

**Illusion Theater's PEACE UP!
For grades 2-5**

Scene Breakdown

- 1) SONG – *Stand By Me/Stand for Peace* is a civil rights song sung by marchers who were protesting the segregation of whites and blacks, and discrimination in the South in the 1950's and 1960's. They sang as they marched to give themselves courage; determined to protest peacefully, and not fight back if taunted or attacked.
"Stand for peace, while I run this race
Carry me, while I run this race
Be my friend, while I run this race
So I won't have to run this race in vain."
- 2) MAD – the company raps about the different things that make them angry, and what they do to diffuse their anger; the point is that all feelings are okay, all behaviors are not.
- 3) NICKNAMES/TEASING– shows the difference between fun nicknames and hurtful name calling, the meaning of "empathy" is discussed, and how it feels to be teased.
- 4) BULLIES – depicts a bullying situation and commentary from the bully, the intimidated students, and the audience; explains that bullying can be learned behavior and therefore unlearned.
- 5) BULLIES ON THE BUS – two students are teased on the school bus to the point that one of them lets his anger get out of control; the consequences for the bullies, the bystanders, and the victims are discussed.
- 6) SEXUAL HARASSMENT (grades 4 & 5) – this term is defined and illustrates "immature" comments made by boys about girls' bodies; provides insight into how hurtful this can be and what to call it.
- 7) FAMILY CONFLICT – a student gets into fights at school because of difficulty at home; encourages discussion with a trusted adult, suggestions about who that might be, and keeping safe.
- 8) SONG: *Roar*
- 9) CONFLICT RESOLUTION – when two boys almost get into a fight over an accidental shove, a peer mediator steps in; teaches speaking with "I" statements and listening.
- 10) ISOLATION – after being bullied and feeling isolated a student's plan to get revenge is stopped by other students.
- 11) SONG – *We Can Be Kind*
- 12) RUMORS (grades 2 & 3) – depicts how rumors get started, get out of hand, and can ruin a friendship.
- 13) CYBERBULLYING (grades 4 & 5) – shows the consequences after a student posts a photo of another student on Facebook.
- 14) FRIENDS – one friend speaks out to others when her friend is made fun of; respecting differences is discussed as well as working together to solve a problem.
- 15) I CAN/I WANT... - actors all say what they can do to promote peace.
- 16) SONG – *Stand for Peace* reprise
"Stand for Peace, when anger turns to rage.
Maybe peace will be a better way
Live for peace, love instead of hate
So we won't have to run this race in vain."
- 17) SONG – *Seasons of Love*

Within and between each scene, the moderator asks questions of the characters on stage and the audience.