Characters
Circle the character you will play.

*Narrators 1, 2, 3 (N1, N2, N3)

Mouse Family:
*Tiny
*Father
*Mother
Brother 1
*Sister
Brother 2

*Indicates large speaking role

Owl
Brother Crocodile
Sister Crocodile
Mama Crocodile
Cobra
*Lion
Hunters 1 and 2

Moral of a Fable A fable is a short story that ends with a moral, or an important lesson. As you read this fable play, think about what the moral is.

Scene 1
The Mouse Family Nest
Narrator 1: It is nighttime in the jungle.
Narrator 2: The air is full of sounds.
Narrator 3: Cobras hiss, owls screech, monkeys chatter.
N1: And in the distance, a lion roars.
N2: In its nest, a family of mice prepares to go forage for food.
N3: The smallest mouse, Tiny, tugs on her father’s tail.
Tiny: Please, Father, let me go with you tonight.
Father: (shaking his head) You’re too small. Mother, what do you say?
Mother: It is dangerous out there, Tiny.
Tiny: But I’m fast, and I can escape danger! Sister, Brothers, please tell them!
Brother 1 (nodding): It’s true. She can hide in the tiniest of places.
Sister: We can never find her when we play hide-and-seek.

Scene 2
The Dark Jungle
N2: Tiny’s two brothers lead the way.
Brother 1 (pointing): Brother, what’s moving on that branch?
Brother 2: Juicy insects! I love how they crunch!
N3: The brothers run off together.
N1: Tiny turns to her sister.
Tiny (eagerly): What will we find to eat?
Sister: Zunna berries. They shine white in the moonlight.
N2: Just then Owl swoops down from the sky.
Sister (shrieking): Tiny, hide quickly!
N3: Sister gets away before Owl can catch her.
Scene 3
The Watering Hole

N2: When all is quiet, Tiny creeps out.
N3: All around her are frightening shadows.
Tiny: Sister, this place is scary. Where are you?
N1: Tiny comes upon a watering hole.
N2: Two young crocodiles are riding on their mother's back.
Brother Crocodile: Mama, there's a mouse!
Let me catch it!
Sister Crocodile (whining): But it's my turn to catch a mouse!
Mama Crocodile (whispering): No fighting or you'll scare away your dinner.
N3: Mama Crocodile glides toward the little mouse.
N1: But Tiny dives into the water and disappears among the reeds.
N2: She reaches the opposite bank and climbs out...
N3: ...right into the path of a coiling cobra.
Cobra (hissing): Well, you ccccccertainly are bite-sassized.
N1: Tiny backs away as Cobra rears up.
Tiny: Eeeek!
Cobra: Sssssssssssst, it'll be over sssooooon.
N2: Thinking fast, Tiny leaps into the air...
N3: ...up and over Cobra's coils. The little mouse darts away.

Scene 4
By the Zunna Berry Bush

N1: Tiny spies a bush laden with white fruit.
Tiny (excited): Zunna berries! I'm famished.

Scene 5
The Mouse Family Nest

N1: Tiny races straight to the nest and into Mother's arms.
Mother: You're alive! We have been so worried!
N2: Sister gives Tiny a hug.
Sister: I'm sorry. I had to run away. But I looked for you everywhere.
Tiny: I looked for you too.
N3: Tiny tells her family all that she's been through.
Tiny (hanging her head): Father, maybe I am not as capable as I thought.
Father: Then stay back in the nest until you're bigger.

Scene 6
Deep in the Jungle

N1: Two hunters have been stalking Lion for days.

Scene 7
The Watering Hole

N3: That night, Lion approaches the watering hole.
N1: A giant net falls from the tree...
An Unlikely Friendship

After a terrible disaster, a tortoise and a baby hippo became the best of friends.

A Compassionate Friend

Paula Kumbela knew that the baby hippo could not survive alone in the wild. She also knew that it was a group of enemy people that were willing to kill it. She asked for help and was turned away. She helped the baby hippo by providing a safe home for it. She even asked for help from the local community of people. However, she didn't get any help.

Friends in Need

Once the baby hippo was alone, it cried for help. It was so different from the other baby hippo. It was also so different from the other baby. It didn't even come to the family. Onewa had always been a family. He was always there for Onewa. He was there for the baby hippo as well. Onewa had always been a family. He was always there for the baby hippo. The baby hippo needed a new family. Onewa had always been a family. He was always there for the baby hippo.

The task

The baby hippo needed to be saved. It was so different from the other baby hippo. It didn't even come to the family. Onewa had always been a family. He was always there for the baby hippo. The baby hippo needed a new family. Onewa had always been a family. He was always there for the baby hippo. The baby hippo needed a new family. Onewa had always been a family. He was always there for the baby hippo.