

THE WIZARD OF OZ



Welcome to Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Our story today begins on a farm in Kansas, where you'll meet Dorothy and her dog, Toto. But soon, a whirling, swirling cyclone will lift us all to the magical land of Oz, a place full of strange, new wonders.

BUT WAIT!

Why does everything in Oz look familiar? As you watch today's performance, look for the characters and objects from Kansas that are transported—and transformed!—into the land of Oz!

What We See in Kansas

Dorothy's stuffed lion

Hunk, the farmhand

Dorothy's sock monkey

Professor Marvel

Dorothy's bedroom chandelier

Miss Gulch

Miss Gulch's umbrella

TRANSFORMS INTO...

What We See in Oz



The Cowardly Lion.....

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It's a TWISTER!

Help Dorothy travel from Aunt Em's farm to the land of Oz.

START IN KANSAS



FINISH IN OZ

Meet Toto!

Toto is performed today by Derby. This is the first time this two-year-old pup has performed on stage!



Here are some other fun facts about Derby:

- FAVORITE SNACK?

Cheese

- HOBBIES?

Playing fetch, watching Paw Patrol and Puppy Dog Pals, and camping

- HOW DID HE GET HIS NAME?

Derby was born on the same day as the Kentucky Derby. He has legs like a racehorse and loves to run.

Toto is Dorothy's trusty companion. What do you think Toto is thinking about when he finds himself in the land of Oz?

IF TOTO COULD SPEAK, WHAT MIGHT HE SAY?...

...to **THE WICKED WITCH** when she says, "I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog, too!"

...to **THE LION** when he tries to pick a fight with Toto: "All right, Pee-Wee, I guess it's just you and me."

...to **THE WINGED MONKEYS** when they capture Dorothy and Toto?

...to **DOROTHY** when she's rescued from the Winkie Guards, and reunited with her beloved pup?

We're Off to See The Wizard

The Scarecrow, The Tin Man, and The Lion travel with Dorothy to the Emerald City to ask The Wizard for something they always wish they had.

Look for chances to show your courage, intelligence, or kindness—and you'll soon earn your very own award from The Wizard. Draw a picture, or ask your grown-up to write down your ideas. What is something YOU can do that shows...

You are brave.

You are smart.

You are kind.



Something to think about after you watch the play: All of Dorothy's friends go to see The Wizard of Oz in order to find what they each long for—a brain for The Scarecrow, a heart for The Tin Man, and courage for The Lion. In the end, is it The Wizard who gives them their brain, heart, and courage? If not, where do you think those came from?

You're the Best Friends Anybody Ever Had

When Dorothy begins to travel the Yellow Brick Road, she runs into trouble around every curve. Luckily, she has three friends by her side. Together, they help one another reach the Emerald City.

Write the names of two of your best friends (brothers and sisters count, too!)—and **ONE THING** that they are very good at. Do they give the best hugs? Can they run super fast? Are they a dinosaur expert?

| NAME | SPECIAL SKILL |
|------------|---------------|
| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| You! | |

Now, **MAKE UP A STORY** about you and your two friends, and how you use your special skills to defeat a “bad guy,” like The Wicked Witch.

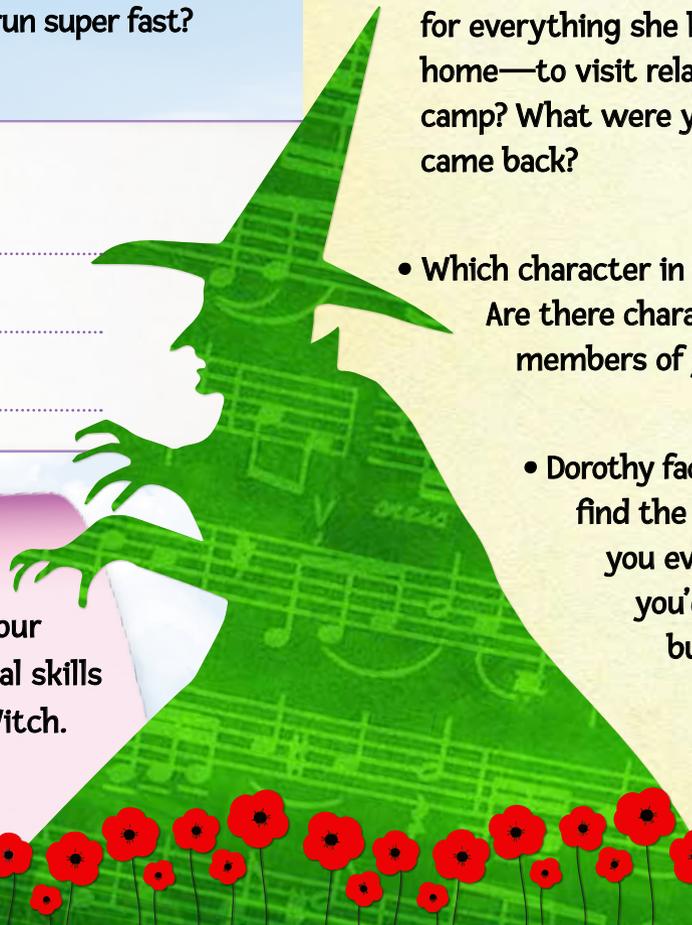
On the Car Ride Home

What do you think about when the play is over? Perhaps your favorite character, song, or how this story connects to you...

- Dorothy longs to see what the world is like “over the rainbow,” but when she lands in Oz she grows homesick for everything she knows and loves. Have you ever left home—to visit relatives, take a vacation, go to summer camp? What were you **MOST THANKFUL** for when you came back?

- Which character in this story is **MOST LIKE YOU?** Are there characters that remind you of different members of your family?

- Dorothy faces some big obstacles and must find the strength to overcome them. Have you ever faced a problem you didn't think you'd be able to solve on your own—but in the end, **YOU FIGURED IT OUT?** How did you solve it? What did you learn about yourself?



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KIDS
ONLY

Bringing Theater with You

The magic of theater doesn't just happen onstage—you can make theater in your home too!

Dance Battle!

Do you remember when Dorothy and her friends meet the Jitterbugs and have to out-dance them? Try it with your family! Turn on your favorite beats and see who can keep the dance moves flowing the longest. The winner is crowned Dance Wizard Extraordinaire!



Become a Props Master!

Actors aren't the only people who bring a story to life on stage—there are LOTS of people who work “behind-the-scenes.” One job is the Props Master, who creates or finds every object that the actors use—like the sock monkey in Dorothy's bedroom. Now you can be a Props Master too and make your own sock animal! You'll need: socks, stuffing, rubber bands, scissors, glue, and a fabric marker. Then follow the step-by-step instructions at <https://tinyurl.com/sockpuppy>. Remember to ask your grown-up for help with the scissors and glue!

