Laugh and dance with Squeakers and Giggles, the Mitzvah Clowns!

What is Maddie the Mitzvah Clown about?
When Maddie sees Giggles the Mitzvah Clown perform at her Grandma’s senior home, she decides to join in! She puts on a big red nose and learns how to make balloon animals, sings songs, and most importantly, how to bring smiles and happiness to Grandma and Grandma’s friends.

Along the way, Maddie learns how to overcome her shyness, too, and become a more confident and happy mouse.

What can my students learn from the story?
Maddie the Mitzvah Clown is a great way to introduce the following concepts to your students:
— The Jewish value of visiting the sick (bikkur cholim).
— What a mitzvah clown is
— It sometimes takes a journey to become the person (or mouse) we want to be!

Discussion questions to share with your students
— If you ever decided to be a mitzvah clown, what would your mitzvah clown name be?
— Do you know someone in your neighborhood who isn’t feeling well? In your school? Who would you visit? How could you bring them cheer?
— Think of a time when you felt shy. What made you feel that way? What could you say or do if you saw someone else feeling shy?

Kid-friendly activities
— Put on a clown fashion show! Ask your students to pick a wardrobe from your classroom or to bring in materials from home, such as tutus and funny shows. Put on some music and watch them do their thing!
— Instead of using markers, colored pencils, or other typical art supplies, use clown face paint to illustrate a picture. Ask: “How does it feel? Is it easy or hard to use this tool to paint? How is it different from using a marker or colored pencil? Is it messy?”
— Ask your students to share their favorite jokes with the class.

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