A Detailed Social Story™  
*Billy Goat’s Gruff* at the Nashville Opera

The opera is a place where actors wear costumes and sing songs to tell a story. When I go to see *Billy Goats Gruff*, I might go with my mom or dad.

When I get into the theatre, there will be a lot of places to sit. My mom or dad will help decide where we should sit. Before the show begins, people might be talking a lot and it might be noisy. That is okay. There will be quiet spaces where I can go to get away from the noise. If I need a break from the noise, I can ask my mom or dad to take me to the quiet space.

When an adult goes on stage and starts talking loudly, this means that the play is about to start and everyone in the theater should finish their conversations and be quiet. I will try to finish my conversation and be quiet when an adult starts talking loudly on stage. If I get scared, I can hold my mom’s hand or my dad’s hand or ask to take a break. I will try to be respectful to the performers and others watching the performance by staying in my seat, sitting quietly and watching the performance.

When the show starts, people will come onto the stage. Some of them might be wearing costumes that look like people, and some might be wearing costumes that look like animals. There might be music playing and sometimes the people might sing. The people in the audience will try to stay quiet to listen to the show. I will try to stay quiet and listen to the show also. If the music or the singing gets too loud, I can ask my mom or dad to go to a quiet space.

The people in the opera are called characters. Sometimes the characters might pretend to be happy and sometimes they might pretend to be angry. When the characters are angry, they might yell or growl or stomp around. I might get scared. If I am scared, I can ask my mom or dad to hold my hand, or take a break and go to the quiet area, or __________.

I might need to go to the bathroom during the show. If I need to go to the bathroom, I can ask my mom or dad to take me to the bathroom.

At the end of the show, people might clap if they liked the show. I might want to clap too. When it is time to leave, everyone will stand up and walk to the exits in the back of the room. It might be crowded with everyone trying to leave at the same time. I will try to wait my turn to walk out of the theater and out of the door. If I am respectful during the show by staying in my seat, sitting quietly, and watching the performance, my mom and dad will be so proud of me. I might like going to the opera!