I am going to Cheekwood to see a puppet show! A puppet show is a performance that uses dolls and other objects to tell a story. Today's show is *The Stonecutter*. A stonecutter is someone who makes beautiful things with stones that he took from a mountain. The story is about a man who is unhappy and wishes for a different life and his wish is granted. But the stonecutter is never happy with his new life and keeps wishing for a different one.

When we get to Cheekwood when I see the gates and sign that says “Cheekwood”. The mom or dad may talk to the worker at the gate to let them know we are here to see the puppet show. We will drive to the parking lot. There might be a lot of cars.

After we park the car, we will walk together to the visitor center. There is a festival at Cheekwood this weekend and there may be a lot of people walking around. I will try to stay with my family in line at the visitor center. To stay with my family I can hold someone's hand or walk beside them. I will try to do my best to talk quietly and keep my hands to myself. At the visitor center we will get a paper wristband to wear on my wrist and a map of Cheekwood. The map will show us how to get to the puppet show on the brick patio of the Frist Learning Center. The wristband will let other people know I paid to be here. It might feel a little scratchy or tight on my wrist.

The Frist Learning Center may have a lot of fun things for me to look at. My family and I will walk to the brick patio where the puppet show will be. There will not be chairs to sit on so my family and I can choose to sit on the ground close to the stage or stand at the back of the patio together. If it is hot outside, we can sit or stand in the shade. There may be a lot of people at the puppet show. I will do my best to wait nicely by staying with my parents until the puppet show starts.

During the puppet show my family and I will try to be respectful. To be respectful we will try to follow 3 rules. We will try to stay seated near the front of the stage, stay behind the rope, and make sure to turn off the sound on our cell phones and other electronics. My family and I might enjoy watching the puppet show together! My family will be proud of me for being respectful of others when I stay seated during the show, stay behind the rope, and keep the sound off on my devices.

During the puppet show, I will see puppets pretending to be: a person, the bright sun, a powerful cloud, and a strong mountain. Smoke will come out of the mountain during the show and the sun and mountain laugh loudly at times. They may look or sound mad, but it is only pretend. The narrator puppet will be a large puppet and might move around the stage. There will be performers that wear black masks on their faces and all black clothes because they are pretending to be the puppets' shadows. I will try to watch quietly during the puppet show and be respectful to the other people watching the show. If the show is too loud or I don't like the puppets, I can tell my family and we can go to a quiet space inside the Learning Center. If I need to use the bathroom I can ask my mom or dad and we can go inside to the bathroom on the left. If I would like some water or a snack, I can ask my mom or dad to go downstairs in the learning center to the water fountain and snack machine.

After the puppet show, my family and I may choose to walk around Cheekwood and explore the different parts of the festival or we may choose to go home when the puppet show ends. When we are ready to leave Cheekwood and go home, we can use our maps to lead us back to the parking lot to our car!