

Childsplay's
Student Activity Guide for

*The
Secret Garden*

Today you saw a production of *The Secret Garden*, 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.

◇ 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.

*The
Secret Garden*

By Pamela Sterling
Music by Christopher Limber
Based on the book by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Directed by **Adam Burke**
Scenic Design by **Carey Wong**
Costume Design by **Connie Furr-Solomon**
Lighting Design by **Michael J. Eddy**
Sound Design by **Christopher Limber**
Stage Manager: **Samantha Ries**

The Cast

Mary Lennox. Juliet Drake
Mrs. Medlock Gina Handy
Martha Sowerby Debra K. Stevens
Dickon Sowerby Joey Moore
Archibald Craven. Jon Gentry
Colin Craven. Jamys Williams
Ben Weatherstaff. Dwayne Hartford
The Robin. Laurie Trygg

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The Secret Garden
Sarah Crew
A Little Princess
Little Lord Fauntleroy



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Answers to Spot the Errors:

1) Mary's parents died of cholera; 2) She goes to live with her uncle; 3) His name is Archibald Craven; 4) It is a very large house; 5) The house is called Misselthwaite Manor; 6) The gardener's name is Ben; 7) The bird is a robin; 9) Her cousin is called Colin; 10) He lives in another wing of the manor.

Try these activities...

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

Word Search

Find the words below in the puzzle above. The words can go up, down, sideways or diagonally

ARCHIBALD	CHOLERA	COLIN
CRAVEN	DICKON	GARDEN
HUNCHBACK	INDIA	MANOR
MARY	MEDLOCK	MISSELTHWAITE
MOOR	ROBIN	YORKSHIRE

How Many Can You Make?

How many words of more than 3 letters can you make out of

MISSELTHWAITE MANOR

Have a contest with a friend! Allow 5 minutes and count who has the most words written down. Who has the longest word? Can you make a phrase or sentence using your list of words?

Spot the Errors

Find the ten deliberate mistakes in the following passage. Some are misspellings while others are factual mistakes.

Mary Lennox's parents died in an automobile accident and she was sent to live with her grandfather, Archibald Raven, in Yorkshire. She was very lonely and unhappy when she arrived at the small house called Misseltoe Manor. Exploring the grounds, she met Len the gardener, and befriended a pigeon who helped her find a locked, walled garden. The garden had been closed for five years because of a fatal accident. Mary also discovered her invalid cousin, Colleen, who lived next door. They became friends and together they restored the secret garden to its former glory and became happy and healthy in the process.

Mary's Secret Code

Mary wants to send this message to Dickon but she doesn't want anyone else to understand it. Write down the letters of the alphabet. Beneath it, write down the letters of the alphabet backwards (A=Z, B=Y, etc.). Now you can figure out the message below.

NVVG NV RM GSV
 TZIWVM ZUGVI
 WRMMVI GLNLIILD.
 KOVZHV YIRMT GSV
 GLLOH ZMW HVVWH.
 NZIB.

Using this same secret code (or one you make up yourself) send a message to a friend. Make sure you reveal the code so your friend can figure out the message!