



Childsplay's Student Activity Guide for

Danny, King of the Basement

Today you saw a production of *Danny, King of the Basement*. 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.

◇ Tell them about 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?

◇ Tell them about the costumes, scenery, props, music, and the puppet from the production. Draw pictures to help describe things you talk about.

◇ Tell them about something new that you learned from the play.

Childsplay presents
The Roseneath Theatre Company
of Toronto, Canada
in

Danny, King of the Basement

by David S. Craig

Directed by **Richard Greenblatt**
Music Composition by **Richard Sacks**
Set and Costume Designs by **Andjelija Djuric**
Lighting Design by **Glenn Davidson**
Costume Construction by **Truly Carmichael**
Stage Manager: **Annie McWhinnie**

Herberger Theater Center, Stage West
February 2006

The Cast

Penelope.....Sharmila Dey
Louise.....Astrid Van Wieren
Danny.....Matt Bois
Angelo.....Adrian Churchill

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Read and help others learn to read!

Because he was constantly changing schools and living in so many different places, Danny never learned to read. Forty percent of adult Americans have trouble reading and writing even simple things. Many high school students leave high school with only an 8th grade reading level. Don't be one of those students! Read a little everyday to improve your own skills. Help someone else improve their reading skills by volunteering to tutor younger students, read stories in a library or help someone who is learning your language.

Web Sites of Interest:

www.endhomelessness.org
-click on Fact sheets for Kids

www.hbphx.org
-Homeward Bound, volunteer options to work for homelessness

www.azlit.org
-AZ Literacy and Learning Center, volunteer options

www.askt.org
-All Star Kids Tutoring, tutors 2nd/3rd graders

What can you do to help the homeless?

- Organize a clothing drive for adults who are trying to find jobs. Collect suits, dresses, shoes, ties, skirts and shirts and donate to an organization that helps people find jobs.
- Collect blankets, hats and gloves and deliver them to those living on the streets.
- Find a homeless program in your community and see what they need the most. Raise money for the item(s) and then donate to the organization.
- Most importantly, treat people who are without homes the same way *you* would like to be treated.

Y C I E L K D H J B O J
A G L W C O O A T Q Z X
M R L I B M O E N R N M
O R I B E D G H N N B M
N I T L W D Q B C U Y D
E D E Z U A R A D S J J
Y S R B M O V I N G E D
S D A F P A E W Q K S N
A Y T M A C C Z X N U E
L D E G N I D A E R E I
A I Q I U N D V N Y E R
D M N D F U O R C Y X F

Find these words in the puzzle at left. Words can be up, down, backward, forwards, or on a diagonal.

BUDGET
HOME
JOB
READING
DANNY
HOMELESS
MONEY
SCHOOL
FRIEND
ILLITERATE
MOVING

Make a Budget

Create a monthly budget for two people using \$900. Decide how much to spend on rent, food, utilities, etc. Create a shopping list of groceries you'll need for one week. Estimate how much those groceries will cost. Make a list of possible unexpected expenses (medication, etc.) that might cost you more money. *Do you think living on \$900 a month would be easy or challenging?*