



Childsplay's 360° Theatre Resources for Schools
Pre and Post Show Discussion Questions for *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*
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Questions to Ask Before Seeing the Production:

- 1) If you've read the book, you know Lilly loves to wear her red boots because they go clickety-clickety-click when she walks. What is your favorite thing to wear? Why is it your favorite?
- 2) Lilly's imagination takes her on some wild rides. There are some scenes in the play where Lilly's daydreams are played out with music, dancing and special effects. What is a daydream? What do you daydream about?
- 3) What is an appropriate time and a way to express excitement about a favorite event or object? When would it be *inappropriate* to try and share something exciting with the class or teacher?
- 4) Lilly loves school. What do you love about school and why?
- 5) Have you ever been bullied? What is a good way to handle a situation in which you or someone you know is being bullied?
- 6) When you get angry, what do you do to calm yourself down?
- 7) It is natural for a child to feel jealous over a new baby. Lilly experiences frustration and jealousy over her baby brother. Have you experienced bringing a new baby brother or sister into your family? How did it make you feel?

Questions to Ask After Seeing the Production:

- 1) How was the play similar to the books? How was it different? Do you remember images from the books that appeared in the play? What do you remember from the play that was not in one of the books?
- 2) Why do you think Lilly loves to wear disguises? What is your favorite disguise?
- 3) Lilly wears band aids because they make her feel brave. What makes you feel brave?
- 4) What makes a good friend? Why are Lilly, Chester and Wilson 3 peas in a pod? What do they like to do together? How are they similar? Different?
- 5) Lilly is excited that her mom is having a baby but when Julius arrives, she doesn't like him at all. Why doesn't Lilly like her brother? What happens in the play that makes Lilly change her mind about Julius?
- 6) When Lilly doesn't follow the rules, her mother sends her to the uncooperative chair. What do your parents do when you break the rules?
- 7) Why did Mr. Slinger take away Lilly's purse? How did it make her feel? How did she react? How did her reaction make Mr. Slinger feel? How could Lilly have reacted in a more constructive way? What happened to make Lilly like Mr. Slinger again?