

## **The Cat in the Hat Parent Guide**

### Action on Stage

### Surprising Moments

House Manager gives curtain speech.	The lights will dim. The curtain will fly out to reveal a house with a bird. Sally & Boy will be looking out the window.
The house and Sally & Boy appear onstage.	The bird on the house will move and make a sneezing sound.
Sally & Boy rub the windows on their house.	The house will move offstage and new set pieces and the Fish will appear.
Sally & Boy sit in their chairs with their heads touching. There is a chime sound.	Boy runs offstage and returns rolling a very large ball.
Sally & Boy return to their chairs. There is a second chime sound.	Sally runs offstage and returns riding a bicycle and making an excited sound.
Sally & Boy look out the window. There is a third chime sound.	Sally & Boy run offstage and return with tennis balls and a racket. They excitedly hit the balls around until the Fish interrupts.
Fish snores in his bowl.	The lights shift. Fish dreams he is in the ocean and floats around the stage. There are whale noises and sounds of ocean waves.
Fish dives back towards his bowl.	There is a long crash sound. When the Fish crash lands into his bowl, a sign comes down that says "BUMP." Sally, Boy, and two Kittens who have been hiding behind a shelf jump at the bump.
Sally & Boy jump at the Fish landing in his bowl.	Suspenseful music plays. The "BUMP" sign flies out. The door enters and the Cat in the Hat's tail is seen behind it. The Cat jumps through the door with an umbrella.
The Cat turns toward Sally & Boy with his umbrella.	Sally & Boy scream excitedly, the door slams, and the two Kittens jump up and back down from behind a shelf.
The Cat taps his umbrella on the ground 3 times.	The Kittens reveal themselves again and sit on top of the shelf. One of them knocks over a vase.

The Cat tells Sally & Boy he will show them some new tricks.	The Cat and his Kittens start singing. Sally & Boy applaud. The Cat and Kittens then start playing a series of musical instruments using their tails and different props.
The Cat plays the flute with his tail.	Boy holds onto the Cat's tail. The Cat can't keep walking and gets upset.
The Cat brings Boy over to the red and white ball.	The Cat starts playing the bagpipes with the ball. The Kittens meow. Boy marches around the stage. Boy then takes the ball and makes a motorboat sound until Sally steals the ball from him. Boy gets very upset and jumps up and down.
The Cat plays the violin.	The Cat yells "Yeehaw!" and starts playing the banjo. Everyone begins dancing, stomping, and yelling to the music.
The Cat starts playing the classical guitar and the Kittens dance.	One of the Kittens tries to do a split, but he gets stuck. He makes a sad "meow" sound.
The Cat and Kittens sit down and take their hats off.	The Cat and Kittens start playing the bongos on their hats. Sally & Boy dance.
The Cat gives Sally the tennis racket.	Sally plays the electric guitar on the racket. Boy joins in with the bagpipe on the ball. The Kittens continue to play the bongos. It is all very loud and chaotic.
The Kittens stand up to continue playing the bongos.	The Cat cuts everyone who is playing music off by pretending to be a DJ. He uses the bicycle as a spin table.
The Fish tells Sally & Boy the Cat must go away.	Suspenseful music plays. The Kittens try to take the Fish out of his bowl and eat him. The Fish bites one of the Kittens to protect himself.
The Kittens pick up the Fish in his bowl and rock him while singing a lullaby.	The Kittens let go of the Fish and he flies through the air. Exciting music starts to play. The Fish lands on the Cat and the Cat starts to juggle him.
The Cat tells the Fish to "have no fear."	This Fish slides from the Cat's hand to his foot and almost falls.
The Cat stands on top of a red and white ball.	The Cat starts balancing the Fish and many other items while he stands on the ball.
A Kitten runs on stage with a rake.	The Fish almost falls and is scooped back up with the rake.

The Cat fans himself with the fan on his tail while hopping on the ball.	The Cat says “woah” and starts to fall. The lights go out and then there is a frozen picture of the Cat falling. The lights go off and come back on to reveal different pictures of the Cat and all his stuff falling a total of three times.
Sally tells the audience how she watched all the Cat’s things fall.	Suspenseful music plays. The Fish starts falling through the air in slow motion. He lands back in his pot with a splash and is very angry.
The Cat tells everyone that he will not go but instead show them another good trick.	A Kitten throws the Fish into the air and he lands in a tea pot. The Cat and the Kittens exit out the door.
There is a knock on the door.	The Cat comes back through the door, and the Kittens enter from the side with a big red box.
The Cat stands on top of the box.	Suspenseful music starts to play. As the Cat talks, something starts banging in the box.
The Cat opens the box.	Thing One and Thing Two crawl out of the box. They do an elaborate handshake and speak their own language made up of many funny sounds.
Thing One & Thing Two offer out their hands to Sally & Boy for a handshake.	Exciting music plays. The Things take Sally & Boy’s hands and run them around in a circle. The Fish is caught in the middle and gets thrown through the air again. They continue their handshake by dancing, running in a circle, playing leap frog, and dabbing. They are very noisy the whole time.
The Cat sits down in the chairs the Things have rolled to the center for him and tells Sally & Boy that the Things like to fly kites.	Exciting music plays. The Things pull their kites out of the red box and excitedly run across the stage.
The Fish tells Sally & Boy the Things should not fly kites in the house.	There are three loud crashes from offstage.
The Things re-enter flying the kites.	All of the set pieces move off the stage. Sally & Boy come on stage yelling and chasing the Things and then exit. As the Things come on again, a line of pictures flies in and the Cat brings on a small table. The Things knock down the pictures.
Thing One & Thing Two pick up the small table.	Thing One and Thing Two stop the Cat with the table and it bends. They exit and there is a crash.

Sally & Boy run in a circle and then offstage.	The Kittens enter with a bed and end table. Thing One runs across with a dress tied to her kite.
Thing One runs the opposite way across the stage with the dress on her kite.	Thing One grabs one of the Kittens and drags him offstage. The Kitten re-enters wearing the dress.
One of the Kittens comes onstage wearing a dress.	There is fashion show music, and the Kitten does a model walk.
The Kittens hide when they hear Thing One.	Thing One runs onstage and knocks over the end table. A Kitten takes the bed offstage.
The Kittens bring blocks onstage and throw them on the ground.	The Things run across stage and the Kittens hiss at them.
The Kittens work together to lift all the blocks up at once.	Fun music plays. The Things, Sally, and Boy all take turns running underneath the blocks. Then the Things run through them and knock them all out of the Kittens' hands.
Sally comments on the Things bad tricks.	There is a cymbal crash and Sally & Boy run offstage. The Kittens are frustrated but continue to try to build their blocks. Whenever they turn their backs, the Things run by and steal a block.
The Kittens realize the Things have stolen their blocks and are upset. They run offstage.	The Things enter with a very large piece of rope. Sally & Boy enter and play jump rope with them.
There is the sound of three chimes like in a wrestling match.	Everyone plays around in the string until eventually Sally & Boy get tangled up in it, and the Things run away. Sally & Boy are very upset.
Sally & Boy jump offstage.	The Kittens walk backwards on to the stage carrying blocks. They run into each other and scream because they are scared. The Things enter and throw blocks at them.
The Things throw blocks at the Kittens.	The Fish runs back and forth across the stage screaming. The window appears showing Mother is near.
The Fish warns Sally & Boy that their mother is near.	Thing One drags the Fish offstage.
Sally & Boy untangle themselves.	Sally & Boy run offstage after the Things.

The Things re-enter with their kites.	The Things knock everything off of the Cat's end table.
Sally & Boy enter with the Fish and realize everything is a mess.	Circus music plays. The Cat, the Kittens, and the Things enter doing circus tricks.
The Fish tells Sally & Boy they must get rid of the Things.	Boy tries to catch the Things with his giant net while Sally chases them on her bicycle turned motorcycle. The Fish rides with her.
The Cat returns to the stage.	Boy runs onstage with his net, and then Thing Two throws the Fish across the stage.
Boy tries to catch Thing Two with his net but misses.	Sally enters running from Thing One, who is now riding the motorcycle.
The Cat and the Kittens come back onstage.	There is a screeching sound and one of the bicycle wheels rolls onstage. The motorcycle has crashed.
The Cat and the Kittens leave the stage.	Sally enters dragging Thing One. The living room set pieces return. Thing One pretends to be dead. Thing Two is very worried.
Thing One and Thing Two hug.	Boy charges the stage with his net. He catches the Things in his net and a "PLOP" sign flies in.
A Kitten opens the red box.	Boy brings the Things over to the box and the "PLOP" sign flies out.
Boy takes the net off the Things.	The Things try a series of tactics to be allowed to stay, including the can-can, resisting being pulled by the Cat, and forming a wheelbarrow.
The Things form a wheelbarrow and walk towards Sally.	Sally scares the Things.
The Fish tells Sally & Boy there is no way to clean up all the mess.	The Kittens knock on the door twice. Sally & Boy slam the door on them twice, until the Kittens trick them the third time and get inside.
The Kittens turn the door around get in the house.	Sally & Boy enter the house to find the Cat coming in on a large noisy machine.
The Cat tells Sally & Boy that he always picks up his playthings.	The machine turns on. Coverage of a soccer match in Spanish starts playing. The Kittens throw objects from the mess to Sally & Boy and then offstage.
A Kitten takes away the blocks the Fish is sitting on.	The machine beeps again. The music changes to a ballet. The Kittens continue picking up the mess while dancing around.

Sally stops cleaning and addresses the audience.	The machine beeps again.
The Fish reminds Sally & Boy that he is still on the machine.	The Cat retrieves the Fish and brings him back to his bowl. He makes a splash noise when he goes in.
The Cat and the Kittens finish straightening the house up.	The Cat gets back on the machine, turns it on, and starts riding off.
The Cat and the Kittens tip their hats.	The machine beeps and starts again. The Cat and the Kittens exit.
Sally & Boy sit down and look out the window.	There is the sound of keys jingling and a door creaking open.
Sally & Boy stand-up and run to the front.	Mother's voice is heard in a voiceover.
The Fish asks if Sally & Boy should tell their mother what happened.	The audience may shout out their response. Everyone returns to the stage to speak the final line together.
End of show	The house lights will become brighter again. All of the actors will bow. The audience may applaud.

## Miscellaneous:

- The stage lights will change in brightness throughout the show.
- The actors are very physical during the show. You will see them use their bodies in silly and surprising ways.
- The actors move around the set pieces during the show.
- The Fish is played by an actor with a puppet.
- The Kittens and the Cat in the Hat will often communicate using "meows."
- Thing One and Thing Two will often communicate using a made up language. It may sound funny to you.
- The audience may applaud after funny moments and at the end of the show. Applause is optional.