

Instant Challenge Workshop
Performance Activity
Rising Stars Level

Weather in the Garden

Activity: Each team member will pretend to be a plant, creature or a thing in a garden and will show what happens in the garden when the weather changes.

Time: You will have ~20 minutes for this activity.

The Scene: There are many kinds of gardens and there are many things and creatures in each garden. For example, some gardens have flowers, vegetables, or trees, and some have cactuses, gravel, and rocks. Insects and animals of all sorts visit these gardens for food and shelter. And the weather can change suddenly. Tell us a story about your garden and what happens when the weather changes there.

Procedure:

Part 1 – Garden Planning (~8 minutes)

Talk about what your garden is like. What grows there? What lives there? What other things are found there? Where is it?

Decide what garden plant, creature or thing each team member will be and practice pretending to be these things. Your garden does not have to be silent.

Part 2 Weather Planning (~8 minutes)

Talk about the current weather in your garden and how the weather is going to change (good to bad, bad to good, or somewhere in between.) For example, is it sunny and warm in the garden now and it is going to get cold and windy? Decide how you are going to let the audience know about the weather. Talking/Words? Sound effects? Movement? Practice your skit during this time.

Part 3 Present Your Skit (~1 minute)

Present your skit about what is in your garden and what happens in the garden when the weather changes.