Social Story

Sensory Friendly Performance:
Sunday, November 11th
At 2:00 p.m.

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN!
I am going to Northwestern University to see a play called You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown!

I will come to see the show by bus, train, car, or walking.
Northwestern Wirtz Center

When I get to Northwestern, I will enter the Wirtz Center for the Performing Arts.

(A map is at the end of the social story for my family)
Before the Show

The show will start at 2 pm, but I can arrive as early as 1:15 pm to color or write what makes me happy and take a picture with a kite. The coloring will stop when the show starts.

The actors need to finish preparing for the show, so the doors to the theatre won’t open until 1:45 pm.
Lobby
When I enter the lobby I will meet Allyson, Rachel, and other teaching artists.
Bathrooms

There is one men’s bathroom and one women’s bathroom in the lobby. If I need a drink, there is a water fountain by the men’s bathroom.

The toilets are automatic so sometimes they might flush before I am ready. They will stop flushing after a few seconds.
Seating

At 1:45 pm, the doors to the theatre will open. I can go and find a seat anytime before 2:00 pm, when the show starts. I get to pick where I want to sit.
Stage

The play will happen on stage. I will not go on stage. I will stay close to my seat.
Welcome Announcement

Before the show begins, an Imagine U staff member will welcome me to the show. They will tell me where the exits are, and what makes this show special.

The lights will dim, and the play will begin. The lights will never go all the way off.
Glow Wand

Sometimes the show can be a little surprising. An Imagine U staff member will be seated near the stage and will hold up a blue glow wand before anything surprising happens.

If I am feeling nervous, I can cover my eyes or ears, or I can hug the person I came with.
Quiet Room

If I ever need a break, I can always go to the lobby to walk around or sit down. I can also go to the quiet area. The quiet area is in the room across from the theatre, called Wirtz 101. There will be some toys and a teaching artist in there.
A Musical

This show is a musical, which means there is lots of singing, high energy dancing, and live instruments. If the music is ever too loud, I can cover my ears.
Entraines & Exits

During the show, the actors will be using four different entrances and exits and may walk by my seat. There is also a piano that enters near the audience. They will not touch me.
Sounds

There will be live music, singing, and some louder noises, like an alarm clock, in the play. I will always be warned with the glow wand in advance, and I can cover my ears or put on headphones if I want.
Sounds Offstage

There are a few sounds and voices that the actors don’t make, like voices, sound effects, and actors singing offstage. Some are pre-recorded, and some are said backstage. I will always be warned with the glow wand in advance. I can cover my ears or put on headphones if I want.
Actors

There are 6 actors in this play. The actors are wearing costumes and pretending to be characters.
Charlie Brown

Charlie Brown is a lovable guy, but he doesn’t always know how special he is. He is in love with the little red-haired girl who we never see on stage.
Lucy van Pelt

Lucy is Charlie’s friend. She is crabby and bossy, she but loves everyone. She sometimes talks loudly. She really likes Schroeder and loves to listen to him play the piano.
Snoopy

Snoopy is Charlie Brown’s dog. He spends much of his day daydreaming, playing pretend on his doghouse, and thinking about food. Snoopy is played by a human, and will speak. Sometimes the other characters talk with him.
Schroeder

Schroeder is Charlie Brown’s friend. He LOVES to play the piano and LOVES Beethoven. Sometimes Lucy annoys him.
Linus van Pelt

Linus is Lucy’s little brother. He loves his blanket and is very smart for his age.
Sally Brown

Sally is Charlie Brown’s little sister. She loves to jump rope, and she gets sad when she doesn’t do well in school.
Props

There are many objects in the show that are oversized. There is also a kite that flies in the air. When the kite is on the floor, I will not go near it.
Clapping

At the end of the play, the actors will come onto the stage and bow. The audience will start clapping. If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears.
Meet and Greet

After the show, I can meet some of the actors and get their autographs in the lobby!
Activity Books

In the lobby after the show, teaching artists will have study guides available for me to take home. A teaching artist will ask me if I want one. I can respond “yes please” or “no thank you.”
Going Home

I will then exit the lobby and go home with my family.
I will be going to the place circled in red on this map of Northwestern’s campus to see You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown!
Thank you for supporting Imagine U!

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!

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