

Sam Stars at Shakespeare's Globe

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(Reading level: 5-9)

Enjoy reading *Sam Stars at Shakespeare's Globe* and from the suggested books.

Suggested Reading:

Theatre by Nuria Roca

A Play's the Thing by Alike

Things to talk about

Where is the Globe theatre?

When did William Shakespeare live?

Tickle the funny bone time:

Why did the pig want to become an actor?

Because he was a big ham.

Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floor?

He was just going through a stage.

Why did the actress break her leg?

She wanted to be in a cast.

Why do stage actors like their jobs so much?

It's all play.

Two flies are on the porch. Which one is an actor?

The one on the screen!

Play some acting games

- 1) **The Human Machine:** Have each actor choose and present a motion and a sound for their part in the Human Machine. The children should attach themselves to one another or stand close to one another as each child performs his motion and sound at the same time creating the Human Machine. This will demonstrate teamwork.
- 2) **Emotions:** Have the actors say the syllables “la-la-la.” As you call out different emotions, i.e. happy, sad, mad, scared, surprised, worried, etc., the actors should show these emotions through their facial expressions and voices. Try to sing the syllables and do the same exercise.
- 3) **Paying attention to your surroundings:** Have the actors sit around the room. All but one actor closes their eyes. That actor will quickly make a small change in the room. See who can discover the change. Continue around so that everyone gets a chance to make a change.
- 4) **Improvisation:** Actors must think quickly. To practice this, play a word association game. One actor begins by saying a word. The next actor must say the first word that comes to his mind, and so on. The trick is not to hesitate. This should go very smoothly.

Make your own theatre masks:

Make Comedy/Tragedy Masks (Find a template by searching for Drama Masks out of Paper)

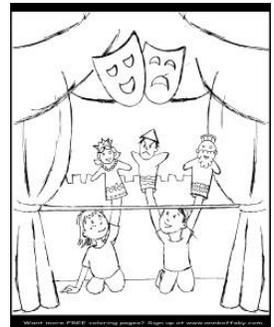
Glue large popsicle stick to bottom.



Suggested Bible verse: Have children write Bible verse on a coloring page or decorate page with a picture of actors on stage. (search for Theatre Coloring Pages)

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.



Enjoy your snack while reading from the suggested books list:

Snack Idea:

Movie theatre popcorn cake

Ingredients:

Popcorn

M&M's

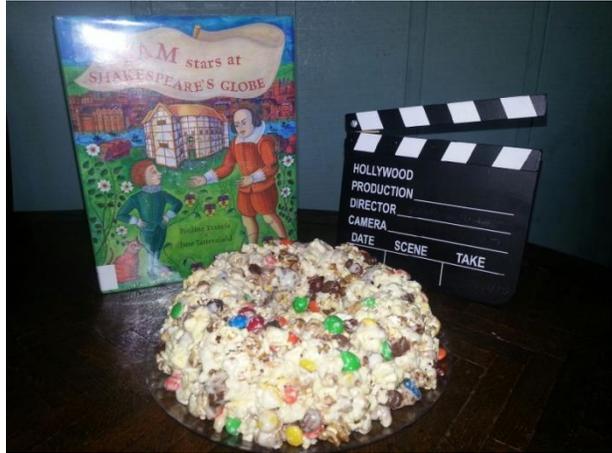
Reece's Pieces

Raisinets

Cracker Jacks

Miniature Marshmallows

Stick of butter



Spray bundt pan with cooking spray. Melt butter and marshmallows in small pan. Set aside to cool for 4 or 5 minutes. Mix all other ingredients in big bowl. Poor marshmallow mixture over all and gently stir. Firmly press mixture into bundt pan.

Suggested Reading:

Hattie, Tom, and the Chicken Witch by Dick Gackenbgach

Pest in Show by Victoria Jamieson

Read Plays

Easy to Read Folk and Fairy Tale Plays by Carol Pugliano

Curtains! Familiar Plays for Little Actors by Diane Head

Optional activity as time permits

Put on your own play

Ask your librarian for help. Here's an example:

"The Fisherman and His Wife" *Easy-to-Read Folk and Fairy Tale Plays* by Carol Pugliano

