THE ADVENTURES OF TORTOISE AND HARE
THE NEXT GEN
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ABOUT THE COMPANY

Lightwire Theater has been featured as the winner of Tru TV's Fake Off and semi-finalists on America's Got Talent. Internationally recognized for their signature brand of electroluminescent puppetry and poignant storytelling, Lightwire Theater is based in New Orleans and continues to create and deliver innovative theatrical experiences to audiences worldwide. Learn more at lightwiretheater.com.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In this show, the characters never said words. What did they do with their body to tell you what was happening?

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Tortoise and Hare were competitors. Why do you think they came together to defeat the bad guy?

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The Hare was very fast but was distracted easily. What are some things that distract you?

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HOW DOES ELECTROLUMINESCENT WIRE LIGHT UP THE PUPPETS?

Copper is inside the EL wire so electricity can travel through it.

A material called phosphor covers the copper wire. Phosphor glows when electricity travels through the wire.

A colored plastic tube surrounds the phosphor and copper to create glowing colors.

A battery pack is hidden on each creature in the show. It powers the EL wire to make it glow!
DESIGN YOUR OWN TORTOISE SHELLS

DID YOU KNOW THESE TORTOISE FUN FACTS?

A group of tortoises is called a creep.

Tortoises are vegetarians.

A tortoise is a turtle, but a turtle is not a tortoise.

Tortoises have been around for over 200 million years.

One tortoise lived to be 175.

Scientists have sent tortoises up to space.

Tortoises can't swim.

Tortoises use their throat to smell.

When you see colors, you are actually seeing light waves. Light waves move up and down at different speeds, which our eyes see as different colors. Look at the waves below. The slowest light wave we can see is red. The fastest light wave we can see is purple. There are 7 main colors in this spectrum, just like a rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and purple. Identify the colors below and an object from the show or your own life in that color.

**COLOR SPECTRUM**

- Color Name: ____________________________  Object: ____________________________
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MAKE YOUR OWN SHADOW PUPPET THEATRE

Ask an adult for help if you need it!

You will need:
- Empty cereal box
- Scissors
- Tape
- 1 sheet of wax or parchment paper
- Dowels or craft sticks
- Flashlight or desk lamp
- Black construction paper (if making your own puppets)

MAKE YOUR OWN SHADOW PUPPET THEATRE

1. Flatten your cereal box and cut out inner rectangles on the front and back of the box, leaving a frame.
2. Tape parchment or wax paper over one opening.
3. Tape your box back together inside-out. This is your theatre!
4. Cut out your puppets. Feel free to use the hare and tortoise above or create your own!
5. Tape sticks to the backs of your puppets.
6. Position your puppets between the light source and your theatre and let the show begin!
Moving fast like a hare is helpful, but sometimes being slow and steady like a tortoise is better. Circle if you should move like a hare or a tortoise for each task, and tell us why!

**TORTOISE OR HARE?**

**CROSSING THE STREET**
Why? __________________________________________________________________________

**PAINTING YOUR NAILS**
Why? __________________________________________________________________________

**CARRYING GLASS**
Why? __________________________________________________________________________

**BUILDING A HOUSE OF CARDS**
Why? __________________________________________________________________________

**PLAYING SOCCER**
Why? __________________________________________________________________________

**EATING ICE CREAM**
Why? __________________________________________________________________________

**HELP THE HARE!**

A hare can travel up to 45 miles per hour! How fast can you complete this maze by leading hare to its baby? Don’t get distracted!
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