

TITLE: THE POND by Gan Rimonim

Narrator (Caleb): Welcome to the play The Pond! The Pond is about Turtle who learns how to take care of himself, many things about being a good Turtle from his family, how to be a friend to many animals that are different from himself, and how together they can make their community a better place.

HOLD SIGN FOR SCENE ONE: Taking Care of Myself

<Using the puppets the children made and the puppet theater. Children in this scene: Amalia, Evy, Henry, and Reese>

Turtle Puppet 1 (Amalia): I take care of myself by eating lots of healthy food like fruits, vegetables, and algae.

Turtle Puppet 2 (Reese): I take care of myself by brushing my shell with a stick and lily pad.

Turtle Puppet 3 (Evy): I take care of myself by sunbathing to get enough energy to swim and find food.

Turtle Puppet 4 (Henry): I take care of myself by staying where it is safe. If danger comes I go in the water where I don't have a lot of predators.

Narrator (Caleb): Turtle has learned a lot about respecting and taking care of himself. Now you will meet his family. He is ready to learn many things from his family.

HOLD SIGN FOR SCENE TWO: Learning Values from Family

<Children stand in the front center stage. Children in this scene: Amalia, Andy, Avi, Evy, Gabey, and Noam. Amalia and Evy only beatbox, Andy, Avi, Gabey, and Noam rap and beatbox>

BEATBOXING RAP

Turtle Rapper A (Gabey): Turtle's name is Turtle and he has a big sister. She likes to dance so she has a blister.

Turtle Rapper B (Andy): His baby brother is lots of fun. He likes to eat hotdogs and he gets jobs done.

Turtle Rapper C (Avi): The Dad is nice, he has good advice. Dad's name is Mike, and he likes to ride a bike.

Turtle Rapper D (Noam): Mom likes to look in a book. She's a wise turtle whose name is Myrtle.

Turtle Rapper A (Gabey): Turtle's big sister said, "Stand up for your belief." When trouble happened it was such a relief.

Turtle Rapper B (Andy): If you get scared of a big brown bear, you should be aware, don't scare off your underwear.

Turtle Rapper C (Avi): Sometimes Turtle gets freaked out by a deer, and he feels better when he faces his fear!

Turtle Rapper D (Noam): Turtle plays games with friends and has lots of fun!

ALL (Amalia, Andy, Avi, Evy, Gabey, and Noam): It's important to be kind all of the time. Turtle always keeps this in mind!

Narrator (Caleb): What a great rap! Turtle is lucky to have such a great family to learn from. Now you will meet his friends. Notice how they take care of each other.

HOLD SIGN FOR SCENE THREE: Being a Good Friend

<Blue carpet or plastic swimming pool in this scene. Children in this scene: Adi, Dalia, Erez, and Nomi>

Turtle (Erez): <looking all around> Where is my home? I can't find it, and I am so scared!

Fish (Dalia): <swimming around and sees Turtle> Turtle, what's wrong?

Turtle (Erez): I'm scared because I can't find my house.

Fish (Dalia): <hugs Turtle> I will help you find it.

<They swim together to find Turtle's house and they see Frog>

Frog (Adi): Hello Turtle and Fish-I was just looking for you! I have a surprise-I found a new rock to sunbathe on! Let's sunbathe together Turtle-fish you can swim under us.

Fish and Turtle (Dalia and Erez): Okay, let's go!

<All three swim together to the rock>

All three: This is nice.

Turtle (Erez): I love playdates with you two-you are my best friends.

Fish and Frog (Dalia and Adi): We love it too! Best friends forever.

<Bird flies near them>

Bird (Nomi): I am so hungry I can eat a Frog! <Spots Frog> A Frog-time to eat!!!

<Bird flies toward Frog and Turtle. Frog hops in the water and turtle falls and hits his shell on the rock and goes into the water. Bird flies away.>

Fish (Dalia): Are you both okay?

Frog (Adi): I am. Thank you for asking.

Turtle (Erez): I hit my shell on the rock. It hurts.

<Frog and Fish hug Turtle>

Frog and Fish (Adi and Dalia): What can we do to make you feel better?

Turtle (Erez): Being a good friend helps a lot.

<The three swim off together and see Turtle's house>

Turtle (Erez): My house- you helped me find it. Thank you!

<All three swim off stage together>

Narrator (Caleb): Now that you have met Turtle, his family, and his great friends-together they can make a difference in the world. They welcome strangers into their communities, help them, and become friends for life.

HOLD SIGN FOR SCENE FOUR: Making a Difference in the World

<In this scene we have a second pond. Children in this scene: Eden, Henry, Nomi, Oren, Reese, Siggy, and Yael>

<Beaver and Catfish are in their pond and Bird (Nomi) begins to pollute it by throwing paper into their pond>

Beaver (Yael): Catfish, our pond is polluted. We must leave or we might get sick.

Catfish (Siggy): I agree. I know there is a pond close to ours we can try and go to. Can you carry me over?

Beaver (Yael): Yes I can.

<Beaver carries Catfish and they travel to the new pond and go in.>

Catfish (Siggy): This water is so much better and cleaner than ours.

<Turtle, Fish, and Frog are swimming and meet Catfish and Beaver.>

Turtle (Oren): Hello. We have never seen you here before. Where are you from?

Beaver (Yael): We are from a pond close to this one. Our pond is being polluted by a Bird. We had to leave so we don't get sick.

Fish (Eden): You can stay here with us. We always welcome new friends and animals into our community. Welcome! We always like having new friends.

Catfish (Siggy): Staying here would be nice, but we would love to live back in our home. It would take a long time to get it clean though.

Frog (Reese): Maybe we can help.

Turtle (Oren): Yes, we can help. Let's go.

<All go to other pond and clean it out, Henry helps here>

Fish (Eden): It is sad that we won't see you anymore since you will be safe back home in your own pond.

Beaver (Yael): Maybe we can dig a tunnel from our pond to yours and we can always be close to each other. We can visit whenever we miss each other.

Turtle (Oren): Yes we should.

<The dig tunnel to connect ponds. Use tunnel to show it on stage>

Catfish (Siggy): Thank you for helping us! You really showed Derech Eretz! Remember when you want to see us you can just swim over to our pond and we can swim to yours.

ALL: YES! <pause> BYE!

<They all walk to their own pond, curtain closes>

Narrator (Caleb): By being able to take care of himself, learning how to be a good Turtle from his family, having good friends and a huge heart, Turtle and his family and friends were able to make a big difference in the lives of strangers.

THE END

<Curtain opens again> ALL CHILDREN COME BACK ON STAGE TO TAKE A BOW!