



ACTIVITY GUIDE

Jumping Jack Theater aims to provide multiple pathways for children to connect with themes in the performance. This guide provides discussion topics and fun hands-on activities that can be enjoyed before or after the show.

THE LIGHT PRINCESS IS A FAIRY TALE!

Synopsis: When the King and Queen discover their beloved daughter floats on air, they recruit experts to try to bring her back down to earth. But when the Princess discovers she can also float in water, she finds a friend who appreciates the spectacular way she sees the world!

Fairy Tales are imaginary stories about magical beings or lands!

Play "Real or Imaginary!" Which of these could really happen and which could only happen in our imaginations?

- Two friends go swimming together in a lake.
- A girl floats away into the sky.
- The stars tell you their secrets.
- A King and Queen have a birthday celebration for their baby.

WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER?

The Princess has a magical ability to float on the air!

- What would be great about having this superpower? What problems would it cause?

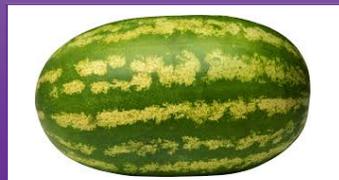
Everyone has special abilities that make them unique.

- What is your special ability? What is great about it? Does it ever cause problems?

GRAVITY IS THE FORCE THAT ATTRACTS OBJECTS TO THE EARTH

Look at the pictures below...

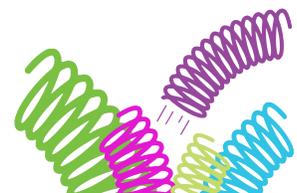
- Which objects are heavy? Which ones are light?
- If you dropped it, which would fall quickly to the ground and which would float gently in the air?
- How do you think gravity and weight are connected?
- Experiment with objects at home!



INVENT A GRAVITY-INDUCING REVERSE POLARITY AIR AGITATION DEVICE

The King and Queen use a machine to try to keep the Princess from floating away. What do you think this gravity machine looks like?

Draw it or build it with household items!



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WORDS TO KNOW

CEREMONY - a formal event on an important occasion

CONSTELLATION - a group of stars that create a picture and have a name

DESTINED - certain to happen

DROUGHT - a long period without rain-fall resulting in a shortage of water

INQUISTIVE - curious; wanting to know

KALEIDOSCOPE - an object that creates symmetrical shape patterns

PARCHED - very thirsty

PROPER - conforms to social standards

SCHOLAR - a person who has studied a subject and knows a lot about it

TAPESTRY - a heavy fabric with many pictures woven into it

TRAJECTORY - path of an object in flight

TRUST - the feeling of relying on or being confident about someone or something

FIGURES OF SPEECH

An *idiom* is a phrase that describes an idea in a creative way because there are no exact words to express a specific meaning, feeling or experience. What ideas do you think these idioms express?

Light-hearted

Her head is stuck in the clouds

Down to earth

My heart takes flight

Similes and *metaphors* compare two things to make an interesting connection and spark imaginations. Draw a picture of these ideas!

His face is as red as an apple

Steam pours from your ears like a hot potato

The umbrella of the sky

The soothing choir of stars

A kaleidoscope of butterflies

WATER IN MOTION

Explore water with all your senses!

- Use a ribbon or streamer to dance like water! Move the ribbon like rolling waves, gentle ripples, still water, or a waterfall. Talk about how the ribbon moves... Fast or slow? High or low? Up or down? Etc.
- Create the sound of a rain storm using your body. Tap your hand gently with one finger like quiet raindrops. To make the storm grow, tap with all five fingers, pat loudly on your lap with both hands, and stomp your feet to create thunder! Then reverse the order to calm the storm.
- Use a clean spray bottle to create a gentle mist on your body. Feel the mist on your arms, legs and face—even tongue!



DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

People might see the same thing in different ways!

Compare these pictures. How do trees look different from far away or up close? Above or below?



WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

The King and Queen love their daughter and want her to be safe and happy. They tie ribbons to her to keep her from floating away. They try many methods to keep her on the ground, but the Princess wants to stay in the air or water.

Why do you think the King and Queen believe the Princess would be happiest on land?

Why do you think the Princess has a different idea of happiness?