

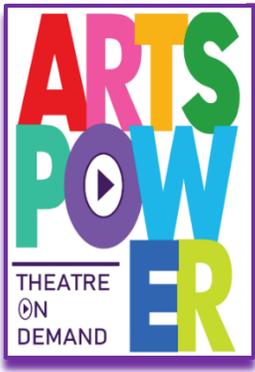


# CHICKEN DANCE

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDY BUDDY

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# PRE-K LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Instructions for the Teachers and/or Grown Ups  
of Pre-K Children

## ➔ INSTRUCTIONS

1. WATCH each of the four segments of ArtsPower's musical, *Chicken Dance*, with your child(ren).
2. After each segment, DISCUSS the questions on the "Discussion Questions" page.
3. DRAW the two posters suggested in this guide after watching the full video.
4. FOLLOW Lessons 1 through 13.

## ABOUT ARTSPOWER'S CHICKEN DANCE



Based on the book by Tammi Sauer and illustrator Dan Santat, ArtsPower's *Chicken Dance* is a fully-staged, 53-minute musical theatre production, presented in four parts, that features a cast of four professional actors, a rich and beautifully composed musical score, eye-catching sets and costumes, and a compelling story about two feisty chickens.

Marge and Lola are two chickens who want to enter the annual barnyard talent show so they can win two tickets to see singing sensation Elvis Poultry in concert. Throughout their quest to discover their talent, they are challenged by Mac the Duck, the barnyard bully, who is out to derail the chickens from winning the talent show. As they experiment with various possible acts for the show, Marge and Lola realize they are struggling to find a talent. Along the way, they share their enthusiasm for entering the contest with Elsie, a shy and reserved cow who has no interest in entering. Eventually, Elsie decides to enter the contest.

As the talent show unfolds, and the chickens are next to compete, they decide to do what all good chickens do when they are in a pinch: "Wing it!" We hope you and your child(ren) enjoy ArtsPower's *Chicken Dance*.

# Pre-K: Discussion Questions



WHAT YOU NEED FOR THIS ACTIVITY: Help from your teachers and/or grownups after watching each of the four parts of the *Chicken Dance* video.



DISCUSS: After watching each part of the video, discuss the questions below with your teachers and/or grownups.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AFTER THE FIRST PART OF THE VIDEO

1. Who are the characters you met in *Chicken Dance*?
2. Where does the show take place?
3. What are the prizes for winning the barnyard talent contest?
4. What were the chickens wearing that made them look like chickens?
5. What kind of animal is Mac?
6. How does Mac treat the chickens?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AFTER THE SECOND PART OF THE VIDEO

1. What kind of animal is Elsie?
2. What kind of animal is Elvis Poultry?
3. Are Marge and Lola good at the talents they try?
4. What talent does Elsie decide to try?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AFTER THE THIRD PART OF THE VIDEO

1. Is everyone excited about the talent show?
2. Who are the other animals that compete in the talent show?
3. Did you enjoy Mac the Duck's performance? If you did, what about it did you most enjoy? If you did not enjoy the ducks' performance, describe why.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS AFTER THE FOURTH PART OF THE VIDEO

1. What did you think about Elsie's talent? Explain why.
2. Were you surprised when the chickens started to sing and dance? If you were, why?
3. How does Mac the Duck behave when he realizes that he has not won the talent show?
4. What would you tell Mac the Duck so that he would be kinder to the other animals?

## Pre-K: Talent Show Poster



WHAT YOU NEED FOR THIS ACTIVITY: Help from your teachers and/or grownups, crayons, and pieces of blank white paper.



CREATE: It is the day of the talent show at the barnyard and Ms. Farmer wants YOU to perform! With your crayons, draw a picture below of you showing off YOUR special talent at the show. You can use the following page, too.

Pre-K: Talent Show Poster

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# Pre-K: Marge, Lola, and Elvis Poultry Poster



WHAT YOU NEED FOR THIS ACTIVITY: Help from your teachers and/or grownups, crayons, and pieces of blank white paper.



CREATE: Marge and Lola want you to create a poster for their new act with Elvis Poultry. Draw a poster showing the chickens Marge and Lola dancing with Elvis Poultry. You may follow the tips below on how to draw a chicken, or you can create your own Marge, Lola, and Elvis Poultry.

