

# *Social Story for Children Visiting The Rose*

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I am going to see a show at  
the Rose Theater!



I will go to the Rose Theater.

The outside of the Rose Theater looks like this.



I will walk into the lobby. The **lobby** is a big room where people wait outside the theater.



There will be a lot of people in the lobby. They are kids and families just like me seeing a show at The Rose!

It might be loud.

If it is too loud, I can cover my ears or squeeze my grown-up's hand.

I will wait in a line to get my ticket.

I will wait quietly and patiently.



One we get our tickets, my family and I will have two choices.

## **The first choice is:**

We can enter the theater to pick our seats.



## **The second choice is:**

We can wait where it is less crowded in a green room with a green door (this room is also called Classroom #2).

I can stay there until it is time for the show to start.





The theater is very large and has a lot of seats.

There might be a lot of people.

I will sit with my family or friends.



We have two choices when picking our seats.

## **The first choice is:**

My family and I may choose to sit in seats on the first floor.

My family and I can sit anywhere we want to sit.



## **The second choice is:**

My family and I can choose to sit in seats on the second floor.

This floor is called the **balcony**. The seats in the balcony are up high.

If we want to sit in the balcony, we will walk up the stairs in the lobby and enter the theater upstairs.





Before the show starts, I can talk to my family and friends.

I will sit in my seat on my back pockets and keep my hands and feet to myself.



If I need to go to the bathroom before, after, or during the show, I will walk back into the lobby with my grown-up.

I will walk downstairs.



The bathrooms are in the basement.

I can also get a drink at the drinking fountain in the basement!

There are also bathrooms on the second floor.

I can use these, too, especially if I am sitting in the balcony seats.



When I am done with the bathroom, I will go back to my seat in the theater.

Soon, the lights will get darker and there will be a pre-show announcement.

This means the show is about to start.



I will be a **good audience member**.

I will be quiet and watch the stage.



Seeing a performance at a theater is a little bit like seeing a movie.

But in live theater, the people performing will be right in front of me on stage.

They are called **actors**.

**Actors** pretend they are characters and tell a story.



*(These actors are from The Cat in the Hat. They will be different for the show I see.)*



The actors perform on a **set** with special scenery, like doors and windows, which help the audience know when and where the story takes place.



*(This set is from The Cat in the Hat. It will be different for the show I see.)*



Special lights and sounds also help the actors to tell the story.

The lights and sounds won't hurt me.



There will be sounds throughout the show  
that help tell the story.

Sometimes it will be loud.

If it is too loud, I can cover my ears,  
hold my grown-up's hand,  
or go with my grown-up to the green room with the  
green door.



I know that even though the sounds can be loud and can feel  
scary, none of the noise can hurt me.

If I things get too loud or I need to take a break, I can go to the green room with the green door (this room is called Classroom 2).

I will walk quietly out of the theater and back into the lobby with my grown-up.



We will sit in the green room until I feel better. We can watch the show on a TV screen. There may be other students like me in the green room.

After the show is over, the actors will come back on stage and bow.

This is called a **curtain call**.



It is nice to clap for the actors.

When we clap, the actors know that we had fun watching them act!

If it is too loud, I will cover my ears or hold my grown-up's hand.



Once the curtain call is over, I can ask the actors questions about the show.



*(It looks like the fish has a question!)*

I can stay in the audience and actors on stage will answer questions from kids in the audience.



If I have a question, I will raise my hand and wait to be called on.

There may be lots of other students with questions, so it is okay if I don't get called on.

I can also get an autograph!

An **autograph** is when an actor signs their name on a piece of paper for me to keep.

I will walk out of the theater and walk upstairs to the balcony. The actors will be there signing autographs.



*(Actors from Cat in the Hat signing autographs! The actors will be different for the show I see.)*

I will wait in line patiently. There will be other students waiting too. When it is my turn the actors will sign my autograph card.

They can also take pictures with me, if I want.

Then I will go home. I can talk to my family or friends about the fun things that I saw in the show at the Rose!

