PLAYGUIDE
Treehouse Troupe

Tomato Plant Girl
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CAST LIST

Little Girl- Haven Bradam
Tomato Plant Girl- Maddy Moore
Bossy Best Friend- Macey Bradam
Bossy Best Friend’s Mother- Heather Hill

CHARACTERS

**Little Girl**- A young girl who has recently moved to Heretown. She loves to read and take proper care of plants. She is eager to please her Bossy Best Friend and tries to teach Tomato Plant Girl the proper ways of Heretown.

**Tomato Plant Girl**- A spirit that appears in the shape of a girl. Tomato plant girl came from the garden and is trying to learn the rules of Heretown. While she is there, she teaches Little Girl the ways of the Earth.

**Bossy Best Friend**- A Heretown native, that is very rich and snobby. She loves to be in charge and tell Little Girl what to do.

**Bossy Best Friend’s Mother**- Bossy Best Friend’s mother, whom Bossy Best Friend takes after.
**Theatre Etiquette**

A live theatre performance can be very exciting. Since this may be some of our audience member’s first show, please go over the following prior to the performance:

- Arrive at the performance on time.
- Please stay seated during the performance.
- Visit the restroom before the performance begins.
- The use of cell phones (phone calls or texting) and recording devices are not allowed during the performances at any time.
- Please do not talk to your neighbor during the performance. If you like something you see, laughing and applauding for the actors is okay! It lets them know you like what they’re doing!

**Theatre Lingo**

- **Theater**: a building, part of a building, or outdoor area for housing dramatic presentations, stage entertainments, or motion-picture shows.
- **Director**: the person who supervises the integration of all the elements, as acting, staging, and lighting.
- **Costumes**: dress or garb characteristic of another period, place, person, etc, as worn on stage.
- **Setting**: the designing and staging of the locale and background of a play. Sometimes referred to as the stage setting.
- **Upstage**: the rear of the stage.
- **Downstage**: the front of the stage.
1) What steps would you take in order to properly care for a plant?

2) What would you do if one of your friends were bossing you around and why?

3) What does the word “respect” mean to you? Give an example of a time when you were respectful to someone.
Heartbeat

ITEMS:
(Preferably different sizes and shapes)
- Sun: Yellow ball
- Water: Blue ball
- Dirt: Brown ball

There are three elements mentioned in “The Tomato Plant Girl” that a plant needs to grow and flourish: Sun, Water, and Dirt. This exercise helps to show the group how all these things have to work together fluidly to keep a plant alive.

*FUN FACT! : Soil and dirt are different! Soil is full of nutrients and a good environment for growing plants! Dirt does not have nutrients and is not a good environment for growing plants.

1. Stand in a circle and create a steady beat (the heartbeat).

2. Once a steady beat has been established it is time to add in an element. Pass the object around the circle staying with the heartbeat.

3. When ready add another element. The main goal is to keep the first element always moving around the circle on beat while figuring out how to add in the new element.

4. Add in the final element.

5. Keep the heartbeat going for as long as wanted then slowly remove each object from the circle while still keeping the beat.
Directions:
Help Little girl write a new poem in her book! Use each letter in the word "Tomato" to be the start of a sentence.

T ________________________________________
O ________________________________________
M ________________________________________
A ________________________________________
T ________________________________________
O ________________________________________
Post-Show Discussion Questions:
These can be done solo or in pairs.

1) Is Little Girl always a good friend to Tomato Plant Girl? Give an example to justify your answer.

2) What circumstances could affect Bossy Best Friends behavior?

3) What did YOU learn from seeing the show that you can carry with you in the future?
**Grow Your Own Plant**

**Materials:** styrofoam cups, markers, potting soil, marigold seeds, water, a sunny window

**Step 1:** The students write their name and decorate the cups.

**Step 2:** Fill each cup 3/4 the way with potting soil.

**Step 3:** Make a hole with your thumb in the soil, put the seeds in the hole and cover them with soil.

**Step 4:** Water the plants.

(Make sure not to flood the plant, it should be enough to make the soil wet, but not sopping.)

**Step 5:** Put the plants on a sunny window sill.

**Step 6:** Watch the plants grow!

Have your students check the plants everyday to see if they need water. In a few weeks your students will have beautiful marigolds!
**Help Booknose find all the words**

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
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**Words**

- BARBIE
- BOOK
- BOSSY
- DIRT
- EARTH
- FIREKISS
- FOREIGNER
- FRIEND
- GARDEN
- GIRL
- GROW
- MOTHER
- PLANT
- PLAY
- POODLE
- RED
- ROOTS
- SEED
- SOIL
- SUN
- THEATRE
- TOMATO
- VEGETABLE
- WATER
WORD SEARCH

Help Booknose find all the words

BARBIE     BOOK     BOSSY
DIRT       EARTH    FIREKISS
FOREIGNER  FRIEND   GARDEN
GIRL       GROW     MOTHER
PLANT      PLAY      POODLE
RED        ROOTS    SEED
SOIL       SUN       THEATRE
TOMATO     VEGETABLE WATER
1) English language model curriculum grade 2.


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BGSU Treehouse Troupe!!

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**Cast Members**
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Heather Hill
Maddy Moore
Haven Bradam

We are a Theatre for Young Audiences performance troupe from Bowling Green State University! We offer two shows: one for elementary school audiences and one for middle school audiences. We also offer workshops for students!

If you have any questions contact Emily at: emilyat@bgsu.edu

We look forward to coming to your school!