



# Hello parents and caregivers!

We are so excited for you and your family to see *Desvelado*, and we are hoping to help you bring the show off of the screen and into your home for a truly immersive performance. Part of the magic of children's theater is getting to watch the kids in the audience "ooh" and "ahh" as the fantastical elements of the story come to life. Now you can recreate that experience with your own kids, even when watching at home!

At its heart, *Desvelado* is an interactive show. It is designed to involve the children in the audience, and we encourage you and your children to interact with our show, just the same as if you were watching it in the theater. Shout at the screen, dance along, and have fun!

# Here are some moments you should look out for, as well as some suggestions for bringing the story into your own home:

# **Opening** Credits

During the opening credits, we see a car packed with suitcases driving along at sunset. Explain to your kids that this is the main character of the play moving to their new home. They have had to leave behind their house, bedroom, and friends; and it makes them feel sort of isolated and alone. It might be a little sad at first, but you can reassure your children that the main character will quickly make new friends and have lots of fun experiences that make their new house feel like home!

#### "Do You Have Friends?"

When we first meet Harvest, she asks the audience, "Do you have friends?" Right away, you can let your kids know that it's okay to answer her out loud! Tell Harvest all about your awesome friends! Anytime Harvest addresses the audience, kids should feel free to interact and speak back to her as if she's right there at home with you.





## Dance Party!

This moment may not need any encouragement from you, especially if your kids love to dance. When the clock starts ticking, get up and get ready to move! As the moment builds, all three characters break out into dance. The characters are using popular internet-trend dance moves, and it's likely your children are already familiar with them. They might even need to teach YOU the dances!

## Monsters, Ghosts, El Chupacabra!

Little One sees spooky shadows outside their house, and their imagination transforms them into frightening creatures! If your child scares easily, you can point out that they are just shadows and not real monsters. However, if your child is excited by Halloween, add your own monstrous sound effects and flicker the lights to bring the creatures to life!

#### Jazzercise!

Música attempts to tire out Little One by encouraging her to exercise and be physically active. Harvest invites the audience to join along, so get up and copy the aerobics moves that are being repeated by the characters!

#### A Special Friend

When Little One first meets the turtle (who has no name, but is very much loved), Harvest asks the audience what they think a good name for a turtle would be. Don't be shy to shout your suggestions at the screen! You can even bring your child's favorite stuffed animal out at this time, so they can have a cuddly friend to watch the show with, just like Little One's turtle!

# Crying

Little One gets frustrated because they are unable to sleep, and they begin to cry. If your child is relating to Little One and their frustration, they may start to feel sad along with them. Give them a BIG HUG to help them know they are loved and comforted. If the moment feels too heavy, shake it off with a silly snuggle or a tickle to lighten the mood.





#### **Dreams**

Harvest asks, "What kinds of things do you dream about?" Once again, encourage your kids to answer her! Throw in some silly suggestions of your own to keep the moment going! When the words start appearing on the screen, you and your family can see if any of your responses are floating in the sky.

# Playing on the Playground

When Música invites Little One to play jump rope with her, Harvest invites the audience to repeat a simple clapping pattern. The whole family can play along, either by clapping along with Harvest or playing playground games with Little One and Música!

# Flying!

When Little One dreams about flying, Harvest asks the audience, "Have you ever wished you could fly? What does flying feel like in your dreams?" As the kids act out their own version of dream flying, fan them with air to make it feel as though they are soaring through the sky!

# <u>Underwater!</u>

After flying, Little One and the turtle (who has no name, but is very much loved) dive under the ocean to see where the turtle lives. To create the feeling of ocean waves, ripple a blanket and make some whooshing ocean sounds. Or you can even use your fingers to flick water from a glass onto your kids, but be prepared for some delighted squealing!

# Catching the Stars

Harvest tells the audience, "Come on everybody, we need your ayuda (help) to catch as many stars as possible!" Help out Harvest and Little One by reaching towards the screen and grabbing all the stars you see. As more and more people at home catch the stars, you will see the stars on screen begin to twinkle and spin!





#### Reach Out to a Friend

Little One dreams that they have a million friends, but is sad because their dream isn't real, only imaginary. Harvest tells Little One, "Sometimes dreams can be real. Tienes que creer: you just have to believe" Then, Harvest asks the audience to reach their hands out towards the screen to show Little One that you want to be their friend! The entire family can put out their hands and wiggle their fingers! Eventually, you will see hands appearing on the screen! This shows Little One that their dreams are becoming real, and that they have more friends than they ever knew about!

#### <u>Sunrise</u>

By the end of the show, Harvest and Música successfully help Little One (and the turtle who has no name but is very much loved) fall into a peaceful sleep. If you want to feel just as safe and satisfied as the characters in the play, you can watch the final moments of the show in a big cuddle puddle on the floor!

Remember, if you and your children get caught up in the moment of interacting with the show and miss any parts of the story, you can always rewind and watch that scene or the whole show again! There's no limit to how many times you can watch the show (through February 28, 2021). Be creative, have fun, and please enjoy Desvelado.

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