

A Mind the Gap Production

BIRDIE



Access Synopsis

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Birdie:

An outdoor theatre show for everyone, especially children aged 5 - 10 years old.

Show Time

About 30 minutes show to watch.

Afterwards around 15 minutes free flow craft activity around the set.

Access information

The show has no words

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Characters



Homie



Sammie



Birdie

The story

A big pile of rubbish arrives at the space. It looks like something is hidden under it.

Sammie arrives with a littler picker in a rush. He has been chasing after the pile of rubbish and he is out of breath. He decides to leave the rubbish as it is for now and asks the audience if anyone has any rubbish to throw away.

Homie arrives at the area pulling along their mobile home. They say hi to everyone in the audience and to Sammie. They decide to settle at this spot for the day.

Homie asks Sammie to help pitch the mobile home onto the ground. Afterwards, Homie invites Sammie to their mobile home and they have a drink together. Homie asks Sammie to make himself at home.



Homie puts some bird feed on their hand and holds it up to the sky. They whistle to see if there is a bird. There is no bird, just like every day.

Homie puts some music on and starts daydreaming. A plastic bag floats in the air, dangling from the litter picker held by Sammie. The plastic bag brushes over Homie's face and disrupts their thoughts. Homie tries to grab the bag, but every time they get close, the wind blows the bag away.



The plastic bag finally lands on the big pile of rubbish. Suddenly, the wind blows harder. The big pile of rubbish is blown off the ground by the wind and is chasing after Homie! Homie is scared and they run away. There is a chase.



Finally Homie stops the chase. Homie sees there's something strange underneath the pile of rubbish. They see a beak! Homie pushes back the top of the pile of rubbish... it is Birdie who is under the rubbish!

Homie is very excited about finally meeting a bird. They offer Birdie some bird feed, but Birdie looks sad and turns away.



Homie realises Birdie is all tangled up in plastic! Homie pulls off plastic bottles, plastic bags, six pack rings and finally clears Birdie from the big coat of plastic. Birdie is finally freed.

Homie offers Birdie some bird feed, this time Birdie happily accepts it. Homie shows Birdie their mobile home. They start to develop a friendship and boogie together.

Suddenly Birdie doesn't feel so well in the tummy. Birdie is going to be sick!



Birdie pukes out a long string of rubbish that it has eaten in the wild. The rubbish includes crisps packets, plastic bottles, electronic wastes, fast fashion items and single use plastic.

Sammie takes three bins out, each bin is labelled “Reduce”, “Reuse”, “Recycle”. Sammie, Homie and Birdie decide to sort the rubbish in the right bin.



The three of them also play with each item first before putting them in the bins.



They finish the job. Homie and Birdie carry on hanging out. Homie offers Birdie more bird feed, and Birdie lets Homie feel their wings. They are starting a dance together.

However, the joy is disrupted by more pollution! There is an oil leak and Birdie is drenched in black oil. Birdie's wings become heavy and sticky.



Sammi turns the mobile home round and reveals a backdrop of the nature.

Sammie, Homie and Birdie work together to create a fast-paced dance montage, and in the process cover the nature with props that shows human activities. These include deforestation, traffic on the road, factories and air pollution and fossil fuel mining.



At the end of the montage Birdie is trampled to the ground. It feels hopeless. Homie tries their very best to pull Birdie up, they fail. But they have an idea...



Homie runs away and calls for help! They come back with action figures in their hand holding up a placard that says “Stop”. Homie gives mini placards and action figures out to the audience. Sammie encourages everyone to shout “Stop” to the destruction.

Everyone joins in!



After the mini-protest, Homie pulls out a bit of greenery from their home. With Sammie’s help they cover the cars, factory and planes with greenery again.



Homie finds a red flower from the greenery. They clip the flower next to Birdie’s ear. A magical transformation of Birdie starts. With Homie and Sammie’s help, Birdie obtains a large pair of gloriously colourful wings, and their brown feathers turn shimmery and colourful.



Birdie flies and twirls majestically and joyfully. Homie joins Birdie in a dance. They play with each other and embrace each other with much joy and freedom.



At the end, Birdie spread their wings wide and reveals a message to everyone, "You are not alone". Sammie jumps out with a banner which says "ACT NOW".

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