I'M SEEING A PLAY
AT THE TEMPLE THEATER

A SOCIAL NARRATIVE:

BEEP

DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS

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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 then into the building lobby.

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

The Box Office

If I don't already have my ticket, I will have to go to the Box Office. At the Box Office a helper will give me a ticket to get into the play.

I may have to wait in line to get my ticket at the Box Office.

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.

I might have to share the elevator with another group.

The Lobby

In the theater lobby I will see fun activities like coloring sheets and more. I can do these activities if I want to.

There may be a lot of people in the lobby. I can take a break if I need to.

Theater Usher

When it is time for the show to start I will go into the theater. I will give my ticket to an usher. They will scan my ticket and they will help me find a seat.

A helper will also give me a program with information about the show.

My Seat

When I get inside the theater I can choose my seat with my group. I can sit in a chair, on a bean bag, or on a puzzle mat.

Many other groups will be finding their seats with me. 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 seeing a performance of BEEP. During the play some actors might come into the audience or ask me to participate. I can participate if I want to, but I will not go onto the stage.

Taking a Break

If the show is too loud I can cover my ears. If I need to take a break I can ask my adult to take me to the quiet area. I can walk to the lobby quietly with my adult.

In the quiet area there will be people in blue shirts who can help me.

I can read a book, play with fidgets or color a picture.

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. If the clapping is too loud I can cover my ears or quietly leave the theater.

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 Temple Theater the same way I came in. I might have to wait for a car to pick me up.

I can talk about the play with my group after the performance ends.