2024-2025 Theatre Season
Plays of Biblical Proportions

Blinn College Division of Arts, Kinesiology & Agriculture-
Brenham Campus

Resource Guide

This resource guide serves as an educational starting point to understanding and enjoying *James and the Giant Peach*. Please note that the interpretations of the theatrical work may differ from the original source content.
James and the Giant Peach

Adapted for the Stage by David Wood
Based on the Book by Roald Dahl

2025 Texas Community College Speech and Theatre Association
Play Festival Entry

Directed by Brad Nies
Technical Direction by Kevin Patrick
Costumes, Makeup and Hair Design by Jennifer Patrick

Produced by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals, Inc.
Synopsis
This delightful stage adaptation of Roald Dahl’s classic tale is the story of James, a young orphan who escapes his wicked aunts by entering a gigantic, magical peach, and embarks on an adventure of enormous proportions. Along with the altered garden bugs that live inside the peach, James learns how to live and work with his new-found family.

Public Performances
February 20 & 21 7:00 PM
February 22 & 23 2:00 PM

Preview Performances
February 20 & 21 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Endowed Scholarship Auditions
February 22 4:30 PM

Dr. W. W. O’Donnell Performing Arts Center
Blinn College-Brenham
Roald Dahl has penned many great stories that include *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, *James and the Giant Peach* and *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. By the time he published *The Minpins*, Dahl had written a total of 16 stories for children, all of which have been read all over the world. As such, Dahl remains one of the world's greatest storytellers.

Considered to be “the national children’s dramatist,” David Wood has written stage versions of *Aladdin*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *Old Mother Hubbard*, and *The Ideal Gnome Expedition*. Not only is he an actor, he serves as the President of Action for Children’s Arts. He was awarded the 2004 OBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honors.
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2. James was so __________ that he could only stand and stare and murmur.

3. A ______________ of water threatened to knock the peach out of the sky.

4. One hundred ______________, armed with ropes and ladders, lifted the giant peach and lowered it to the ground.

5. The Cloud-Men were ___________ at seeing the seagull carry off one of their own.

6. The garden was ______________ and lonely.

7. “We shall all die a slow and __________ death,” said Earthworm.

8. James caught the seagulls one after the other and ___________ them to the peach stem using silk strings.

9. They watched the sun come up slowly over the ______________.

10. Panic and ______________ broke out among the travelers when the travelers saw the faces of a thousand Cloud-Men peering down at them.

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