

Captain Friendship and the Pirate of the Pandemic

About the Show:

Join Captain Friendship and her trusted sidekick, the Amazing Amigo, as they go on a quest to continue to spread positivity and hope during these uncertain times. Learn some great ways to remain safe, smart, and optimistic during the global battle of Covid-19. As Captain Friendship and the Amazing Amigo meet some negative bullies, see how they are able to stay kind, even when it's hard. They will also teach us how to pick out some big emotions, and productive ways to handle them! Come along for the ride and learn how to keep that optimistic spirit, even when it's tough!

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, at home, and even online by showing students how sad bullying can be and how to put a stop to it. Even when it feels hard, never stop trying to make the world around you a kinder place.

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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.

Wear a mask!

As hard as it can be, wearing a mask can help keep us safe and protected, while also protecting others!



Pandemic Safety Tips!

Stay 6 feet apart!

When you're in public, try your best to keep at least 6 feet apart of you and the people around you. It's ok to stay closer to people you live with, but make sure to give others some space! This small action can make a big difference!





CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

(Have your students break apart into small groups of 2-4 and discuss the following questions:)

In the play we watched as Captain Friendship and her superb sidekick, the Amazing Amigo, take on all kinds of difficult challenges! One of those was making sure they were staying safe during Covid-19. Discuss and explain three ways that Captain Friendship and the Amazing Amigo helped show the Plunder Jones and Haggard McGillicuddy how to stay safe, kind and responsible, during a tough pandemic.

Sometimes it can be really hard to see the silver linings, but if we change our perspective, we can see them everywhere! Discuss three wonderful things that you have noticed that have happened in the past month. In what ways can we spread even more positivity?

How to spread kindness, positivity, and stop bullying!

Have your students grab a piece of paper, and write down their answers to the following questions. Then go around as a class and allow students to share and discuss!

1. It is certain that our world has changed a lot in 2020. What are three ways that our lives have changed? Do you like these changes?
2. It can be really hard if we're feeling big emotions that we don't know how to process. What are two ways that we can deal with our emotions and feeling them in a healthy way?
3. What do you think is the number one way you can help your school stop bullying?
4. If you were being bullied, what is one thing a friend could do to make you feel better or supported?
5. What's the best way to be positive when times are hard?



Wash your hands!

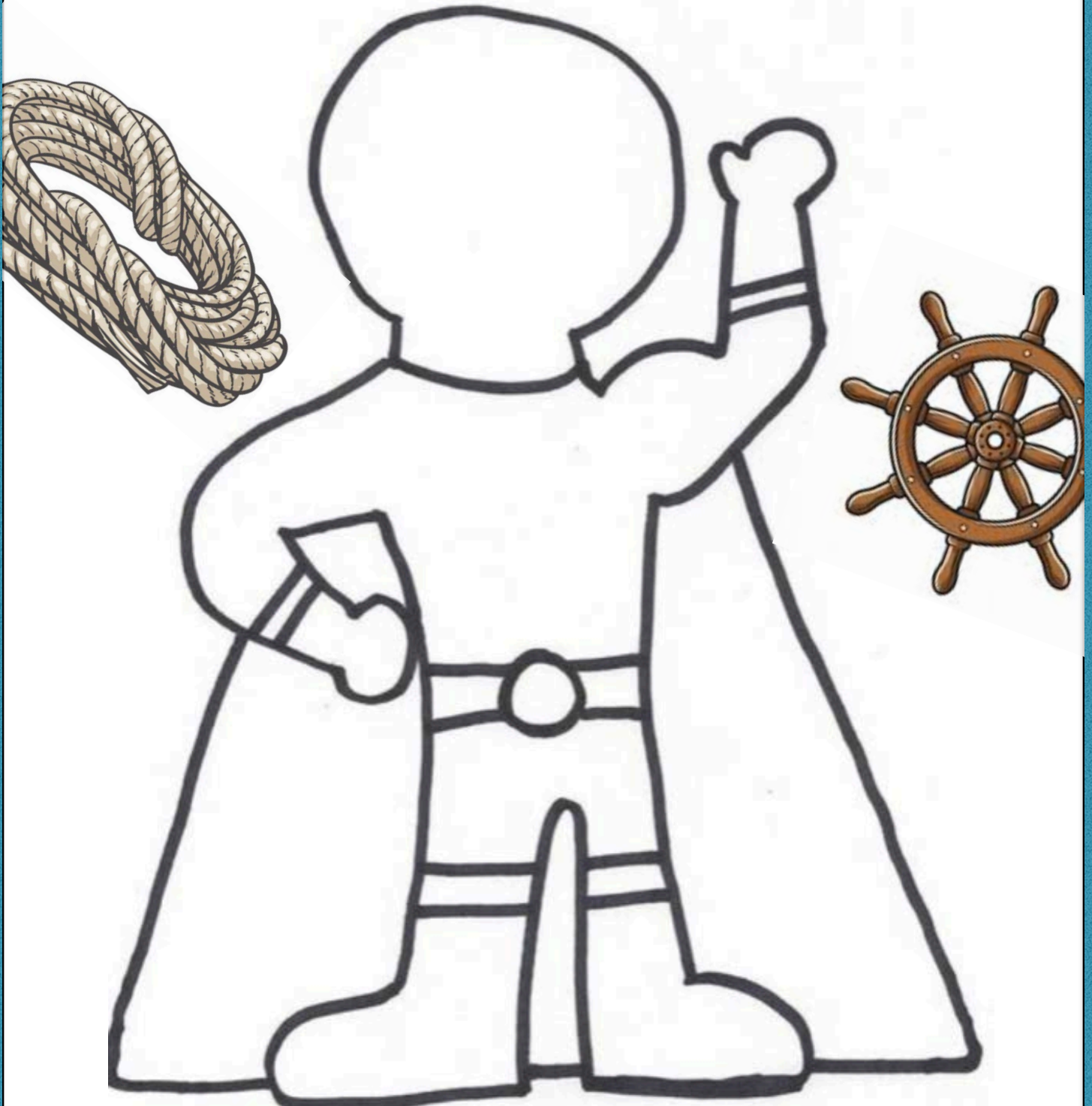
During this time, one of the best things we can do to keep ourselves safe and clean, is to wash our hands! We need to wash our hands regularly and remember these easy steps!

1 - Wet our hands, turn off the water, and get some soap!

2 - Rub our hands together, making sure to get in all the tiny spots, while singing "Happy Birthday" all the way through, twice!

3 - Rinse your hands super well under the running water. Dry, and you're all clean!

Captain Friendship and the Amazing Amigo are two of the coolest pirates around! But did you know that they are also lucky enough to have the superpower of kindness and friendship! We all have the power to be our own superhero! Color in your superhero and write what your powers would be! Would you have the power of friendship, kindness, safety, or something else totally special and unique to you?



WRITE YOUR OWN REVIEW!

Write a review of Captain Friendship and the Pirate of the Pandemic. 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 Play...



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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National Tour

We want every show to be special and remarkable for our audience. Please feel free to connect with us at anytime to tell us about your experience:

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