



# Childsplay's Student Activity Guide for *A Year With Frog and Toad*

Today you saw a production of *A Year With Frog and Toad*, performed by Childsplay. Here are some things to think about and some activities to do now that you've seen the show!

Tell your family and/or friends about the play you saw. Talk about the following:

- ◆ the story and the characters: What happens in the beginning, the middle and the end of the play? How many characters can you remember? Which character was your favorite and why? What were some of the things the characters did? What was your favorite part of the play?
- ◆ the costumes, scenery, props, and music that were used in the production. Draw pictures to help describe the different costumes and scenery.

## A Year With Frog and Toad

Music by **Robert Reale**  
Book and Lyrics by **Willie Reale**

Based on the Books by **Arnold Lobel**

Directed by **David Saar**

Music Direction by **Alan Ruch**

Choreography by **Michael Barnard**

Scenic Design by **Edie Whitsett**

Costume Design by **Karen Ledger**

Lighting Design by **Rick Paulsen**

Sound Design by **David Temby**

Projection Design by **Jeff Miller**

Assistant Director: **Adam Burke**

Stage Manager: **Sam Ries**

### The Cast:

Frog .....D. Scott Withers  
Toad .....Jon Gentry  
Bird Chorus..... Dwayne Hartford  
Bird Chorus .....Leslie Law\*  
Bird Chorus..... Katie McFadzen

\*Member of Actors' Equity Association  
9/4-10/3, Herberger Center Stage  
10/23-10/31, Pima Community College  
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**Tadpole Taskforce:**  
The Phoenix Zoo is trying to save the Ramsey Canyon Leopard Frog from extinction.

Go to [www.phoenixzoo.org/zoo/animals/leopardfrog.asp](http://www.phoenixzoo.org/zoo/animals/leopardfrog.asp) to see how you can help!

**Did you know that *A Year With Frog and Toad* is based on four books by Arnold Lobel?**  
Read them (if you haven't already)! *Frog and Toad Together*, *Frog and Toad Are Friends*, *Frog and Toad All Year*, and *Days With Frog and Toad*!

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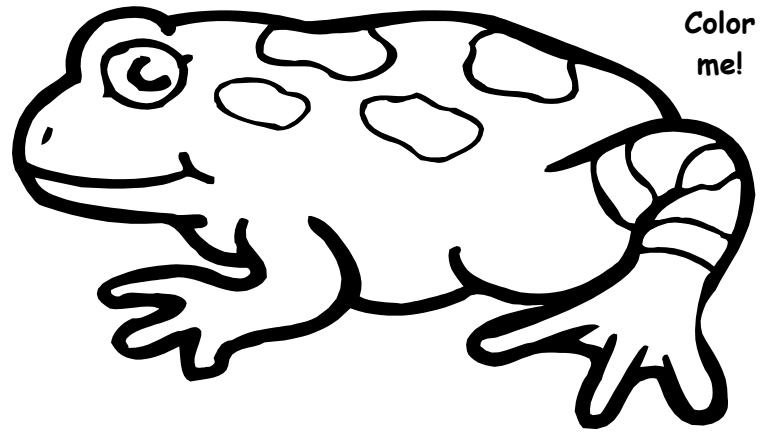


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\*Answers for "Fill in the Blanks": friends, cookies, kite, bathing suit, letter, leaves, musical, Arnold Lobel, Childsplay

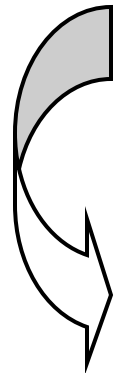
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Circle the Hidden Words!

FALL	COOKIES	FRIENDS
FROG	LEAVES	MOUSE
MUSIC	SEEDS	SLED
SNAIL	SPRING	SUMMER
TOAD	TURTLE	WINTER

\*What's a *toadstool*?  
A place for a toad to sit?  
Think again!  
It's a poisonous mushroom! Yuk!



Fill in the Blanks...

Frog and Toad are \_\_\_\_\_.  
 They eat \_\_\_\_\_ together.  
 They fly a \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone laughs at Toad because he looks funny in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The birds go \_\_\_\_\_ for the winter. Snail delivers a \_\_\_\_\_. Frog and Toad rake each other's \_\_\_\_\_. *A Year With Frog and Toad* is a \_\_\_\_\_ based on four books by \_\_\_\_\_ is my favorite theater company!

S E I P S F N S T U W H E R W X  
 G X H H U G T P D P Q A M E T V  
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Toad's Cookies

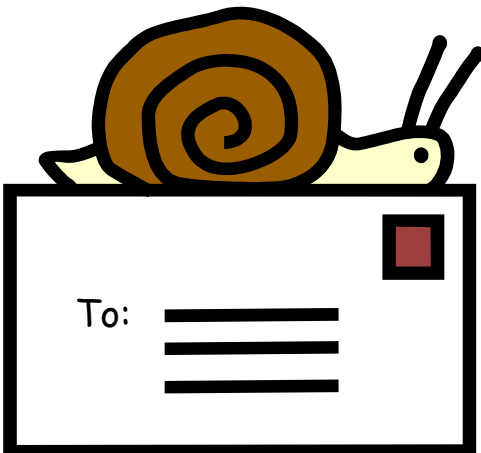
1 pkg. Devil's Food cake mix  
 1/2 cup oil  
 2 eggs  
 1- 10 oz. pkg. peanut butter flavored chips, divided



Glaze: 1/2 cup of the peanut butter chips  
 2 Tbs. margarine  
 1 Tbs. milk.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine 6 oz peanut butter chips, cake mix, oil and eggs; mix well. Drop dough by well-rounded teaspoonful, 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 9-12 minutes. Cool 2 minutes; remove to wire rack, cool completely. In a small saucepan over low heat, melt glaze ingredients, stirring constantly. Drizzle over cookies. Let stand until set. Makes 3 dozen. Try any variety of cake mix with any type of baking chip; easy, fast and delicious!!!!

Write a letter to a friend or family member or someone at Childsplay and send it by "snail mail"! Don't forget to put the address and return address on the envelope, and a stamp!



Dear \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Your Friend, \_\_\_\_\_