

Kids Love Musicals!

PLAYTIME AT HOME

Free and structured play time are both important components to learning. They provide a wonderful counterbalance to virtual and book lessons.

UNIT FIVE:

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

LEARN MORE

Become an online researcher and explore these primary and secondary resources for more information about Charles Schulz, the Peanuts gang, and a new song written for the 1999 Broadway revival, "My New Philosophy."

- Official Peanuts website: www.peanuts.com
- Charles M. Schulz Museum: www.schulzmuseum.org
- Peanuts Wiki: https://peanuts.fandom.com/wiki/Peanuts_Wiki
- Official Snoopy YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/Snoopy
- "My New Philosophy" - 1999 Tony Awards https://youtu.be/JcVa_qe1itE

CONTINUING CONVERSATION

In the musical, Linus says::

"Happiness is a fleeting thing, but I think man can really come closer to it by directing the forces of his life towards a single goal that he believes in, and I think that a man's – or woman's– personal search for happiness is not really a selfish thing either because by achieving happiness himself – or herself – he can help others find it.

- Does that make sense to you?
- What are the things that bring you the most joy? What are some ways that you bring joy to others, to the people you love best?
- Who is your greatest cheerleader? What does their support and encouragement do for you?
- What are the ways that you show support for the people you believe in and care about?

MY BLANKET & ME!

Make your own special blanket, just like Linus! Measure and cut two contrasting pieces of fleece or another material (2' 5"/3' x 2' 5"/ 3') and put them together. Cut 3 to 4 inch strips into the perimeter on all four sides, and then tie all the conjoining strips in simple knots.

Watch a how-to video at the link below: <https://youtu.be/8rQ89wbLOZ8>:

JOIN THE PEANUTS GANG

Enact these monologues and scenes from *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* with your siblings, friends and family. You can perform these live in your living room, or rehearse and perform the scenes on Facetime or using Zoom. Record your scenes and share them with family and friends!

1. SNOOPY – "World War I Flying Ace"

SNOOPY: Here's the World War One flying ace ... The Red Baron has spotted me. Nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, you can't hit me! Ha, I've got you this time, Red Baron. RATS! He's tricked me again. I've got to run. Curse you red Baron!

2. SALLY & LINUS – Sweet Baboo

SALLY: How do I love thee? Let me count the ways... Ohhhh, Linus! I have something special for you.

LINUS: No thank you, Sally. I am happy with my blanket.

SALLY: A blanket cannot bring happiness. Here is a valentine that I made especially for you ... my sweet baboo!

LINUS: I am *not* your sweet baboo!

3. CHARLIE BROWN – Lunch Monologue

I think lunchtime is about the worst time of day for me. Always having to sit here alone.

Well, I guess I'd better see what I've got. Peanut Butter. Some psychiatrists say that people who eat peanut butter sandwiches are lonely...I guess they're right. And when you're really lonely, the peanut butter sticks to the roof of your mouth.

There's that cute little red-headed girl eating her lunch over there. I wonder what she would do if I went over and asked her if I could sit and have lunch with her? She'd probably laugh right in my face...it's hard on a face when it gets laughed in. There's an empty place next to her on the bench. There's no reason why I couldn't just go over and sit there. I could do that right now. All I have to do is stand up...I'm standing up!...I'm sitting down.

I'm a coward. I'm so much of a coward, she wouldn't even think of looking at me. She hardly ever does look at me. In fact, I can't remember her ever looking at me. Why shouldn't she look at me? Is there any reason in the world why she shouldn't look at me? Is she so great, and I'm so small, that she can't spare one little moment? SHE'S LOOKING AT ME! SHE'S LOOKING AT ME! [He puts his lunch bag over his head]

Lunchtime is among the worst times of the day for me. If that little red-headed girl is looking at me with this stupid bag over my head she must think I'm the biggest fool alive. But, if she isn't looking at me, then maybe I could take it off quickly and she'd never notice it. On the other hand...I can't tell if she's looking, until I take it off! Then again, if I never take it off I'll never have to know if she was looking or not. On the other hand...it's very hard to breathe in here.

[He removes his sack.] Whew! She's not looking at me! I wonder why she never looks at me? Oh well, another lunch hour over with...only 2,863 to go.

LUCY & CHARLIE BROWN & THE FOOTBALL

CHARLIE BROWN: NO!

LUCY: Oh, come on Charlie Brown. I'll hold it steady...

CHARLIE BROWN: NO!

LUCY: Please?

CHARLIE BROWN: NO! You just want me to come running up to kick that ball so you can pull it away and watch me kill myself.

LUCY: Look ... just to show you I am sincere, I will give you a million dollars if I pull that ball away! (pause) In fact, I'll give you 100 million dollars!

CHARLIE BROWN: I must be out of my mind, but I can't resist kicking footballs!

[He runs to kick the ball, and Lucy pulls it away Charlie Brown falls on his back and Lucy laughs as she goes to him.]

LUCY: Ha! Here's your money, Charlie Brown. Hee, Hee, Hee! Hee, Hee, Hee!

CHARLIE BROWN: I think I'll just lie here until the first snow falls and covers me up!

LUCY & LINUS – Super Crab

LUCY: It's true. I'm a crabby person. I'm a very crabby person and everybody knows it. I'm a super crab. Where did I go wrong? How could I be so selfish?

LINUS What's wrong, Lucy?

LUCY: Don't talk to me, Linus. I'm no good.

LINUS: That's not true.

LUCY: Yes it is. I'm no good. I am a super crab. There's no reason at all why I should be allowed to be near people

LINUS: Yes there is.

LUCY: Name one.

LINUS: You have a little brother who loves you. [Lucy is silent for a minute and then bursts into tears and runs off.] Every now and then I say the right thing.

LUCY & LINUS – Queen

LUCY: Linus, I want to be queen of EVERYTHING! I will wear pretty dresses. I will wear my crown all the time – even when swimming. I will live ...

LINUS: [interrupting her] Lucy!

LUCY: ... in a palace. I will wave at my people ... [She waves, royally.]

LINUS: You can't be queen. It's an inherited title

LUCY: I will dance with my prince. [She pauses] WHAT DO YOU MEAN I CAN'T BE A QUEEN!!!

LINUS: It's true.

LUCY: There *must* be a loophole...

LINUS: Good grief!