

# DANNY

## King of the Basement

by **David S. Craig**

Directed by **David Craig**

Original Direction by **Richard Greenblatt**

Sound Design and Composition by **Richard Sacks**

Set and Costume Designs by **Andjelija Djuric**

Originally produced by  
Roseneath Theatre, Toronto, Canada

### The Cast

Penelope. . . . . Tonia Usher  
Louise. . . . . Jodie L. Weiss  
Danny. . . . . Jamie Israel  
Angelo. . . . . Eric Zaklukiewicz

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## 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, and music from the production. Draw pictures to help describe things you talk about.

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

◇ Talk about the concepts of "rich" and "poor." What makes a person rich? What makes a person poor? Is it just a matter of material things or what's inside a person?

We love to hear from our audience members! Send your questions, comments, drawings or reviews to:



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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.rif.org/readingplanet](http://www.rif.org/readingplanet)

-a great interactive site for young people; also has links to volunteer opportunities

[www.hbphx.org](http://www.hbphx.org)

-Homeward Bound, volunteer options to work for homelessness

[www.azlit.org](http://www.azlit.org)

-AZ Literacy and Learning Center, volunteer options

[www.askt.org](http://www.askt.org)

-All Star Kids Tutoring, tutors 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> graders

### What can you do to help homeless and displaced people?

-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 (in winter months) bottled water, sunscreen, hats and umbrellas (in summer months) 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?*