



A Kids on the Block performance is an unforgettable educational experience. The “kids” vividly and effectively model relationships between people through frank and other humorous communication of facts and feelings between the puppet characters and the audience. We have scripts on disabilities, bullying, respect of elders, street safety, medical concerns, culture, substance abuse, autism, behavior, and other topics. All our puppets are operated by trained puppeteers. The program uses a set of 3-4-foot-tall puppets to convey its message to children and encourage them to ask questions.

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It is recommended to limit groups to approximately 150 children. This enables us to increase the effectiveness of each topic and to allow for audience participation.

Show and Booking Information

Each topic, approximately 15 minutes, will adapt for your needs

Our kids would like to meet your kids!

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Question and answer time follows each show. Follow-up activity pages are available upon request.



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The Kids On the Block



A group of educational puppets
**We're excited about educating
the kids of Nebraska!**
Help us— Help them



The project is underwritten by the
Elk's Benevolence Committee
and is available at no cost.

Disabilities (For All Ages)

Cerebral Palsy - "New Friends" - Mark has recently moved to a new neighborhood and meets Melody who asks questions about Mark's disability, "Campers" - We learn many things from Mark and Renaldo about how someone with a disability goes camping.

Down Syndrome - "Yet Clinic" - Ellen Jane teaches Brenda that she can do many things; it just takes her a little bit longer to learn.

Dyslexia - "Pen Pals" - Jennifer talks about the frustrations she experiences because of dyslexia with her friend Melody.

Hearing Impaired - "Peanut Butter Cookies" - Mandy teaches us some signs as she makes cookies to take to a birthday party.

Prosthesis - "Captain Hook" - Sarah and Joanne talk about various prosthetic devices and what is and isn't "pretty".
"Magic Show" - As Sarah tries out a magic trick, Joanne is skeptical about Sarah's skills as a magician.

Spina Bifida - "Cheerleaders" - Valerie and Joanne are trying out for the cheerleading squad.
"First Date" - Joanne helps Valerie get ready for her first date with Eric. (Recommended for 4th - 8th graders.)

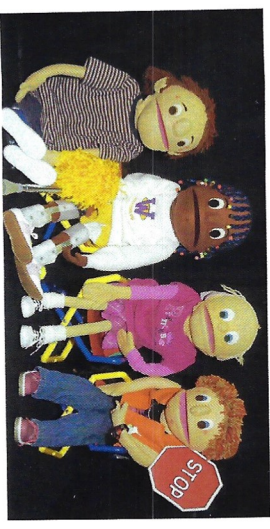
Visually Impaired - "Secret Code" - Renaldo is quick to tell Brenda he can do the same things seeing people can do, but in a different way.

Bullying (For All Ages)

Sticks & Stones - Brenda is being bullied and her friend Jenn comes by to help. They talk about how we need to be careful with our words.

Rescue or Report - Eddy helps Melody after her friend Brenda was teased on her way home from school.

You're Not the Boss of Me! - Eddy is being harassed by a school bully. With Care's help, Eddy learns that problems with a bully are not something to be ashamed of or embarrassed about.



Substance Abuse (For children up to 3rd grade)

Smoking - "Up in Smoke" - Teaches kids about smoking, it's dangers and to be smart, don't start.

Drugs - "It's Only Medicine" - Helps establish some safe guidelines for using medicine.

For Children 4th - 8th grade
A continuing story in 3 chapters

1. "Starting Over"
 2. "Making the Right Choices"
 3. "Helping a Friend"
- Discusses what it's like to have an abuse problem and how to get help.

Medical Concerns (For All Ages)

Cancer - "Aunt" - Joanne notices that Diane looks quite different following her stay in the hospital and is afraid to approach her.
"Kids News" - Diane shares with Nam about having cancer and how talking helps.
"Nurse" - Joanne accompanies Diane during her chemotherapy treatment.

Diabetes - "Safety Patrol" - Christine helps Joanne understand what it's like to have an insulin reaction.
"Insulin Shot" - Nam is astounded to learn that Christine gives herself shots and how serious diabetes can be.

Epilepsy - "I Missed It" - Brian explains about epilepsy, medication and people's attitudes after he has a seizure at school.

Other Important Topics (For All Ages)

Abuse - "Carrot Cake" - Discusses temporary placement and family therapy sessions.
"Hot Line" - Nam and Stephen discuss what is and isn't abuse.
Behavior - "Pig Slop" - Melody takes a chance and eats lunch with Jimmy when none of the kids will.
"Blue Ribbon" - Jimmy thinks he always needs rewards for appropriate behavior.

Culture - "Different Worlds" - Nam talks about what it's like to be culturally different.
Siblings of Someone with a Disability - "Michael Darling" - Michael learns how to be patient with his twin brother, who has Cerebral Palsy.
Terrorism - "Troubling Times" - Deals with the effects of terrorism attacks and war.

New Programs (For All Ages)

Autism - "What a Hunk!" - Joanne sees that her new neighbors are boys her age. She decides to deliver cookies to the Franklins so she can meet the older brother face to face. After meeting David and realizing he is different than what she expected, she asks his brother Eddy to help her understand more about autism.

"Temper T tantrum" - When Joanne brings cookies, the Franklin's house, she shares them with Eddy and his autistic brother, David. David becomes excited and linges for everyone's cookies. Eddy intervenes, emphasizing that they cannot allow David to have a tantrum. Eddy explains autism and behavior modification to Joanne.

"Sorting Socks" - Joanne stops by Eddy's house and is excited to show off the bag of socks she has gathered for the local community center. She spills them and Eddy used the opportunity to show her that even though his brother David has autism, he still has valuable skills he can use in the "real world". He also discusses the way David is taught at school and how that teaching is reinforced by parents and siblings at home.

Aging And Respect - "You Should Live So Long!" - Mike returns home from basketball camp to find his grandma, "Nata", using a walker. He doesn't understand what has happened to her. She tells Mike what a stroke is and explains how it has affected her.

Polly (Age is a matter of individual perspective) - 79-year-old Pete meets Mike at the bus stop. Pete is going to visit his friend Polly, who is Mike's grandmother Nata. On the bus, they compare the same aging person they are going to visit. Pete's perspective is that she is active while Mike sees her as just sitting around getting old. Pete and Nata help Mike understand aging.

The Way It Was (Myths About Youth/Respect) - Mike is given an assignment to write a story about a person who has an interesting life. He writes his paper at his grandmother's apartment. Forgetting Mike is in the kitchen, Pete and Nata talk about their lives. They also talk about young people and realize that although they are upset when they hear stereotypes about the elderly, they themselves have stereotypes about youth.

Safety on the Go

Fun on Wheels - Mel and Brenda examine safety strategies for riding recreational vehicles including bikes, skateboards, in-line skates and scooters.
Talk the Walk - While Brenda is waiting for Melody, she sees people breaking the pedestrian safety rules. When Melody arrives she explains the importance of pedestrian safety.
"GUS" FED Rules - Brenda helps Melody learn the rules of waiting for the bus, riding on the bus, and getting off the bus. Melody keeps getting "busted" because she's breaking the safety rules.
Road Skills - Excited about their trip to Melody's aunt's house, the girls talk about appropriate passenger behavior in an automobile, including seat belts, safe toys, and driver distractions.