I’m seeing a play at the Temple Theater!

A Social Narrative

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The Temple Theater

I am going to see a show at the Temple Theater.

I might drive or walk to the theater with my group.

When I get there someone from the theater will greet me.
Arriving

When I get inside the building I will walk past a restaurant and a coffee shop and then into the building lobby.

Many other groups may be walking in with me who are also going to see the show.
Going Upstairs

After I get my ticket I will have to go upstairs to get to the theater.

To get upstairs I can take the elevator or the stairs.
Finding my Seat

When it is time for the show to start I will go into the theater. An usher will help my group find our seats. There will be other people finding their seats at the same time. It might be noisy because children will be talking.

I will have to wait in my seat until everyone comes because some people will arrive at different times.
The Lights

Before the show there will be an announcement to let me know that the show is ready to start.

I will also know the show is starting because the lights will change. The lights won’t go completely off, but they will be darker than before.
The Performance

I am going to see people talking, dancing or singing on stage. They might use instruments or special objects during the performance.

During the play some actors ask me to participate. I can participate if I want to, but I do not have to.
Going to the Bathroom

I can use the bathroom before, during, or after the show.

If I need to use the bathroom during the show I can ask my adult to take me and leave the theater quietly.

I will use the bathroom respectfully then go back to my seat in the theater.
Clapping

During the show I will see actors onstage. If I like something I can laugh and clap.
At the end of the show actors will come onstage to bow and everyone will clap as a way to say thank you.
Leaving

When the actors leave the stage after their bows the show is over and the lights will come on.

Everyone will leave the theater at once and I may have to wait in line to leave. I’ll walk out of the theater the same way I came in. I might have to wait for a car or busto pick me up. I can talk about the play with my group after the performance ends.