

The Can-Do Crew Readers' Theatre Show
"Making Old Friends" Community Theater

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with the
CAN-DO CREW

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Leader's Guide

The Can-Do Readers' Theatre Show is an enrichment to the "Making Old Friends" story.

The Script offers the same messages of **Respect, Consideration, Generosity, Altruism, Community and Multigenerations**. It also:

- provides additional insights and examples and a fuller understanding of the World Changing Words and definitions
- reinforces the themes and character skills addressed in the Unit
- allows all of the students to participate in the theater experience

There are **23** roles with each character having **3-4** lines.

- assign a role (or roles) to each student.
- have the students find their lines throughout the script and highlight them.
- for smaller classes, you may assign one student several roles.
- for larger classes, the same role may be shared by two students: divide the number lines equally between them.
- alternatively, if you have a large group of students, it may be beneficial to pair a stronger reader with a weaker one.
- if time permits, do a "read-through" to familiarize the students with their lines.
- when all preparations have been completed, have the students "perform" the script.

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We are now ready for The Can-Do Crew Readers' Theatre Show!

- Once you have been assigned your role, read over all of your lines.
- As you rehearse, speak clearly so your audience can hear and understand you.
- And remember as an audience member, show respect by being quiet and courteous.
- Be sure to listen for our **World Changing Words** . . . Let the Show Begin!

Can-Do Crew Characters:

Angela
Bella
Jasmine
Kamesha
Kim

Lizzie
Maggie
Rachel
Rupali
Sarah
Whitney

Antonio
Bradley
Carlos
Denzel
Eddie

George
Sam
Jamal
Jason
Marquand
Yoshi



Scene 1: That Old House ~ RESPECT

(A snowy Saturday afternoon in the neighborhood.)

Angela: I love the snow. We can make a snow fort together!

Marquand: How about if we hide and throw snowballs at that old house over there.

Yoshi: No way! We are NOT going to do that! We just learned about **respecting** our neighbors and their homes.

Bradley: That old house is where my friend, Mrs. Green lives and I REALLY **respect** her!

Bella: Really? I always thought that house was empty because I don't see many people there. And who is Mrs. Green?

Jasmine: Oh, my dad told me that she has lived there for over 50 years.

Antonio: Wow that is a LONG time! I bet she is a senior citizen just like my neighbor Mr. Brown who is over 65 years old.

Rachel: Besides **respecting** our neighbors and their homes, we should always respect our elders!

Scene 2: Who is Mrs. Green?~ GENEROSITY

Kamesha: Bradley, how do know Mrs. Green anyway?

Bradley: She is my friend. We talk, read stories, play games and eat cookies together. She makes the best chocolate chip cookies ever!

Denzel: You are telling us you are friends with an old lady?

Maggie: Sure, why not if she is really nice and they have fun together. My dad says that since her children moved away she has been lonely and it is hard for her to get around.

Carlos: That is so sad. She must stay inside by herself most of the time.

Whitney: Bradley, you are so nice to care about Mrs. Green and to visit her.

Eddie: So what else do you do together?

Bradley: Mrs. Green teaches me reading and helps me write stories and poems.

Lizzie: Wow, you are both **generous** with your time and Mrs. Green with her talent.

Scene 3: Coming up with a Plan ~ ALTRUISTIC

Sarah: Wait a minute. How does Mrs. Green get food if she hardly ever goes out?

Rupali: Every Sunday, I see a Senior Center van pull into her driveway. Maybe it takes her to the grocery store.

Kim: My mom volunteers at the Senior Center. They do have a van that takes older people to the store, the doctor and other important places.

George: Look at all that snow. The van will never make it up her driveway tomorrow.

Sam: We could shovel the driveway for her. We could do it just because we want to, -- without being asked.

Jamal: But I thought we were going to play in the snow.

Rachael: We will Jamal, but first we need to care about Bradley's friend and help her. Plus it will be fun!

Everyone: We will be **Altruistic All Stars!**

Scene 4: Asking Permission ~ GIFT OF GOODNESS

(Bradley's Dad comes outside and is looking for the newspaper in the snow.)

Jason: Great idea, but do you think we first need to get permission?

Bella: You know you are right. When we want to do something like this we need to ask permission from an adult. It shows we have **respect**.

Kamesha: There is your dad, Bradley. We can ask him.

Denzel: Mr. Blackman, do you think it would be okay if we shoveled Mrs. Green's driveway for her?

Angela: We want to give Mrs. Green a Can-Do Crew **Gift of Goodness** Coupon!

Marquand: We give it when we do an **Act of Kindness**, such as, helping someone, teaching them something or saying thank you.

Bradley's Dad: Well, that sounds great to me. However, you will have to ask Mrs. Green for permission, as well, since it is her driveway.

Eddie: Okay, we will go ask! We need to be polite and show **respect**.

Scene 5: Meeting Mrs. Green ~ CONSIDERATE

(The group walks over to Mrs. Green's house and Bradley knocks on the door.)

Mrs. Green: Hello Bradley. It is nice to see you and your friends.
What may I do for you?

Bradley: It is what WE CAN DO for YOU Mrs. Green!

Kim: May we present you with our Can-Do Crew
Gift of Goodness Coupon to shovel your driveway
and sidewalk today?

Carlos: Bradley told us that sometimes he helps you with chores
that may be a little difficult for you, like taking out the
garbage and bringing in your mail.

Lizzie: Since Bradley cares about you and your feelings, we also
wanted to show you some **kindness**.

George: Right! So we thought the best way to do that was for all
of us to help you out this afternoon.

Mrs. Green: Thank you for your very **considerate** offer! But, it does
seem like an awful lot of work for you children.

Everyone: Oh, we are happy to do it!

Scene 6: Shoveling the Snow ~ CAN-DO CARING CITIZEN AWARD

(The Crew is shoveling the snow.)

Sam: It is amazing how much we can do when everybody is helping.

Sarah: It would have been almost impossible for Mrs. Green to do this herself.

Antonio: I noticed when we were with her that it is really hard for her to move her hands and feet.

Whitney: When I imagine myself as Mrs. Green trying to dig out this driveway, I can hardly pick up my shovel.

Yoshi: Plus it would be so difficult for her to walk up and down the driveway.

Jason: Now try to picture Mrs. Green doing it without wearing her thick glasses and hearing aid.

Jasmine: You know it is not easy to "see" or "hear" the world through Mrs. Green's eyes and ears.

Eddie: That is exactly why we are out here doing the shoveling for her.

Bradley's Dad: Bravo! You all have just earned the **Can-Do Caring Citizen Award!**

Scene 7: Visiting with Mrs. Green ~ MULTIGENERATIONAL

(Mrs. Green opens her front door and looks outside.)

Bradley's Dad: Good afternoon, Mrs. Green. These kids did a great job!

Mrs. Green: I am so grateful to all of you. Please come in and have some freshly baked cookies.

(The children stomp and shake and brush snow off of them before they enter Mrs. Green's home.)

Bella: Wow, this is a real **multigenerational** get together.

Denzel: You are right! Bradley, his dad, Mr. Blackman, and Mrs. Green are from three different **generations**.

Lizzie: That was just like when my Grandma and her sister, my Great Aunt Beckie, came to my birthday party.

Jamal: I remember that. There were all of us, your parents, your Grandma and her sister and you.

Kim: I didn't even realize it was a **multigenerational** birthday party. It was just a lot of fun!

Sam: This is interesting, but not as interesting as the cookies I smell in here!

Rachel: Mmmmmmm!!! Just let me breathe in all this warm, delicious "cookie" air!

Scene 8: Mrs. Green's Surprise ~ GENEROUS GARDENER

(The children follow Mrs. Green to her study where the walls are covered with school pictures.)

Yoshi: Wow, what a surprise! You have so many class photos framed on your wall from when you were a school teacher.

Sarah: There is Lizzie's mom. Jamal that is your dad. I did not know they all lived in the same **community** growing up.

Jamal: Mrs. Green did you ever have a student like me? I have trouble reading and it makes me feel dumb.

Antonio: There is no such thing as "dumb", Jamal. We all learn at different paces. You may be slow at reading, but you are really smart at math!

Maggie: You just need to find someone who is kind and caring that wants to help tutor you in reading.

Mrs. Green: Jamal, it would make me happy to help you with your reading any time after school or on the weekends. I would not charge you a penny.

Rupali: Mrs. Green, you would be like a **Generous Gardner** giving your gifts of time and talent.

Jason: It is no wonder that all the students liked you and held you in high esteem.

Jamal: Thank you, Mrs. Green! That would be very **generous** of you. I just need to check with my mom first.

Whitney: Well, it is getting dark outside. I think we need to head home now.

Everyone: Thank you, Mrs. Green!

Scene 9: A Good Deed...A Good Day ~ COMMUNITY and THE KINDNESS KID

(The children walking together and talk excitedly about their day.)

Carlos: That sure was better than building a snow fort!

Kamesha: That was one of the best Saturdays ever!

George: I feel like we have a new – OLD – friend.

Bradley: Do you know what Mrs. Green whispered to me before we left? She thanked me for bringing the outside world IN to her.

Angela: I think this day meant a lot to all of us!

Marquand: It was great to help someone who lives in our neighborhood. We should do it again for another person in our **community**.

Maggie: We would be the **Kindness Kids** showing **respect**, **generosity**, **consideration** and **altruism** to all our neighbors.

Bella: That's the same as being part of the Can-Do Crew!

Everyone: We can make a big difference in the world by caring, by finding ways to help and by doing **good deeds**.