

## **The Farmer went to Sow**

This sketch was for very young children. The session was about taking part and learning, not *performing*.

Different areas of the space were designated to be the road/gravel/field/weed-field

Bubble-wrap made excellent gravel – with the bonus of popping it afterwards!

I have kept the script so simple that it is possible to teach the sketch through adding a narrator or telling individuals their lines and pointing to the spaces to help them through the story. I led them through the story so that they become familiar with where to go and what to do.

Next, a video was taken as the children ran the scene so that they could enjoy watching their work afterwards, and photos were taken from the video to create a comic. You could make this job easier by asking children to freeze so that you could concentrate on catching a good photo.

It would be useful to have someone to take on the job of turning the pics into a comic so that this process is happening as fast as possible. The ultimate goal would be to give the children a comic of their work to take home with them by the end of the session (but it really does take time to do! I would suggest doing the drama activity early on in your session, to give as much Techy-Time as possible!)

Obviously, permission to photograph children has to be given.

The addition of a few props would help the fun.

The sketch begins with a singing group, based on the Traditional song *The Farmer's in his Den*.

I have kept the look of the script simple for any children who do want to read it.

Parts:

A farmer with a basket of seed

A group of singers

A car driver with a steering wheel.

Birds to fly and to eat the seeds

A sunrise!

A group of innocent, happy growing seeds and a group of angry, twisted, claw-growing weeds. This leads to a death scene. Time should be given to working out how to die (safely, without being strangled!)

A finale of growing plants putting roots down as well as growing up to blossom.

On the final word, "Fruit!" all freeze.

Feel free to use the script but please also add an acknowledgement. Thankyou

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**I am a farmer. Oo-ar oo-ar!**

The farmer went to sow, the farmer went to sow, ee-l- ad-io the farmer went to sow

(Throws seed) **Oops! Missed!**

(Car driver) *This* is a road. *That* is a field.

(Birds swoop) Caw! Caw! Caw! Caw!

The farmer went to sow, the farmer went to sow, ee-l- ad-io the farmer went to sow

**Oops! Missed again! Now it's fallen in the gravel!** (Sun rises)

**Sun! Sun - hot sun! Boy – it's hot! (Sunglasses on) Oh no. Is anything gonna grow?**

No!

The farmer sowed again, the farmer sowed again, ee-l- ad-io the farmer sowed again

**Aha! Field!**

(Innocent) Seed

(Evil eyebrows) Weed

(Grows shoot) Seed

(Grows claws) Weed

(Blossoms) Seed

(Shakes seed) WEED!

(Seed falls down dead)

**I've got it! I've got it! Finally, I'm in the good soil.** (Sows seed)

Grow up – grow down, grow up-grow down

Shoot – root – shoot – root.....FRUIT!