyed |
| 7. | Love |
| 8. | Violet |
| 9. | Eyes |
| 10. | Toys |
| 11. | Eight |
| 12. | Nana |
| 13. | Real |
| 14. | Airplane |
| 15. | Bunny |
| 16. | Bed |
| 17. | Ill |
| 18. | Theater |

Color the Bunnies and the Butterflies!

