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presents

JUNIE B. JONES

IN JINGLE BELLS, BATMAN SMELLS!

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A Note From the Director



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“ For a moment, think about who you were and what you were doing in first grade. What did you eat for school lunch? What was your favorite subject? Did you have a favorite gift you received?

For me it was a peanut butter sandwich (no jelly, ever), reading, and a goldfish in a bowl my parents had successfully hid in their bedroom for 24 hours.

What was the best gift you ever **gave**? Everything I can remember involves artwork I made with a person's name on it. There was a mug that said "Mommy" and a holiday card that said "World's Best Dad." My older sister Aimee got whatever craft I deemed the "coolest," since she was older and clearly hipper.

In later years I gave mix tapes, custom tee shirts, and original songs.

On behalf of Emerald City Theatre, Junie B., and all of Classroom One, we hope this show reminds you of all the homemade art projects, school pictures, and poems you have given to others, and encourages you to support family and friends, be generous, and help those in need. **We can all use some homemade cheer now and then. That's what the holidays are all about.** ”

Jacqueline Stone
Director of *Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells*,
Emerald City Education Director

Welcome, Grownups!

GATEWAY THEME:

GIVING



A gateway theme is a topic of conversation for you and your early learner explored before, during, and after the show.

For Junie B. and her classmates, **giving** is:

- Helping those in need
- Working together
- Being generous
- Supporting friends and family
- Volunteering time

We hope you and your early learners will use these show-related activities to get inspired about **giving**.

CHAIR CHAT

1. What is the best gift you've ever given someone? What do you think makes a good gift?
2. What is the best present you've ever received? Why did you like it so much?
3. Is giving to others always easy? Why or why not?
4. If you could give any gift to any person in the entire world, what would you give and to whom? Why?
5. People say, "It is better to give than to receive." Do you agree with that? Why or why not?
6. If you had to buy gifts for each member of your family like Junie B., what would you get them? What if you didn't have any money to buy them something? What else could you give them instead?

GUESS THE GIFT GAME

See if you and your children can play 20 “giving” questions. Have your child choose a gift they would like to give to someone in their mind. You can only ask yes or no questions about what they are giving. After 20 questions have been asked and answered, see if you were able to use clues to discover what present they were thinking of, then switch!

Here are a few questions to get you started:

- **Is the present alive?**
- **Is the present bigger than me?
Smaller than you?**
- **Can the present be eaten?**



SING-A-LONG

Junie B. Jones gets in trouble for making up her own words to Jingle Bells. Help Junie and her first grade friends remember the correct lyrics and practice them yourself before the holiday sing-a-long during the show.



***Oh, Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh***

If you could change the words of the song just like Junie B. Jones, what you would change them to? Practice singing the real words or your own version at home! You can find an instrumental version of Jingle Bells on our website at www.EmeraldCityTheatre.com/JunieB

Parent Guide

WAYS TO BE A GIVER!

Giving of ourselves without buying presents is something we all can do, especially during the holidays. Here are some ways that children can practice being generous of heart and spirit, just like our show's heroine, Junie B. Giver.

Preschoolers Can:

- Create a holiday card for friends, relatives, and teachers
- Help make holiday cookies and write on the "To/From" labels
- Help choose food from the pantry to donate to a holiday food drive

School-aged Children Can:

- Give the last cookie in the jar to a brother or sister
- Choose one of his or her own toys to donate to a child in need
- Adopt a "grandparent" at a nearby nursing home and make a homemade gift for them



GIVE THE GIFT OF EMERALD CITY
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Give someone you love
a fantastically fun outing
or play date.

Gift certificates are available
in the lobby and online at
www.EmeraldCityTheatre.com



You and your children can give today at the show!

You and your children can both help support Emerald City's One Fund today. Your donation helps connect theatre and reading to the thousands of low-income Chicago kids who have no books in their home.

HOW TO GIVE:



For every card created by a child at the show One Fund supporter KPMG will provide one book to a CPS student at a low-income school.

Please have your child drop off their card in the dropbox in the lobby. Make sure they receive their "Junie B. Giver" sticker in exchange!



Every \$10 brings a child to see an Emerald City show like the one you are seeing today.

You can donate after the show in Mr. Scary's dropbox or online at EmeraldCityTheatre.com

Thank you for helping us bring Emerald City's mission to Chicago students.



The One Fund:

**One Play,
One Book,
One Child**

