Kids Tv animation & character scripts

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Good Morning, Puddle Patch

Preschool host, show opener · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[JUNIPER, host of a garden show for little ones, waves at the camera]

Good morning, Puddle Patch friends! It's me, Juniper. And guess what? It rained last night!

[listens, nods]

You're right. That means puddles! But before we go splashing, I need your help. I lost my boots. They're yellow. Bright, sunny yellow.

Can you see something yellow?

[waits]

Where? Behind the watering can? Oh! There they are! You have super eyes. Okay, boots on. One, two. Let's go jump!

Captain Crumb Reporting for Duty

Cartoon hero, bark · Adult (any) · Any (character choice) · 15 seconds

[A tiny hero, the size of a cracker, stands on a lunchbox]

Fear not, citizens of the Lunchbox! When sandwiches are squished and juice boxes leak, one hero rises. Crunchy on the outside. Brave on the inside. Captain Crumb, reporting for duty!

Professor Snoot's Sneeze Ray

Silly villain, monologue · Adult (any) · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

[PROFESSOR SNOOT, in his lab inside a hollow pepper grinder. The hero is tied to a chair with licorice]

Ah, Tater Kid. So kind of you to drop in. Literally. Through my skylight. You'll be paying for that.

Now. Behold! The Sneeze Ray! One zap and the entire town of Mildew Springs will sneeze. Nonstop. For a week!

No one will be able to finish a sentence. No one will be able to eat soup. Soup, Tater Kid! Imagine the mess!

And while they are all achoo-ing into their elbows, I will stroll into the bank and take every last... every last...

[his nose starts to twitch]

Oh no. Not now. Who left the pepper out? I live in a pepper grinder, why would I... ah... ahh...

[a huge sneeze]

...Bless me. Where did the ray go? Tater Kid, did you see where it... Tater Kid? Oh, come on!

Wobbles Needs a Nap

Sidekick, comic · Child (played by adult) · Any (character choice) · 30 seconds

[WOBBLES, a sidekick in oversized goggles, on night watch]

I'm awake. I'm totally awake. My eyes are just... resting their eyelids.

[yawns]

Okay, report! The moon is still there. Good job, moon. The bushes are... bushy. No bad guys. Just a snail. Hi, snail.

You're going slow too, huh? Me too, buddy. Me too.

[yawns]

Maybe I'll just lie down on this nice soft... wait, is that the bad guy's cape? Ooh. It's so fluffy.

The Counting Caterpillar

Educational, counting · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[MILLIE, a caterpillar, sits on a leaf surrounded by tiny sneakers]

Hi! I'm Millie, and today I'm going to a dance party. But first I need shoes. Lots of shoes. Can you count with me?

One shoe. Two shoes. Three, four, five!

Six! Seven! Eight shoes on eight feet!

[looks down]

Hmm. Wait a minute. I have more feet. Nine, ten, eleven... how many feet do I have?

Oh, never mind. I'll dance barefoot!

Cinder Riders, Gear Up!

Toy-line cartoon, transform call · Teen · Neutral American · 15 seconds

[KAI, leader of the Cinder Riders, raises a glowing wristband]

Wheels, spin! Wings, fold! Armor, lock in!

[SFX: metal clanks and a rising whine]

Cinder Riders, gear up! Team, the dam at Copper Creek is cracking. Let's ride out and bring the thunder!

Pip and Grumble Fix the Moon

Preschool comedy, odd couple · Any · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

Cast: PIP GRUMBLE

Night. PIP, a bouncy little bird, and GRUMBLE, a gloomy old badger, on a hilltop. The moon hangs crooked in the sky

PIP Grumble! Grumble, look! The moon is wonky!

GRUMBLE The moon is always wonky. Go to bed.

PIP No, it's tilted! Like a picture on the wall. We have to fix it.

GRUMBLE With what? A ladder to space?

PIP Ooh, yes! Do you have one?

GRUMBLE No.

PIP Okay. Then I'll stand on your head and push.

GRUMBLE You will not stand on my... ow. You're standing on my head.

PIP A little to the left... little more... higher, Grumble!

GRUMBLE I am a badger, Pip. This is as high as badgers go.

PIP [stretching] Almost... there!

SFX: a soft twinkle

PIP Did it work?

GRUMBLE ...Huh. It's straight.

PIP We fixed the moon!

GRUMBLE It was a cloud, Pip. The cloud moved.

PIP So we fixed the cloud!

GRUMBLE [sighs, then softly] Yeah. We fixed the cloud. Good job, kid.

Lady Lumpkin's Revenge

Silly villain, rant · Adult (any) · Any (character choice) · 30 seconds

[LADY LUMPKIN, in a castle made of old pudding cups, addresses her pet goose]

They laughed at me, Gerald. At the Village Bake-Off. They said my pie was lumpy.

Lumpy! My pie was textured.

So now the whole village will pay. I will turn every oven in town into a tuba. No bread. No muffins. Just tubas.

And when they come crawling to me, begging for baked goods, I will eat the last cupcake. Slowly. In front of them. With a very small fork!

Why Do Leaves Fall?

Educational, science host · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

[DOCTOR DOT, host of a science show, stands under a big orange tree. A letter flutters down]

Oh! We got a question from Noah, who is six. Noah wants to know, why do leaves fall off trees?

Great question, Noah. Let's look.

All summer, leaves work really hard. They catch sunlight and turn it into food for the tree. Like tiny solar panels!

But in the fall, the days get shorter. There's less sunlight. And the tree knows winter is coming.

So the tree does something clever. It closes a little door where each leaf joins the branch. No more water goes in. The green fades away, and we see the yellows and oranges that were hiding underneath.

Then, snap! The leaf lets go.

The tree is saving its energy. It rests all winter, and in spring, it grows brand-new leaves.

So next time you jump in a leaf pile, say thank you, tree. You worked hard!

The Big Share

Preschool, social-emotional · Child (played by adult) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Cast: TILLY BO

A playroom. TILLY, six, and her little brother BO, five, both have a hand on the same toy rocket

TILLY I had it first.

BO You had it first yesterday. Today's a new day.

TILLY That's not how firsts work.

BO It is in space.

TILLY Bo, let go.

BO You let go.

TILLY If I let go, you'll fly it into the fish tank.

BO Only one time!

TILLY The fish was upset.

BO The fish was fine. The fish liked it.

they both tug. The rocket's wing wobbles

TILLY Stop! You'll break it!

a pause. They both let go at the same time

BO [quietly] I don't want to break it.

TILLY Me neither.

beat

TILLY You can go first.

BO Really?

TILLY Then me. And then we build a launch pad together.

BO Out of couch cushions?

TILLY Obviously out of couch cushions. And the blanket from Mom's bed.

BO She'll notice.

TILLY Not if we're quick. Astronauts are quick.

BO Can the fish come too?

TILLY The fish stays home, Bo.

BO Best sister in the whole galaxy.

Sparky Says Goodnight

Preschool, bedtime · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[SPARKY, a little firefly, glows softly over a sleepy meadow]

Well, friends, the sun is going down. The frogs are finishing their songs. The bunnies are snuggling into their burrows.

And my light is getting soft and sleepy too. See?

Let's take one big breath together. In... and out.

Thank you for playing with me today. You were brave and kind and very, very good at counting stars.

Goodnight, meadow. Goodnight, friend.

Zippa Zoom Is Here!

Cartoon hero, entrance · Teen · Neutral American · 15 seconds

[A whoosh of wind. ZIPPA ZOOM skids to a stop in front of a runaway shopping cart]

Whoa there, runaway cart! Sorry I'm late, everybody. I stopped for a smoothie. In Brazil. The name's Zippa Zoom, and nobody, I mean nobody, outruns me!

Mayor Muffintop's Emergency Announcement

Comic town character, announcement · Elderly character · Any (character choice) · 30 seconds

[MAYOR MUFFINTOP taps a squeaky microphone in the town square]

Ahem! Citizens of Crumbleton! This is an emergency. Do not panic.

I repeat, do not panic!

The town clock has stopped. The bakery is closed. The ducks are marching down Main Street in a very organized way. And my hat is on fire!

[sniffs, looks up]

Oh. No. My hat is not on fire. That's just the sunset.

Carry on.

Team Tidal Wave Roll Call

Toy-line cartoon, team intro · Teen · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Cast: REEF MARLO CORAL

Underwater headquarters. Alarms flash. REEF, MARLO and CORAL line up at the launch tube

REEF Team Tidal Wave, roll call! Reef, leader, fastest fin in the fleet. Ready!

MARLO Marlo! Gadgets, maps, and, um, snacks. Also I packed extra snacks. Ready. Mostly ready.

CORAL Coral. Ready.

REEF Coral, you gotta say more than that.

CORAL Coral. Very ready.

REEF Okay, team, listen up. Something is sucking all the bubbles out of Kelp Town. Without bubbles, nobody can breathe, nobody can giggle, and the jellyfish can't do their big dance.

MARLO Not the jellyfish dance! They've been practicing all year!

REEF Exactly. So we swim in, we find the bubble thief, and we bring those bubbles home.

MARLO What if the bubble thief is really big?

CORAL Then we're bigger.

MARLO We're literally not. I measured.

REEF Tidal Wave, dive, dive, dive!

SFX: a massive splash

MARLO [fading away] I forgot my snacks!

Dr. Dooflebottom Explains Magnets

Educational, eccentric scientist · Elderly character · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

[DR. DOOFLEBOTTOM, wild hair, lab full of paper clips, holds up two horseshoe magnets]

Greetings, young scientists! Today, we meet the invisible force. It's not a ghost. It's not a sneeze. It's magnetism!

Every magnet has two ends. A north end and a south end. Now watch.

[holds them close]

When I put north near south, they pull together! Click! Like best friends.

But if I put north near north...

[struggles]

They push apart! Like two cats who both want the same sunny spot! Try as I might, they will not touch.

Magnets pull on some metals, like iron. That's why my paper clips follow me everywhere.

[SFX: a cascade of paper clips]

Oh dear. And my spoons. And my keys. And my... is that my car?

Remember, scientists: opposites attract, and the same ends push apart. And never, ever build a magnet this big in your kitchen!

Toot the Tugboat Is Scared

Preschool, feelings · Child (played by adult) · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

[A harbor. Dark clouds. TOOT, a small red tugboat, hides behind a dock post]

Um. Hi. It's me, Toot. I'm not hiding. I'm just... checking this post. It's a very nice post.

[thunder rumbles far away]

Okay. Okay. I'm hiding.

There's a storm coming, and the big ship needs me to guide her into the harbor. But the waves are so big, and I'm so small, and my tummy feels all wobbly.

Do you ever feel wobbly inside?

[listens]

You do? Really?

[a deep, gentle foghorn sounds from the big ship]

Oh! Grandma Ferry says... big boats get scared too? Even her?

She says being scared is okay. You can be scared and brave at the same time.

Okay. I'll take a big breath, just like Grandma Ferry does. Like this.

[breathes in, out]

I'm still a little wobbly. But I'm going. Toot toot! Hold on, big ship. Here I come!

Henchman Wanted

Silly villain, job interview · Adult (any) · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

Cast: BARON DENNIS

BARON BOGWASH's volcano lair. A folding table. DENNIS, a very polite candidate, sits across from him

BARON So. Dennis. Why do you want to be a henchman?

DENNIS I saw the sign on the lamppost. It said "free snacks."

BARON Yes. The snacks are excellent. What are your evil skills?

DENNIS I can whistle.

BARON Menacingly?

DENNIS Mostly tunes about ducks.

BARON Can you cackle?

DENNIS Like this? Ha. Ha. Ha.

BARON That's just saying "ha."

DENNIS Three times, though.

BARON Dennis, if I told you to steal the Golden Pickle from the town museum, what would you do?

DENNIS Ask the museum lady nicely if we could borrow it.

BARON Borrow it?

DENNIS And bring it back by Friday. With a thank-you card.

BARON That's not evil at all!

DENNIS It is a little evil if the card is late.

BARON [long pause] You know what? Nobody else applied. You're hired.

DENNIS Great! Where are the snacks?

BARON ...There are no snacks.

DENNIS Oh. That's evil.

Beeble's Big Burp

Sidekick, bark · Any (creature) · Any (character choice) · 15 seconds

[BEEBLE, a round green blob, has just eaten an entire bowl of fizzy berries]

Mmm! Fizzy berries! Beeble loves fizzy berries! Bouncy, bubbly, tickly...

[a big bubbly burp]

...Excuse me! Beeble is very sorry. Beeble is also not sorry. More berries, please! Big ones!

The Wash Your Paws Chant

Preschool, rhythm and routine · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[KIKI the kangaroo host stands at a little sink with a bar of soap]

Okay, friends! Time to wash our paws. Clap along with me!

Water on, and splash, splash, splash.

Soap in hands, and squish, squish, squish.

Rub the fronts and rub the backs, in between your fingers, thwack!

Bubbles here and bubbles there, bubbles on my ear... hey, how'd that get there?

Rinse it off and shake, shake, shake.

Towel dry. Hooray! Clean paws, let's play!

The Grumpiest Cloud

Storybook narration, character voices · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 90 seconds

[A storybook page turns. A gray cloud sulks above a sunny town]

High above the town of Sunnyside lived a cloud named Nimbus. And Nimbus was grumpy.

"Look at them down there," he muttered. "Picnics. Kites. Everybody smiling. Nobody ever looks up and says, hello, Nimbus. Nice shape today, Nimbus."

So Nimbus did what grumpy clouds do. He rained.

Down went the picnic blankets. Up went the umbrellas. And Nimbus waited for everyone to be as grumpy as he was.

But then something strange happened.

A little girl in green boots ran out into the street. She jumped in a puddle. Splash! Then another. Splash!

"Thank you, cloud!" she shouted. "Best puddles ever!"

Nimbus blinked. "Thank you? To me?"

Then her friends came out. Then their dads. Then a very old man with a very old dog. Splash, splash, splash! The flowers stood up straight. The garden drank and drank.

"Look," said the girl, pointing up. "The cloud is shaped like a heart."

Nimbus checked. She was right. He hadn't even tried.

From that day on, Nimbus was still a little grumpy. Clouds usually are.

But every now and then, when the town looked thirsty, he drifted over, took a deep breath, and gave them the very best puddles he could.

Ranger Rosie's Bug Hunt

Nature host, preschool · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[RANGER ROSIE kneels in tall grass with a magnifying glass. She whispers]

Shh. We have to be very quiet. We're on a bug hunt.

Let's look under this leaf. Slowly. Ready?

Ooh! A beetle! See how shiny he is? Like a little green button.

And look, he has six legs. Let's count them. One, two, three, four, five, six!

Oh, he's walking away. Bye, beetle! Thanks for saying hi.

What else can we find? Let's check that log. Tiptoe with me.

Sir Nibbles Guards the Cookie Jar

Cartoon hero, comedy · Any · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

Cast: SIR NIBBLES JESS

A kitchen counter, midnight. SIR NIBBLES, a hamster in a thimble helmet, stands guard. JESS, eight, in pajamas, reaches up

SIR NIBBLES Halt! Who goes there?

JESS It's me. Jess. I live here.

SIR NIBBLES None may pass the Jar of Cookies without the secret password!

JESS Is it "please"?

SIR NIBBLES ...That is disturbingly close. Try again.

JESS Pretty please?

SIR NIBBLES Wrong! The password is "Nibbles the Magnificent, Defender of Crumbs."

JESS You just told me.

SIR NIBBLES [horrified] I did.

JESS Nibbles the Magnificent, Defender of Crumbs.

SIR NIBBLES Curses! Very well. You may take one cookie.

JESS Can I take two if I give you one?

SIR NIBBLES A knight cannot be bribed!

JESS It's chocolate chip.

SIR NIBBLES [long pause] A knight can be bribed a little.

JESS Deal.

SIR NIBBLES This conversation never happened.

JESS What conversation?

SIR NIBBLES Precisely. Now go, before the Dread Cat awakens.

JESS Mittens is asleep on the dishwasher.

SIR NIBBLES That is exactly what she wants you to think.

SIR NIBBLES Excellent. You'd make a fine knight, Jess.

Previously on Stormclaw Squad

Toy-line cartoon, episode recap · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[Fast-cut clips. Lightning, a castle, a giant mechanical crab]

Previously on Stormclaw Squad!

The Crab King stole the Thunder Crystal and hid it deep in Rumble Canyon.

Jax lost his hover board in a very embarrassing way.

And Nova discovered she can talk to birds. Mostly pigeons. They have a lot of opinions.

Now the squad must team up to get the crystal back, before the Crab King turns Harbor City into one giant sandcastle!

Countess Crankshaw Hates Birthdays

Silly villain, scheme · Elderly character · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

[COUNTESS CRANKSHAW, in a tower of clocks, stirs a cauldron with an umbrella]

Balloons. Streamers. Singing. Ugh! The whole town is singing that silly song again. For whom, this time?

The baker's twins. Of course. Two birthdays at once. Double the noise!

Well, not anymore. Tonight, I will stop every clock in Tickleberry. If time can't move forward, nobody gets any older. And if nobody gets older...

No more birthdays! Ever! Ha! Ha ha!

[cackles, then coughs]

Don't look at me like that, Mister Whiskers. I'm not being mean. I'm being efficient.

[beat, quieter]

Besides. Nobody ever came to mine.

Seventy-three years. Seventy-three cakes. Every one of them eaten by me and a cat.

[a knock at the door. Faint singing outside]

What... who's that? Mister Whiskers, why are there people at my door? With a cake?

[sniffs]

Well. I suppose the clocks can wait until tomorrow.

Snack Time at Blinky Base

Toy-line cartoon, ensemble comedy · Any · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

Cast: DASH VOLT GIZMO

BLINKY BASE, a secret hideout inside a giant traffic light. COMMANDER VOLT, GIZMO and DASH stare at one last granola bar on the table

DASH So. There's only one.

VOLT As commander, I claim the granola bar.

DASH As the guy who hasn't eaten since breakfast, I claim the granola bar!

GIZMO I do not eat. I am a robot. However, I would like to hold it.

VOLT Why do you want to hold it?

GIZMO It looks cozy.

DASH Okay, we split it. Three ways. Easy.

VOLT It's tiny, Dash. A third of it is a crumb.

DASH A crumb is still a snack.

SFX: alarm blares. Red lights flash

GIZMO Alert. Alert. Doctor Drizzle is attacking the ice cream factory.

VOLT Team! Battle positions!

DASH Not until we settle the granola bar!

VOLT Dash, there's a whole ice cream factory in danger!

DASH ...Is the ice cream free if we save it?

GIZMO The factory usually gives heroes a thank-you cone.

DASH Then why are we still standing here? Let's go, let's go, let's go!

VOLT Blinky Base, blast off!

SFX: rockets roar. Then silence. One tiny crunch

GIZMO [calmly, mouth full] I lied. I can eat.

SFX: rockets roar back

DASH [from the doorway] GIZMO!

GIZMO It was very cozy.

Tuba Ted Says Sorry

Preschool, feelings · Child (played by adult) · Any (character choice) · 30 seconds

[TUBA TED, a small elephant, shuffles up to his friend Lulu the mouse and her fallen block tower]

Um. Lulu? I have something to say.

When I was dancing, my trunk went swoosh. And your tower went crash. That was me.

I'm sorry, Lulu. I didn't mean to, but I still did it. And you worked really hard on it.

[beat]

Can I help you build it again? I'll keep my trunk very, very still. Like this. See?

Okay, maybe a little wiggle.

All Aboard the Alphabet Express

Educational, letters · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[CONDUCTOR CLEM leans out of a bright toy train]

All aboard the Alphabet Express! Choo choo! Our first stop is the letter B.

B says buh. Buh, buh, bus. Buh, buh, banana. Buh, buh, bubble!

Can you say buh?

[waits]

Great job! Next stop, the letter M. M says mmm. Mmm, moon. Mmm, mitten. Mmm, marshmallow.

Mmm, that makes me hungry. All aboard! Next stop, the snack car!

Lab Log of Penny Pickett, Age Nine

Kid genius, comedy · Child (played by adult) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

[PENNY PICKETT talks into a walkie-talkie she's taped to a flashlight. Her garage lab is smoking slightly]

Lab log, day one. Penny Pickett, age nine, genius. Also fourth grade.

Today I invented the Homework Helper 3000. You put your worksheet in, it thinks really hard, and out comes the answers. Science!

I tested it on my math. It worked perfectly. Mom said "wow." I said "I know."

Lab log, day two. Update.

The Homework Helper 3000 has started doing everyone's homework. Including homework nobody asked for.

It did my brother's. It did the neighbor's. It did the dog's.

The dog doesn't go to school.

Also it's now making up homework. For me. It gave me a worksheet about my feelings.

[SFX: printer whirring]

It's printing more. It's printing so many more.

Note for day three: invent the Homework Stopper. Very, very fast.

[SFX: a loud ding]

Oh no. It's grading me.

Flashbolt's Locker Room Pep Talk

Cartoon hero, pep talk · Teen · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[FLASHBOLT, teen captain of the Sparkton Bolts, stands on a bench]

Okay, team. Listen up. Out there are the Iron Invaders. They're shiny. They're huge. They never get tired.

But you know what they don't have?

Snacks at halftime. And each other.

They were built to win. We just really, really like winning. That's different.

So we play fast, we play smart, and we believe in each other.

Bolts on three! One, two, three!

Detective Bumble and the Missing Sock

Preschool mystery, comedy · Any · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

Cast: BUMBLE WHIRLY

A laundry room. DETECTIVE BUMBLE, a bee in a tiny trench coat, circles the washing machine, WHIRLY

BUMBLE Mister Whirly. You were the last one to see the purple sock.

WHIRLY I see lots of socks. Socks come, socks go.

BUMBLE Where did this one go?

WHIRLY Around and around, mostly.

BUMBLE And then?

WHIRLY And then... I got distracted by a towel.

BUMBLE A likely story. Do you know what I found near your door?

WHIRLY A clue?

BUMBLE A fluffy purple fuzzball. Sock fuzz, Mister Whirly.

WHIRLY [nervous rumble] Lots of things are purple. Grapes. Plums. Your hat.

BUMBLE My hat is maroon.

WHIRLY Right, sorry.

BUMBLE Open up.

WHIRLY I'd rather not.

BUMBLE Mister Whirly.

SFX: a door clicks open. A pile of socks spills out

BUMBLE Forty-seven socks!

WHIRLY [quietly] I get lonely in here. The dryer never talks to me. It just hums.

BUMBLE Oh, Mister Whirly. You could have just asked for a friend.

WHIRLY Will you visit?

BUMBLE Every Tuesday. Laundry day. But the socks go home, Mister Whirly. Case closed.

Where Does Rain Go?

Educational, weather host · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

[WENDY WHIRLWIND, host of a weather show, crouches next to a big puddle in the sunshine]

Hi, weather friends! Look at this puddle. Yesterday it rained, and this puddle was huge. Now look. It's getting smaller. Where do you think the water is going?

[waits]

Into the ground? A little bit, yes. But some of it is going up. Into the sky!

When the sun warms the puddle, tiny bits of water float up, so small we can't even see them. Up, up, up they go, until they meet other tiny bits of water, high in the cold sky.

And when lots and lots of them hold hands, what do they make?

[waits]

A cloud. You're so right!

Then the cloud gets so full and so heavy that... drip, drop. It rains! And the rain makes a brand new puddle.

So this puddle isn't really going away. It's going on a trip. And it will come back.

Let's wave goodbye. Bye, puddle. See you soon!

Smudge Is Scared of Sparks

Preschool, feelings · Child (played by adult) · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

[A mountain meadow. SMUDGE, a very small purple dragon, hides behind a rock while the other dragons practice breathing fire]

Everybody else can do it. Look. Whoosh. Whoosh. Even my little cousin can do it, and she's only four.

[peeks out]

I tried once. A big spark came out of my nose and I got so scared I sat on a cactus.

That's a lot of scared for one dragon.

[breath]

Grandma Fumi says being scared is okay. She says you don't have to be brave all at once. You can be brave a tiny bit.

So maybe I could do a tiny spark. Not a whoosh. Just a... pff.

Okay. Big breath in. Like smelling a flower.

[breathes in]

And out... like blowing out a birthday candle.

[a tiny pop]

Did you see that? A spark! A tiny, tiny spark! And I didn't sit on anything!

I'm going to try again tomorrow. Maybe I'll do two.

Granny Griswold, Super Senior

Cartoon hero, elderly comedy · Elderly character · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

[A quiet street. GRANNY GRISWOLD, in a knitted cape and running shoes, hears a shout from the park]

Did somebody say help? Hold my knitting, Bernard.

[SFX: a whoosh]

Granny Griswold is here. Faster than a fresh-baked muffin. Stronger than a pot of strong tea!

Now, what's the trouble, dear? A kite? Stuck in the big oak tree? Oh, I've seen worse. In 1985 I pulled a whole hot air balloon off a church steeple.

[She stretches]

Stand back, everyone. Let Granny work.

[SFX: a bounce, a rustle of leaves]

Got it! One kite, back in one piece.

Now, young man, before you run off. Did you say thank you? Lovely. And have you had a vegetable today? No? Here's a carrot. I always keep one in my cape.

[beat]

Oh, my goodness, look at the time. My soap opera starts in two minutes.

Granny Griswold, away!

[SFX: a whoosh, then a tiny squeak]

...Bernard, did I leave my hearing aid on the bench?

The Comet Crew Can't Agree

Toy-line cartoon, ensemble comedy · Teen · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Cast: ORBIT RADAR JUNO ALL

The bridge of a brand new spaceship. ORBIT, RADAR and JUNO of the Comet Crew stand at the controls

ORBIT Okay, team. Our new ship is ready for launch. There's just one problem.

RADAR The engines?

ORBIT The engines are great.

JUNO The snack machine?

ORBIT The snack machine is great. The problem is, she doesn't have a name.

JUNO Oh. Oh. The Space Taco!

ORBIT No.

JUNO The Flying Taco!

ORBIT Still a taco, Juno.

RADAR How about the Hyperspeed Interstellar Exploration Vehicle Mark Two?

ORBIT That takes ten seconds to say.

RADAR Eleven, actually.

JUNO What about Starbiscuit?

ORBIT Why is everything food?

JUNO I'm hungry. We've been arguing for an hour.

SFX: an alarm

RADAR Uh-oh. A meteor shower, heading for the Moon Base!

ORBIT We have to launch now. But we can't launch without a name!

JUNO Wait. What's the one thing we all agree on?

pause

RADAR We're a team.

ORBIT We stick together.

JUNO And we always come back.

ORBIT That's it. The Homeward!

ALL Comet Crew, launch the Homeward!

Duke Drizzlewick's Ice Cream Freeze

Silly villain, monologue · Adult (any) · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

[DUKE DRIZZLEWICK, in a damp castle, stands beside a huge machine shaped like a snowflake]

Ha. At last, my Super Freeze-o-Tron is complete!

With one press of this button, every ice cream in the town of Sunnybrook will freeze solid. As hard as a rock. No more scooping. No more licking. No more sprinkles!

The children will stand in the sun with their cones, and they will lick, and lick, and nothing will happen!

Mwah ha ha!

[He pauses]

Hmm. Although. That does sound a bit sad.

Especially for the strawberry. Strawberry's my favourite. Not that villains have favourites. Villains only like... vinegar. And gravel.

[beat]

Well, maybe I'll freeze everything except strawberry. That's still very evil.

And maybe the chocolate chip. And the mint.

Oh, bother. I'll just freeze the vanilla. Nobody minds about vanilla.

[He presses the button]

[SFX: a sad little fizzle]

What? It's broken? Ha. I mean... oh no. Curse you, broken machine! Now who wants a cone?

Shelly the Snail Is Late

Preschool, patience · Child (played by adult) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

[A garden path. SHELLY, a tiny snail with a pink shell, slides along very, very slowly]

Hi. I'm Shelly. I'm going to Ladybug Lola's birthday party. It starts at three o'clock!

[beat]

What time is it now? Two o'clock? Oh, good. I left yesterday.

I'm going as fast as I can. This is my fastest. I'm zooming. Can you tell?

[a little puff]

Phew. Okay. I can see the flower. That's where the party is. It's only... ten steps away. That's about an hour for me.

The beetles all ran past me. They said, "Hurry up, Shelly!" But you know what? They missed the rainbow in the puddle. They missed the caterpillar doing a dance. They missed the smell of the roses.

I saw all of it.

[beat]

So I'm not late. I'm just taking the long way. The looking way.

[cheering in the distance]

Oh. They're singing. I made it. And look, they saved me some cake!

Mister Marbles and the Shape Hunt

Educational, shapes · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

[MISTER MARBLES, a cheerful host in a bow tie, stands in a colorful playroom holding a magnifying glass]

Hello, shape spotters. It's me, Mister Marbles. Today we're going on a shape hunt. Ready? Let's go!

First, I'm looking for a circle. Round and round, with no corners at all. Can you see one?

[waits]

The clock. Yes. The clock is a circle!

Next, a square. Four sides, all the same size. Hmm. Where could a square be?

[waits]

The window. Wonderful!

Now a tricky one. A triangle. Three sides and three pointy corners.

[waits]

The slice of pizza on my plate. Great job! And it's my lunch, so let's not touch it.

[beat]

Last one. A star. It has five points. Is there a star in this room?

[waits]

I don't see one either. Hmm.

Oh. Wait. Look at my bow tie. Is it... a star? Yes. It is! I've been wearing a star all day and I didn't even know.

You are the best shape spotters ever. See you next time!

Grandma Luna's Moon Bakery

Preschool, imagination · Elderly character · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

[GRANDMA LUNA, in a flour-covered apron, stands in a little bakery on top of the moon]

Oh, hello, dear! Come in, come in. Welcome to my moon bakery.

Mind the craters. They're very bumpy. Now wash your hands. Good.

Today we're making star cookies. They're my favourite. Can you help me?

First, a cup of moon flour. It's very soft and sparkly. Pour it in the bowl. Whoosh!

Next, a spoon of comet sugar. Just one. Comet sugar is very sweet, and very fizzy. Ooh, listen. It's crackling.

Now, a little milk from the Milky Way. Stir, stir, stir. Can you stir with me? Round and round.

[beat]

Now the most important part. We each have to make a wish into the bowl. That's what makes them twinkle.

I'll wish for a nice cup of tea. What will you wish for?

[waits]

Oh, that's a lovely wish.

Into the oven they go. And we wait.

[SFX: a soft ding]

There! Look how they glow. Now, would you like the first one? Careful, dear. They're still a little bit hot.

The Bunk Bed Noise

Preschool, social-emotional · Child (played by adult) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Cast: IVY FINN

A dark bedroom. FINN, seven, on the top bunk. IVY, five, on the bottom bunk. A soft scratching sound

IVY Finn. Finn. Are you awake?

FINN No.

IVY You're talking.

FINN I'm sleep-talking.

IVY Did you hear that noise?

FINN What noise?

SFX: scratch, scratch

FINN ...Oh. That noise.

IVY What is it?

FINN Probably nothing. Probably the wind.

IVY The window's closed.

FINN Then it's... a very small wind.

IVY Can you check?

FINN You check. You're closer to the floor.

IVY You're the big brother.

FINN Okay. Okay. I'm checking. Hold my hand.

IVY I can't reach. You're up there.

FINN Then hold my foot.

SFX: scratch, scratch, then a soft "mrrp"

IVY Finn. The noise just said "mrrp."

FINN Monsters don't say "mrrp."

IVY Who says "mrrp"?

FINN ...Pancake!

IVY It's Pancake! He's in the closet!

FINN He's been in there since dinner. He wanted to sleep on our sweaters.

IVY Silly Pancake. You scared us.

FINN You scared Ivy. I was fine.

IVY Can he sleep with me?

FINN Okay. But only if I can come down too.

Sir Percival and the Lonely Dragon

Cartoon hero, comedy · Any · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

Cast: PERCIVAL MARGO

A cave on a hill. SIR PERCIVAL PUDDING, a very small knight with a very big helmet, points a wooden sword at MARGO, a very large dragon

PERCIVAL Halt, foul beast! I am Sir Percival Pudding, and I have come to defeat you!

MARGO Oh. Hello.

PERCIVAL Hello? Hello? Dragons don't say hello! Dragons roar!

MARGO I can roar if you want. It's just... I don't really like it. It hurts my throat.

PERCIVAL But you've been scaring the whole village!

MARGO I have?

PERCIVAL They hear terrible noises from this cave every night!

MARGO Oh, that's me. Singing. I'm practicing for the village show.

PERCIVAL You want to be in the village show?

MARGO I want to be in the village anything. Nobody ever invites me. They always run away.

beat

PERCIVAL ...Because you're very big.

MARGO I can't help being big.

He lowers his sword

PERCIVAL No. I suppose you can't. I can't help being small.

MARGO You're the perfect size for a knight.

PERCIVAL Really? Thank you.

MARGO Would you like a cup of tea? I've got biscuits.

PERCIVAL Well. A knight must never refuse biscuits. It's the law.

MARGO Then will you come to the show with me?

PERCIVAL I'll sit in the front row. And I'll clap the loudest.

Ms. Periwinkle's Dinosaur Tour

Educational, museum host · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 60 seconds

[A huge museum hall full of dinosaur skeletons. MS. PERIWINKLE, a guide with a big name badge, leads a class of kids]

Welcome, explorers, to the Hall of Dinosaurs! Stay close, and remember, no climbing on anything with teeth.

Look up. Way up. This is Brachiosaurus. Its neck is so long, it could look into a window on the fourth floor of a building. Imagine that looking in while you're eating breakfast!

Over here, this little one is Compsognathus. It was only about the size of a chicken. A very fast chicken.

And here... is my favorite. Triceratops. Three horns, and a big bony frill around its head, like a fancy collar.

[beat]

Now, does anyone know how we know about dinosaurs, if nobody ever saw one?

[waits]

That's right. Fossils! Bones and footprints left in rock for millions of years. Scientists dig them up very carefully with tiny brushes.

[She leans in]

And guess what? Scientists are still finding new dinosaurs every year. Maybe one day

one of you will find one!

Now, who wants to see the giant footprint? Follow me!

Pickle and Plum Build a Fort

Preschool, teamwork · Any · Neutral American · 60 seconds

Cast: PICKLE PLUM

A living room. PICKLE, an energetic green bear, and PLUM, a calm purple rabbit, stand in a pile of cushions and blankets

PICKLE Okay! Let's build the biggest fort in the whole world!

PLUM I want to build a cozy fort.

PICKLE Big is better! With a tower! And a slide!

PLUM A slide inside a fort?

PICKLE Why not?

PLUM Because I want a quiet corner for reading. With a lamp.

PICKLE Lamps are boring.

PLUM Slides are bumpy.

beat

PICKLE Hmm. We can't both build different forts.

PLUM We only have one sofa.

PICKLE And one blanket with stars on it.

PLUM That's the best blanket.

pause

PLUM What if...

PICKLE What if what?

PLUM What if the fort has a big part and a cozy part?

PICKLE A big part for the tower?

PLUM And a cozy part for reading?

PICKLE And the star blanket goes over the top of both!

PLUM Then it's one fort.

PICKLE The best fort.

PLUM Okay. You build the tower. I'll get the pillows.

PICKLE And then can we read in the cozy part?

PLUM Of course. That's what it's for.

PICKLE Can it be a story about a slide?

PLUM ...Yes, Pickle.

Squeaks Saves the Day

Sidekick, comic · Teen · Any (character choice) · 60 seconds

Cast: GLUMP THUNDERBOLT SQUEAKS

A villain's lair. CAPTAIN THUNDERBOLT is stuck in a giant blob of jelly. His sidekick SQUEAKS, a small mouse in a cape, stands frozen. PROFESSOR GLUMP laughs at his control panel

GLUMP Ha. Your famous hero is stuck in my Jelly Trap. Now nobody can stop me!

THUNDERBOLT Squeaks. You'll have to stop him!

SQUEAKS Me? I'm the sidekick. I hold the map. I carry the snacks!

THUNDERBOLT You can do this, buddy!

GLUMP In ten seconds, my Jelly Ray will turn the whole city into dessert!

SQUEAKS Okay. Okay, okay. What would Captain Thunderbolt do?

THUNDERBOLT Punch the machine!

SQUEAKS I can't punch. My arms are this long.

THUNDERBOLT Then do what you're good at!

SQUEAKS What am I good at?

THUNDERBOLT Getting into small places!

beat

SQUEAKS ...Small places.

SFX: a scurry

GLUMP Where did that mouse go?

SQUEAKS In here. Inside your machine! And there's a big red wire marked "Do Not Pull."

GLUMP Don't you dare!

SQUEAKS I'm a sidekick. We always pull the wire.

SFX: a pop, then a sad fizzle

GLUMP My Jelly Ray!

THUNDERBOLT Squeaks, you did it!

SQUEAKS I did it. I really did it! Can I hold the map now?

The Night the Stars Went Missing

Storybook narration, character voices · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 90 seconds

[A storybook opens. A little town under a dark, starless sky]

One night in the town of Hollyhock, the stars did not come out.

The sky was dark and empty, like a blackboard with nothing written on it.

Little Otto the owl was the first to notice. "Hoo," he said. "Hoo stole the stars?"

He flew to the top of the tallest tree, where Old Mrs. Badger lived.

"Mrs. Badger," he said. "The stars are gone."

Mrs. Badger put on her glasses. "Perhaps they're just late," she said.

Otto flew to the pond, where the frogs were singing.

"Frogs! Have you seen the stars?"

"Ribbit," said the biggest frog. "We thought it was just very cloudy."

So Otto flew higher. Higher than the tree. Higher than the hill. Higher than he had ever flown before.

And at the very top of the sky, he found them. All the stars, huddled together in a sleepy little pile.

"What are you doing up here?" Otto asked.

A tiny star yawned. "We're tired," it said. "We shine every single night. We just needed a

rest."

Otto thought about that. Owls stay up all night too.

"I understand," he said. "But the town misses you. Could you shine just a little? Only the brave ones?"

The stars whispered together. Then one by one, the bravest ones floated back to their places.

And the town of Hollyhock looked up, and smiled, and went to sleep.

Otto curled up in his tree.

"Goodnight, stars," he whispered.

And the stars twinkled, softly, goodnight.

Feelings Weather Report

Preschool, feelings · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[SUNNY SAM, a weather host, stands in front of a big map of a smiley face]

Good morning! Here's today's feelings forecast.

This morning, we've got some grumpy clouds, because somebody's toast got burnt.

By lunch, we'll see bright sunshine. That's called happy.

This afternoon, there's a chance of a little rain. That's sad. And that's okay. Rain helps flowers grow.

[beat]

How's your weather today?

[waits]

Thank you for telling me. All kinds of weather are welcome here.

Gloop Says Hello

Creature, bark · Any (creature) · Any (character choice) · 30 seconds

[GLOOP, a wobbly green blob, oozes out from under a bed]

Hellooooo. Don't be scared. I'm Gloop!

I live under your bed. It's very cozy. Lots of socks. Thank you for the socks.

I like jumping, wobbling, and eating crumbs. I do not like vacuum cleaners. Very scary.

[wobbles]

Do you want to be friends? I'm very good at hugs. A little sticky. But very good.

Okay. Wobble wobble. See you after bath time!

Sheriff Snickerdoodle's Wanted Poster

Comic town character, announcement · Elderly character · Any (character choice) · 30 seconds

[SHERIFF SNICKERDOODLE pins a poster to the wall of the Cookieville jail]

Listen up, folks! There's an outlaw loose in Cookieville!

This outlaw has been nibbling the corners off every cookie in town. Three hundred cookies, all with one little bite gone!

Wanted, for nibbling. Reward: one extra-large gingersnap.

[He looks at the poster]

Hmm. The outlaw's got whiskers. And a long tail. And...

[He looks down]

...and a crumb on his nose. Right there by my boot. Howdy, partner.

Princess Pudding Fixes the Bridge

Cartoon hero, problem-solving · Teen · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[A castle drawbridge, stuck halfway. PRINCESS PUDDING rolls up her sleeves and grabs a toolbox]

Stand back, everybody! No, Sir Reginald, don't wait for a knight. I've got this.

Hmm. The chain is tangled, and this gear is missing a tooth.

Wrench. Hammer. Bit of string. And one hair clip. That should do it.

[SFX: clank, clank, whirr]

There. The bridge is down! Problem solved.

What? Princesses can't fix things? Who told you that? I've been fixing this castle since I was six.

Doctor Pawsome's Check-Up

Preschool, pretend play · Any · Neutral American · 30 seconds

Cast: DOCTOR PAWSOME BISCUIT

A play vet clinic. DOCTOR PAWSOME, a cheerful vet, kneels next to BISCUIT, a fluffy puppy

DOCTOR PAWSOME Hi, Biscuit. Are you ready for your check-up?

BISCUIT Will it hurt?

DOCTOR PAWSOME Not one bit. First, I'll listen to your heart. Boom-boom, boom-boom. Strong and happy!

BISCUIT That tickles.

DOCTOR PAWSOME Now, open wide and say "ahh."

BISCUIT Ahhh.

DOCTOR PAWSOME Lovely teeth. And a quick look in your ears. Hello in there! All done!

BISCUIT That's it? That wasn't scary at all. Do I get a sticker?

DOCTOR PAWSOME Two stickers. You were very brave.

Lightning Lizard Strikes

Cartoon hero, entrance · Teen · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[A busy parking lot. A runaway line of shopping carts rolls toward a fruit stand. A green blur skids to a stop]

Whoa there, carts! Not today!

[SFX: a zip]

Is it a jet? Is it a rocket? Nope. It's a lizard. With a cape.

Grab the handle. Turn the wheels. Easy, easy...

[SFX: a gentle crash into a pile of cushions]

Phew! Every apple is safe! Every orange, every banana, and one very surprised pineapple!

And the carts are back where they belong.

Lightning Lizard, strike! And by strike, I mean... I'll put these back now.

Grumpus Has a Bad Day

Preschool, feelings · Any · Any (character choice) · 30 seconds

Cast: TOPPY GRUMPUS

A little cave. GRUMPUS, a big blue monster, sits with his arms crossed. TOPPY, a small yellow bird, lands next to him

TOPPY Hi, Grumpus. You look grumpy.

GRUMPUS I am grumpy. I dropped my sandwich in a puddle.

TOPPY Oh no. That's a sad sandwich.

GRUMPUS And it was my favourite. Mud and turnip.

TOPPY Do you want to talk about it?

GRUMPUS No.

pause

GRUMPUS Can you just sit here?

TOPPY I can do that.

GRUMPUS ...Thank you. I feel a little less grumpy now.

Madame Mothball's Rainy Plan

Silly villain, rant · Adult (any) · Any (character choice) · 30 seconds

[MADAME MOTHBALL, in a dusty tower, holds a jar with a small cloud inside]

Ha. Behold. My Picnic Ruiner!

When I open this jar, a rain cloud will float over the park and rain on every picnic. Soggy sandwiches. Damp blankets. Wet crisps!

[She opens the jar]

Go, cloud. Rain on them all. Rain on the swings. Rain on the ice cream truck. Rain on the duck pond, even though the ducks won't mind!

[The cloud floats out. It is the size of a grape. It drizzles on her shoe]

...Oh, come on. You were supposed to be bigger.

The Rhyme Time Rocket

Educational, rhyming · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[COMMANDER ROXY sits in the Rhyme Time Rocket, ready for blast off]

Rhyme Time Rocket, ready for launch. But we need fuel. And our fuel is rhymes!

Cat. Hat. Those rhyme. Fuel tank going up!

Moon. Spoon. Another rhyme. Engines warming up!

Frog. Log. Rhyme. We're nearly ready!

Now you try. What rhymes with star?

[waits]

Car. Jar. Far. You're amazing!

Five, four, three, two, one... rhyme time, blast off!

Benny Bounce Lands It

Kid daredevil, comedy · Child (played by adult) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[A backyard trampoline. BENNY BOUNCE, eight, wearing a helmet and a homemade cape]

Ladies and gentlemen, the world's most amazing trampoline trick! The Triple Twisty Tornado!

[bouncing]

First I bounce. Then I bounce higher. Then I spin three times in the air and land like a superhero!

Ready? Three... two... one!

[SFX: boing, then a soft flump]

...That was a single twisty tornado. And a sit-down landing.

Which is harder, actually. Nobody's ever done a sit-down landing that good. Ta-da! Same time tomorrow, folks!

Agent Acorn's Secret Mission

Cartoon hero, spy · Adult (any) · Any (character choice) · 30 seconds

[AGENT ACORN, a squirrel in sunglasses, creeps along a fence at night]

This is Agent Acorn. I'm going in.

Target located. A bird feeder. Heavily guarded by two pigeons and one very nosy cat.

I climb the pole. I slide along the wire. The cat is looking the other way. The pigeons are busy arguing. I reach the feeder.

[beat]

Mission complete. One sunflower seed recovered.

[He eats it]

Mission really complete. Agent Acorn, signing off. Same time tomorrow.

Farmer Fern's Barn Wake-Up

Preschool host, animal sounds · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 30 seconds

[FARMER FERN opens the big red barn door at sunrise]

Good morning, barn. Time to wake up! Can you help me?

What does the cow say?

[waits]

Moo. Good morning, Daisy. Here's your breakfast!

What does the pig say?

[waits]

Oink. Good morning, Pepper. No rolling in the mud before lunch!

And the rooster? He should be first!

[waits]

[SFX: a tiny snore]

...Oh. Rooster's still asleep. Shh. Let's let him rest.

Turbo Tortoise, Go!

Cartoon hero, bark · Adult (any) · Any (character choice) · 15 seconds

[TURBO TORTOISE stands at the starting line in racing goggles]

Never fear, friends! When trouble starts, I'm there in a flash! Slow and steady wins the race!

Turbo Tortoise... go!

[long pause]

I'm going. I'm going. I'll be there by Friday.

Noodle Ninja Strikes

Cartoon hero, bark · Teen · Neutral American · 15 seconds

[NOODLE NINJA flips onto a kitchen counter]

Silent as a spoon. Quick as a fork. Twistier than a big bowl of spaghetti!

I am Noodle Ninja! Bad guys, beware! And dinner is served!

Slurp!

The Hiccup Ghost

Preschool comedy, ghost · Child (played by adult) · Neutral American · 15 seconds

[A little ghost, BOO-BOO, floats into a bedroom]

Wooooo! I am a very scary... hic! Ghost.

Wooo... hic! Oh, this keeps happening.

Fine. Not scary. Just... boo. Hic. Do you know how to stop hiccups? Want to play?

Captain Starling Signs Off

Cartoon hero, sign-off · Adult (any) · Neutral American · 15 seconds

[CAPTAIN STARLING waves from the window of his rocket]

That's all for today, space cadets! The galaxy is safe once again.

And remember, you were brave today too. You tried something new, and that's what heroes do. See you next time!

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