



ALEXANDER and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Based on the Book by Judith Viorst

Book and Lyrics by Judith Viorst

Music by Shelly Markham

Directed by D. Scott Withers

Musical Direction by Alan J. Plado

Choreography by Laurie Trygg

Scenic Design by Holly Windingstad

Costume Design by Kish Finnegan

Lighting Design by Michael J. Eddy

Sound Design by Christopher Neumeyer

Stage Manager: Abigail Hartmann

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The Cast

Alexander.....	Jason Powell
Nick/Albert.....	Jon Gentry
Becky/Fate 1.....	Katie McFadzen
Mrs. Dickens/Fate 2.....	Debra Stevens
Anthony/Paul.....	Israel Jimenez
Mother/Audrey.....	Kate Haas
Father/Dr. Fields/Shoe Salesman/Phillip.....	Dwayne Hartford

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Today you saw a production of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* 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, lights, music and sound effects from the production. Draw pictures to help describe things you talk about.

► Tell them about something new that you learned from the play. For example, what could you learn about dealing with a bad day from this story?

Some Questions to Ponder:

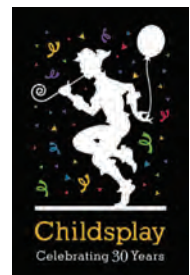
► How can you tell if someone is having a bad day? What kinds of sounds do they make? What might they look like (body language, facial expression)?

► What might your amazing, superb and absolutely wonderful day look like?

► Now that you have seen the play, how were the book and the play the same? How were they different? How did it make you feel to see the story come alive onstage?

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Good Days and Bad Days

Some days are really GREAT and some are just plain TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAYS. Can you think of ways to turn a bad day into a better day? Try to think of 10 things that could happen to make you have a bad day. For each bad day, think of one way to make it better. You can write OR draw—or both!

Example:

I am having a bad day when.... I fall off my bike and scrape my knee.

I can make this bad day into a better day by...Getting a band-aid for my knee and then going out for ice cream.

"I am having a bad day when..."

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Mappin' 'Round Australia

Directions: Alexander thinks that everything is better in Australia. Use the Compass and the following statements to find some of the places he might go if he were to run away to Australia.

Australian Hot Spots

Great Barrier Reef
Adelaide
Sydney
Tasmania
Perth
Darwin
Melbourne
Queensland

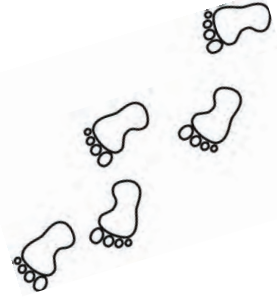


1. Perth is located on the west coast of the continent in the state of Western Australia.
2. Queensland is the name of the northeast state (region) of Australia.
3. Tasmania is a smaller island, south of Australia.
4. Darwin is a city on the north coast.
5. Victoria is the smallest state on the continent. Its capital city, Melbourne, is on the south coast of the continent.
6. Sydney, Australia's best-known city, is on the east coast in the state of New South Wales.
7. The Great Barrier Reef is located off the north east coast of Australia. It is the largest living organism in the world.
8. Adelaide is the capital city of the state of South Australia. It is located on the south coast, west of Melbourne.

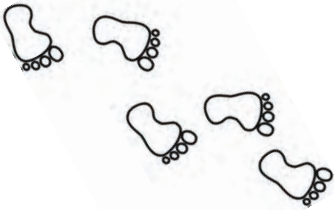
Mappin' Your Daily Adventure

In the story of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, Alexander goes to school, the dentist, the shoe store, his Dad's office and back home again. In the boxes below, draw three places that you go to during your day. You can write inside or underneath the box too!

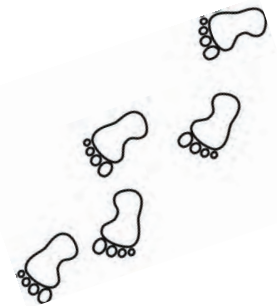
First, in the morning, I wake up and go to...



Next, in the afternoon, I go to...



Finally, at the end of the day, I go to...



Aussie Slang

People who live in Australia speak English, but they use slang words that often are very difficult for us to understand. Read the short conversation between Alexander and his mother. It is full of Aussie slang! Use the glossary below to help you figure out what they are actually saying. It might be fun to work with a partner to read through the story!

Alexander: G'Day, Mum.

Mother: Howzat?

Alexander: Things are crook in Musclebrook. I'm pretty hot under the collar. Have I got a yarn for you. It's a ripper.

Mother: Now Alexander, don't chuck a wobbly.

Alexander: This arvo, I was having a chinwag with a mate of mine in kindy when this dingbat, Charles, conked me in the breadbasket!

Mother: What did your Chalkie say?

Alexander: She said we needed to solve our kafuffle. She thought we were just mucking around!

Mother: I think you got the rough end of the pineapple. Don't worry, I'll sort it.

Alexander: Ta, Mum.

Mother: She'll be apples, Alexander!

Once you've figured out what Alexander and his Mother are saying in Aussie slang, try to re-write the conversation in words that you know.

Glossary of Aussie Slang:

Arvo-afternoon

Breadbasket-stomach

Chalkie-teacher

Chinwag-having a good chat

Chuck a wobbly-throw a tantrum

Conk-to hit someone

Dingbat-some who is acting foolish

Kafuffle-argument

Kindy-Kindergarten

Mate-good friend

Mucking around-playing around

Mum-Mom

Hot Under the Collar-to get angry

Howzat?-asking someone how something is

I'll sort it-I'll fix it

It's a ripper!-It's really great.

Rough end of the pineapple-you got a bad deal

She'll be apples!-Everything will be okay.

Ta-Thanks

Things are crook in Musclebrook-times are bad

Alex: _____

Mother: _____

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Mother: _____