

Phoenix Christian Jr High School

SPD0500 Speech & Drama I

Course Scope & Sequence

COURSE DESCRIPTION Speech and Drama I explores the world of communication with speeches and dramatic activities. It includes fun activities such as mime, pantomime, human videos, oral readings, behind the podium work, serious and humorous impromptu, newscasting, sign language, tongue twisting, jokes, eulogies, human machines, commercials, and much more. The history of Greek, Roman, Medieval and Renaissance Theater will be explored. This class is mostly solo work, preparing students for group work to come in Speech and Drama II.

Biblical Integration: The Biblical examples of pageantry and drama in the Old Testament provide a clear basis for drama and physical expression of our love for and glorification of God. Drama and theatre will therefore be presented as powerful tools for the presentation of the Gospel. In using movement, expression and words to passionately present our Savior and our personal Christian testimony, we can use speech and drama as a tool to reach the unchurched. Through activities such as wholesome humor, human videos, and skits/dramas, the students will practice building their confidence in oral and physical presentations to allow them to boldly present who they are (disciples of Christ) and whose they are (children of God). Ministry opportunities will be provided in the presentations at the elementary school, at the nursing home, and on the field trips.

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First Quarter

Communication 3 Weeks

Key Concepts: Acting Out Nursery Rhymes With Emotions, Guessture Game, Presenting a Commercial, Building a Human Machine. Learning to Express Ideas and Communicate With Words, Facial Expressions, and Body Language, Greek Theatre, Expressive Movement to Music.

Assessments: Commercial, Nursery Rhyme, Test on Greek Theatre

Biblical Integration: Compare/contrast the religious aspects of Greek Theatre to the true religion of the worship of God.

Pantomime 1 Week

Key Concepts: Learning to Mime, Charades, Solo & Small Group Work

Assessments: Student Mime "The Box", "The Stroll", and "The Surprise Party", Quiz over Mime.

Memory 1 Week

Key Concepts: Playing Memory Games, Memorizing Words and Objects, Memorizing Short Poems and Jokes, Roman, Medieval & Renaissance Theatre

Assessments: Jokes Performance, Memory Games, Test over Roman, Medieval and Renaissance Theatre.

Biblical Integration: Memorization of Books of Old & New Testaments and Twelve Apostles will be used. Memorization of selected Psalms (23 & 100) and selected verses from Proverbs will be used.

Speeches 1 Week

Key Concepts: Eulogies on Grandparent's Day, Presenting School Motto as the Student Council President, Readings.

Assessments: Presentation, Stance, Voice Inflection, Eye Contact, Reading Ability.

Impromptu 1 Week

Key Concepts: Learning to Think on Your Feet, Serious and Humorous Impromptus.

Assessments: Participation and Attitude in 2 impromptu situations.

Sign Language 2 Week

Key Concepts: Learning to Fingerspell American Sign Language: Learning Numbers, Foods, Sports, Family Signs, and Colors. Being Able to Communicate In Simple Form By Signing.

Assessments: Ability to communicate material learned in sentence form and in one song, performed at chapel and/or at nursing home visit.

Second Quarter

Human Videos 3 Weeks

Key Concepts: Viewing Excellent Performers From Past Speech and Drama I Classes. Choosing a Song and Working Out a Performance In Storyline, Mime, Dance, Gymnastics, Sign Language, or Lip Sync.

Assessments: Presentation In Front of the Class, Top Five In Front of Chapel.

Biblical Integration: Use of song to relay Christian testimony (to witness to audience).

Readers' Theatre 2 Weeks

Key Concepts: Understanding the History of Reader's Theatre, Using Short Fable Scripts to Try Out and Present Parts on Wooden Cubes With No Props, Curtain, Costumes. Learning the Importance of Communicating as Readers with Voice Inflection, Facial Expression and Movements.

Assessments: Presenting the Reader's Theatres to Elementary School Children.

Potpourri of Fun Activities 3 Weeks

Key Concepts: Newscast, Tribond, Tour of Bedroom and Make Believe House, Pet Peeves, Hand-Eye Coordination Game, Walking into Modeling Shots.

Assessments: Participation in Humor Show at Nursing Home

Preparing for Semester Exam 1 Week

Key Concepts: Choosing Reading and Memory Pieces, Spending Time with Preparation, Memorizing, and Presentation.

Assessments: Enunciation, Eye Contact, Voice Inflection, Memory Work Presentation.