

Sadie's Spectacular Saturday

About the Show:

Sadie the Caterpillar is excited about her first day at her new school, Willow Elementary. She packs her new notebook, her sharpened pencils and a delicious, organic, birch leaf for lunch! She soon discovers its not easy being the new bug in town. Before Sadie can even get to her classroom, she finds herself the target of a bullying cockroach.

Luckily, Sadie gets some excellent advice from a friendly sunflower and a lovely ladybug. Empowered with the suggestions from her friends, she returns to school and talks with Roachie the cockroach. Surprisingly, she finds that instead of a bully, she's able to make a new friend. When the weekend comes, Sadie finds that she's changed into a beautiful butterfly and has transformed much more than just herself.

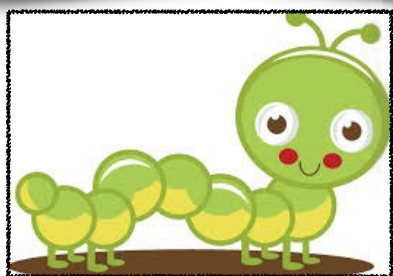
Bullying, like you see in this show, happens in schools far too often. Taking anger or personal sadness out on someone else to make them feel bad is simply unacceptable. This show has been credited with changing the climate in schools by showing students how sad bullying can be and how to put a stop to it. Even though the curtain closes on our production after it leaves your school, never let the curtain close on stopping bullies.



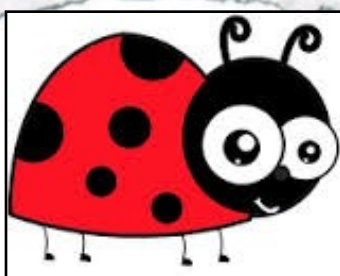
Quick Tips

IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED:

- 1. Ignore them.** If you are being bullied, don't say anything back to the bully. If you say things back to them, it will usually make the situation worse and make the bully keep on going.
- 2. Walk away.** Keep it simple. You might just say, "Cut it out!", and then walk away. You don't even have to say anything at all.
- 3. Make new friends.** Join clubs or take part in other activities where you'll meet other cool people like you! You can meet other people who share your interests and you might make some good friends!
- 4. Stay in a group.** If you spend more time with other kids, you'll have others around to help you if you get into a difficult situation!
- 5. Tell an adult.** Sometimes it can be hard to talk with an adult about serious things, so find an adult that you trust - your parents, your teacher, your school counselor, your coach, your neighbor.



CATERPILLARS! Cute little caterpillars just have one job to do: EAT! A caterpillar has to consume enough food to sustain itself into adulthood. Some caterpillars consume 27,000



LADYBUGS! Ladybugs aren't actually bugs at all; they're beetles! In Greece, they were called ladybirds or lady beetles. In America, the name was replaced with ladybug. Scientists usually



BUTTERFLIES! Butterflies taste with their feet! They have little receptors on their feet that help them locate food and find their home. When the female butterflies taste just the right



FUN BUG FACTS!

Ticks can grow from the size of a grain of rice to the size of a marble.

Approximately 2,000 silkworm cocoons are needed to produce one pound of silk.

Some insects, such as gerridae (water striders), are able to walk on the surface of water.

Only male crickets chirp.

Houseflies find sugar with their feet, which are 10 million times more sensitive than human tongues.

While gathering food, a bee may fly up to 60 miles in one day.

Ants can lift and carry more than fifty times their own weight.

Mexican Jumping Beans, sometimes sold commercially, actually have a caterpillar of a bean moth inside.

It takes about one hundred Monarch Butterflies to weigh an ounce.

The queen of a certain termite species can lay 40,000 eggs per day.

Insects have been present for about 350 million years, and humans for only 130,000 years.

Honeybees have hair on their eyes.



Classroom Discussions:

1. Who was bullied in the play? Who did the bullying? What are some good ways to handle being picked on by a bully? Are there things you shouldn't do if you are being bullied? What ways could your school help someone who is being bullied?

2. DO YOU THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO BE BEAUTIFUL ON THE INSIDE OR THE OUTSIDE? WHY?

3. How does it feel to be picked on for something like the way you look or dress? What kind of emotions go along with being targeted by a bully?

4. How are you different from the other students in your class? How are you alike?

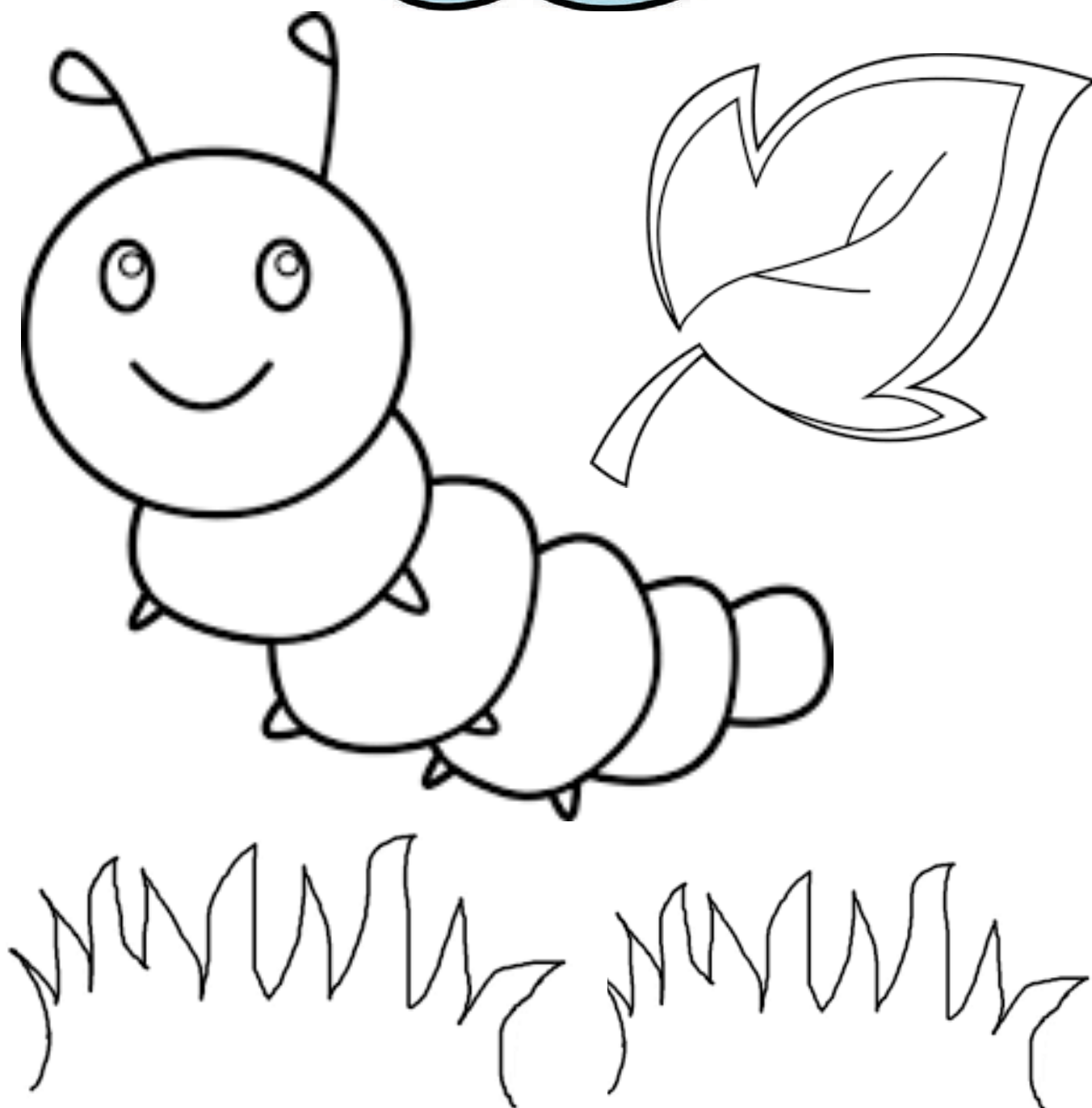
5. If you see someone being bullied, what are some ways that you can step in and offer help to that person? Do you think you have a responsibility to help when you see someone being bullied?

6. Why do you think this show came to your school today? Why is it so important to be kind to everyone?

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

Just as in the story of *Sadie's Spectacular Saturday*, it's the diversity of all of us that makes us so great and so different. Consider celebrating world cultures with a lesson plan on music from around the world. You could even teach a cultural dance or offer snacks or food from across the world. Also have the students each pick something interesting from around the world and bring it to show and tell, i.e. food, knick-knacks, pictures, clothing, etc. The best lesson from this show is celebrating those things that make each of us unique! Being different is never a bad thing! What can you do to celebrate diversity in your classroom?

**Color your own
picture of Sadie and
her leaf lunch on the
way to school!**



WRITE YOUR OWN REVIEW!

Your assignment is to write a review of Sadie's Spectacular Saturday. If you were writing a review for a newspaper, here are some items that you would need to include:

* Your reader may not have seen the performance. Start by placing your reader in the middle of the action by describing some of the high points.

* Was there a scene or character that you especially liked? Write about what made that character or scene special to you.

* Most reviews comment on the acting, the direction, the sets, the script, and the costumes. Choose at least three from the list to include in your review.

Create a headline (or title) for your review: _____

Byline (your name): _____

It would be a great honor if your class sent us pictures, drawings and/or writings about our play! We cannot thank you enough for them - and neither can our performers!

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YOU CAN BE AN ACTOR, TOO!

Where to start: All of our actors started out playing and telling stories when they were young and then they decided to study acting in school. Now they are pros! Here are some ways you can start doing theatre right away!

In School! Does your school have plays or musical performances? This is a great place to start.

In Your Community! Many towns have community theaters or local acting groups. See if you can try out!

Start Something! If your school doesn't have a drama club or a theatre club, talk to your favorite teacher about how you might be able to start one.

At Home! Get together with friends, cousins, brothers, sisters and make your own play. You can make up plays based on your favorite books and stories. Invite family and friends to see your performance.

Try your best at new things! There are lots of jobs in the theatre besides acting. Painters, set builders, costumers, playwrights, directors and more!

Before, During and After the



BEFORE YOU SEE THE PLAY...

Attending the theatre is very different from watching TV or going to the movies. For one thing, the actors are real people who are performing right then and there. They can see and hear everything that happens in the audience. Because of this, YOU are an important part of the play and it's important to do your job as an audience member well. Here are some tips before you see the play.

1. If something is funny, please laugh! We want everyone to enjoy themselves! It's also important to remember that sometimes there are quiet times of the show. Please be quiet and respectful so everyone else around you can hear what's happening!
2. The actors may ask you to participate. Don't be afraid to respond, ask a question or volunteer!
3. Keep your hands to yourself and your eyes up front.
4. If you like the play, be sure to clap at the end.
5. Have fun and enjoy!

FUN FACTS ABOUT THEATRE!

After a play is over and everyone goes home, there is always a light left on backstage. It's called a ghost light!

The oldest play that is still around was written by an Ancient Greek named Aeschylus. It's almost 2500 years old!

The longest performance on stage ever was over 23 hours long! It happened in New Jersey in 2010.

William Shakespeare is a famous playwright, actor and poet. He wrote 37 plays like Romeo & Juliet, Macbeth and Hamlet and is still quoted by many people. There are 157 million google pages that mention him--the most of any famous person ever!

In theatre, it is considered bad luck to tell an actor, "Good luck" before a performance. Instead, you're supposed to say, "Break a leg!"

After Seeing the Play...

Write your own review of the play! A review is a way of telling your thoughts about a play, movie or book. Consider the following when you are writing your review.

What was your favorite part? Who was your favorite character? Can you summarize the play in your own words? If you had written this play, would you have done anything different? Would you recommend this play to a friend? Name one new thing you learned from watching this play!



Everything about the Theatre!



A mini-van is our hip and favored mode of transportation for touring the country!

THEATRE VOCABULARY!

Actor: The people on-stage performing the play.

Backdrop: The background for the play.

Props: Anything that an actor holds while on-stage--a cane, book or rubber chicken.

Downstage: The area closest to the audience. A long time ago stage were built at angles.

Upstage: The area away from the audience, like the back wall of the a stage.

Director: The person who told the actors where to go while they were on-stage and helped them create the characters they played.



Facts about us!

1. Did you know we're owned by an Emmy winning actor?
2. Our actors average 1,000 miles a week traveling the country to entertain young audiences.
3. Our programs have been seen in almost every corner of the country and even around the world.
4. We watch over 2000 actors audition before we cast our season.
5. We offer dozens of different shows a season from Black History & anti-bullying to literary classics, science and more!
6. We tour to Moscow & St. Petersburg, Russia each year with performances.
7. We're based in Asheville, NC.

ABOUT US!

Founded in 2003, Bright Star Theatre tours the nation offering high quality, affordable programs to every imaginable venue. We've had countless engagements at the National Theatre, toured to Moscow and are so grateful to be in your very school today!



Costumes: The wigs, clothing and glasses that the actors wore to help flush out their characters.

Auditions: How an actor gets a role is by auditioning. They may have to interview, pretend to be a character from the play or read something from it.

Set Designer: The person who decided what should be on the background and who painted or created it.

The Process of a Play:

1. Actors audition
2. Directors cast the show (that means they choose actors)
3. The directors and actors rehearse the play (that means they practice it).
4. A team of people works on building the set, costumes and props.
5. The play opens (that means it is performed for the first time)!

Were there other terms that came from the experience of seeing the live play that you'd like to learn more about?

BRIGHT STAR THEATRE

Bright Star Touring Theatre performs across the country from Boston to Burbank and many schools, museums theaters and community events in between. Each season our shows run the gamut from Black History to anti-bullying, from literary classics to biographical shows. Our shows are available throughout the year for any event in any part of the world.

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