

Spotlight Guide 2017 - 2018



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Inspired by Frank Capra's cinematic classic, this beloved holiday treat brings the spirit of the season to life. Performed as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience, five actors play the dozens of characters in Bedford Falls as well as produce all the sound effects. A nostalgic blend of holiday cheer and theatrical magic, you will fall in love all over again with George Bailey and the angel named Clarence who saves his life on Christmas Eve.

Activities and Lesson Plan

Watch 1937 Film "Back of the Mike"

A short film for the Chevrolet Motor Company depicting the making of a Western radio show.

Listen to an Old Time Radio Program

As you listen, visualize the action in your mind and listen for sound effects and think about how they were made.

Vocabulary of The Time

Try to use these words and expressions from *It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* in a sentence.

Lesson Plan: Old Time Radio Show

Collaborate in the production and performance of an actual Old Time Radio script of the student's choosing.

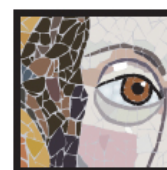
Discussion & Themes

What lesson does George learn about his family? His community? How does George struggle to balance his community and big business? How is someone's value defined in Bedford Falls?

See the full study guide for expanded activities.

Florida Standards

LAFS.910.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details
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LAFS.1112.SL.1: Comprehension and Collaboration
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TH.912.F.2: Careers in and related to the arts
TH.68.S.1: The arts are inherently experiential.
TH.68.S.3: Artists learn to master techniques.



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Use of Alcohol, Violent References

Most appropriate for Grade 6 and up.