

Study Guide



Big Bang Boom

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Did you know? This performance is a public service of the Sampson County Exposition Center, Sampson CenterStage Performing Arts Series and the County of Sampson and is totally funded and underwritten through the financial contributions of many businesses, corporations, civic organizations, and individuals from across Sampson County and is provided **FREE** to students from Clinton City Schools and Sampson County Schools.

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How you can help! Please take a moment to have YOUR students write a note of appreciation to our sponsors...without them this performance would not be possible...

This study guide was prepared and provided as a courtesy of the *Class Acts-Sampson CenterStage for Students* series and is designed to aid in preparing students for an exciting performance...We encourage you to make use of this valuable resource designed to not only enhance each student's theatergoing experience; but to also complement their total educational experience.

GOING TO THE THEATRE (101)



Going to the Theatre

Watching a live performance is very different than watching television or going to the movies. When you see a live performance you play a part too! Your role is an audience member. As an audience member you should obey the following instructions:

When you arrive, follow an usher to your seat. Your group may be assigned to specific areas or seats in the theatre. Please stay in the seat that you are given until the show is over.

Most theaters do not allow cameras, cellular telephones or recording devices. Please leave these at home or in your classroom.

Food, drink, candy and chewing gum are not allowed in the theatre.

Book bags and/or oversized handbags are not allowed in the theatre.

When the theater lights dim, it means the show is about to begin...Please be quiet.

Listen and watch carefully. Talking and making noise disturbs the performers on stage and your fellow audience members. Please hold your comments until after the performance. Of course when something is funny you may laugh. You may even cry when something is sad.

Show your appreciation by clapping when the performance is over and when the performers take a bow.

Stay seated after the show and an usher or your teacher will lead you out of the theater.

SPECIAL NOTE

This show will have a question and answer period following the performance. Please stay seated after the curtain call. If you have a question, raise your hand. Speak loudly and clearly when you are called upon.

Theatre Collaborators



When we see a show, we often think of only the performers on stage. However, many people come together to make a performance happen. Read the list of theatre collaborators and answer the discussion questions with a partner.

Musical Arranger - A music arranger is someone who arranges a piece of music for a music director, music producer, conductor, a group of performers or a single performer. Most music arrangers know how to read and write music, have a good knowledge of music theory and know how to play several instruments.

Sound Engineer - An audio engineer helps to produce a recording or a live performance, balancing and adjusting sound sources using equalization and audio effects, mixing, reproduction, and reinforcement of sound.

Director - helps the performers understand their roles and tells them where to move on stage. The director also collaborates with designers to create the entire picture you see on stage.

Costume Designer - imagines and designs the clothing and other items worn by the performers on stage.

Lighting Designer - imagines and creates the lights of a performance to enhance the mood and the setting.

Set Designer - makes a map of each set and its changes

Props - items held or used by the actors on stage that help tell the story

THINK ABOUT IT!



Why is changing the color of lights important for the mood in a scene?

If you were a character in a play, what color gel would you choose for your spotlight?
Why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS...

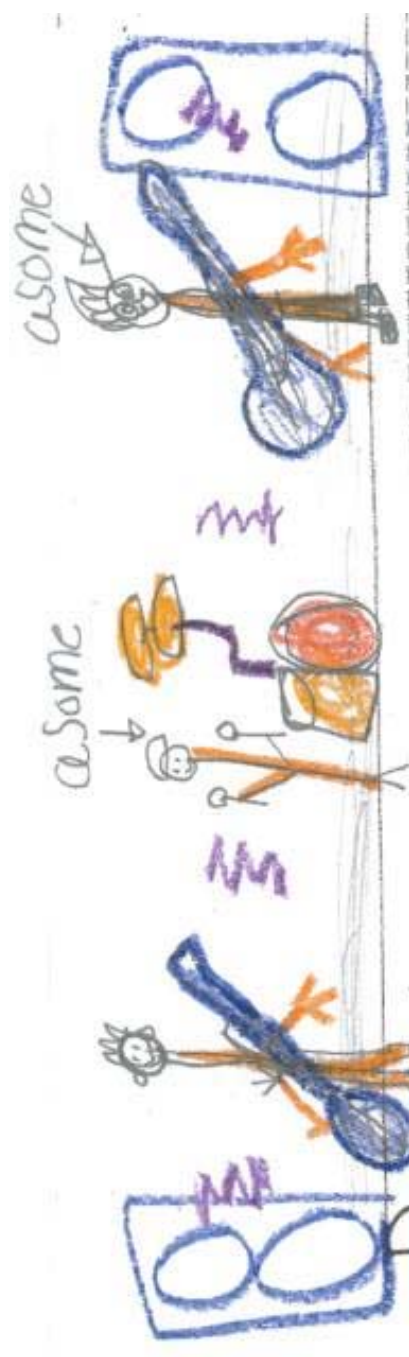


1. If you were to work in the theater business, which theater collaborator would you rather be?
2. Which job seems most challenging? Why?

BIG BANG BOOM

Providing Dynamic Pre-K – 3rd Grade Education via
Live Music Entertainment

Featuring Steve Willard, Eddie Walker, and Chuck Folds
Greensboro, NC



Big Bang Boom is a 3-piece Kindie Music Band from Greensboro, North Carolina that began in the minds and aspirations of talented artists and long-time musicians; Chuck Folds, Steve Willard, and Eddie Walker.

After 20 years of touring the grown-up stages, Chuck, Steve, and Eddie decided to expand their horizons and play for kids who's parents (like themselves) want MORE from children's music. In 2007, this dynamic dad trio began to create **parent-friendly children's music!** They write songs with a pop sensibility by cleverly mixing alternative, hip-hop, rock, pop, country, and other genres to create music that both adults and children enjoy. The themes of their songs focus on building character traits and education through relatable stories that engage people of all ages.

Big Bang Boom is well established in the Kindie Music world with three full-length albums, two bonus albums, and another album in production. Their song titled "Monster Under the Bed" won grand prize in the 2011 John Lennon Songwriting Contest, and they wrote and performed the music for the WFMY's Emmy Award Winning Community Service program, Read 2 Succeed!

On Stage is where Big Bang Boom shines brightest! You may have seen their high energy, interactive performances at countless libraries (Yes, they are LOUD in the library!), schools, performing arts centers, museums, festivals, and private and community events all over the USA.

Learn More and listen to Big Bang Boom at www.bigbangboomband.com



MEET THE BAND

Big Bang Boom performances provide valuable lessons that identify and reinforce positive character traits.



Steve Willard, Eddie Walker, and Chuck Folds share stories that reinforce the positive character traits embedded in many of their original musical compilations.

For example, "Monster Under the Bed," a grand-prize winner of the 2011 John Lennon Songwriting Contest, teaches children about tolerance told through the eyes of a monster under the bed who is even more scared than the frightened boy on top of the bed. The song references Martin Luther King Jr., and promotes the power of having a dream in which we stop being scared and all become friends.

**I HAVE A DREAM...
WE ARE FRIENDS
AND WE ARE NOT
SCARED.**

- **Patience:** Are We There Yet?
- **Self-regulation:** Control
- **Responsibility, Honesty,**
Trustworthiness: I Didn't Do it, It Wasn't Me
- **Courage, Independence:** Kid on The First Day of School
- **Bravery, Confidence, Optimism:** Everything Is Alright
- **Cooperation, Teamwork:** Get the Job Done
- **Tolerance, Courage, Friendship:** Monster Under the Bed
- **Perseverance:** Bicycle
- **Persistence, Compassion,**
Considerate, Optimism, Caring,
Helpfulness: One
- **Creativity, Imagination, Ambition:** I Can Sing
- **Open-mindedness, Tolerance,**
Curiosity: I Hate Those Bugs

[Character Traits Represented by Song](#)

Live Music Concerts Are Good for You!



Research on the Health Benefits of Live Concerts

Listening to Live Music Reduces Stress: Research has shown that listening to music helps reduce people's levels of stress hormones, including the steroid cortisol. (Source: <http://researchonline.rcm.ac.uk/31/1/PH16%20v01.pdf>)

Listening to Live Music Reduces Anxiety: Research has shown that listening to music has been found to be more effective than prescription drugs in reducing anxiety before surgery (Source: Trends in Cognitive Sciences, April, 2013). This means that attending a Big Bang Boom performance is a great way to reduce anxiety right before a big test!

Listening to Live Music Makes You Happy: Research has shown that when you listen to music you like, your brain releases Dopamine, a "feel-good" neurotransmitter, which brings feelings of happiness, excitement, and joy to the listener. (Source: <https://www.seeker.com/why-music-makes-you-happy-1765157098.html>).

Dancing to Live Music is Great Exercise: It's hard to be still at a Big Bang Boom concert, as both students AND teachers are encouraged to participate in interactive dances that will get their feet moving and their heart pumping! This makes Live Music Concerts a HUGE WIN, because you can exercise, feel better, and learn all at the same time!



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AT HOME

Dear Parents,

Recently, your student attended a performance by **BIG BANG BOOM**. Big Bang Boom is a pop/rock music trio that plays parent-friendly children's music. Big Bang Boom is kids' music with a pop sensibility, aimed at being music that parents can feel good about letting their kids listen to and see live in concert! This live concert took your student on a fun and educational journey through kid-friendly pop and rock music.

Prior to attendance, teachers reviewed proper theatre etiquette with students and gave some background information about the concert.

As a parent, you are your child's best teacher. They can also teach you through their experiences. Ask your student about the performance they attended and read through this booklet. Share some experiences that you or other family members have had while attending a live concert or while participating in a choir or chorus. Does anyone in your family play a musical instrument or sing in a church choir?

Thank you for your participation in the arts.



DO IT!

A reviewer writes an opinion of the actors, sets, and director for a newspaper or magazine. Write your review of the performance for your family.
