

# Program Overview 2023-24

**PLAY!**  
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THEATRE

*Play! Youth Development Theatre* is a responsive, modular program that utilizes the tools of theatre and creativity to enhance the wellbeing of K-12 youth. Through interactive live theatre assemblies and classroom activities, the program creates dynamic and “safe and brave” spaces that cultivate resilience, awareness, empathy, confidence, and belonging. All programs are delivered by Imagine’s compassionate Teaching Artists, trained in trauma-sensitive, culturally-responsive, and restorative justice practices. *Play!* was designed based on CASEL and the Arts Education and Social Emotional Learning Framework.

Imagine’s programs can be adapted to meet the needs of each school culture and schedule.



“My experience being part of the Play! program is that I realized how similar I am to others. It made me realize that I’m not alone.”  
-6th grade student

“My students absolutely LOVE this program! They have such insightful conversations about it. I am impressed by how empowering it is for my students to share their ideas, write about their feelings, and collaborate during peer-relationship discussions.” - 5th grade teacher

## Discussion

What has led to Zion?  
How did it change?  
How did it affect?  
How are you now?



“It felt good to express my feelings because I’ve been in that same situation.” - 5th grade student



“It's an amazing way to inform kids like me about this heavy topic. The play showed us how we could change actions to hopefully prevent something bad from happening.” -8th grade student

# PLAY! IN-CLASS OR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Delivered through a curriculum developed for grades K-3, 4-8, and 9-12.

The program offers multi-week age-appropriate lessons during in-school or after school settings that enhance social and emotional fluency using theatre techniques. During each class, students explore various relevant themes and topics through embodied activities, creative writing exercises, community games, and group conversations. Programs culminate in a final showcase to celebrate youth voices and perspectives. Programs can be scheduled throughout the 23-24 school year.

More info: [imaginebravespaces.com/children-youth](https://imaginebravespaces.com/children-youth)



## Safa's Story

BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM  
(4th-6th grade & families)

*Safa's Story* is a three-part program delivered through an in-class pre-show lesson, a 90-minute interactive live theatre assembly and an in-class post-show lesson. The program is designed to equip children in cultural competency and upstander action. During *Safa's Story*, children experience a live theatre play based on a true story of a Zimbabwean-American 5th grade girl from San Diego. The play utilizes a rare type of interactive performance called Forum Theatre that empowers students to learn empathy and community care. During the program, students have the opportunity to practice standing up for themselves and their peers when they experience conflict or bullying.

Scheduling between October-November 2023.

More info: [imaginebravespaces.com/safa](https://imaginebravespaces.com/safa)

## Zion's Story

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROGRAM  
(7th-12th grade & families)

*Zion's Story* is a three-part program delivered through an in-class pre-show lesson, a 90-minute interactive live theatre assembly and an in-class post-show lesson. Inspired by real-life experiences and San Diego-specific research, audiences follow the journey of Zion, a 15-year old girl. As they observe her story, they gain an awareness of the risks and warning signs of trafficking. Audiences then work together with the actors through a one-of-a-kind Forum Theatre role-play process to explore ways to protect themselves and their peers and ensure better outcomes. *Zion's Story* was developed in collaboration with lived experience experts and survivors, Jessica Kim and Keelin Washington.

Scheduling between February-March 2024.

More info: [imaginebravespaces.com/zion](https://imaginebravespaces.com/zion)

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