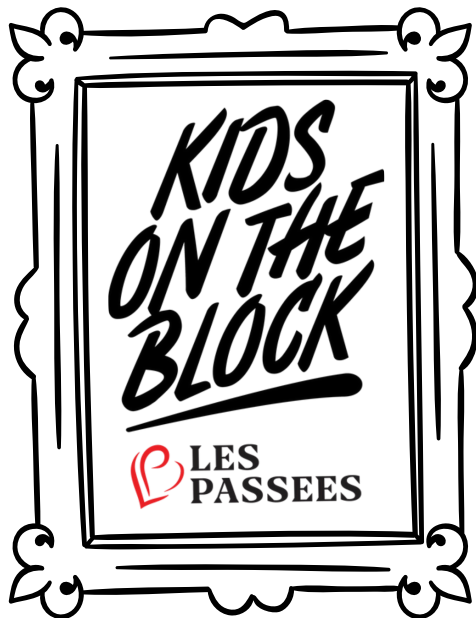




OUR MISSION

Using the art of puppetry, the mission is to educate children about social concerns and differences, giving them the skills to stay safe and healthy

OUR HISTORY

Kids on the Block is an award-winning international program. The program was initially developed in 1977 in direct response to US Public Law 94-142 which required that children with special needs should be educated in the least restrictive environment. To make the transition smoother, KOTB programs shared the belief that we are all the same inside and even if we must do things differently, we can all achieve our goals!

OUR SHOWS

Stepping into a performance by the *Les Passees Kids on the Block*, it is quickly apparent that these puppet voices resonate with their youth base audiences. While airing troubles and discussing social issues that affect today's children, the puppets' frank dialogue is part of a proven national program to teach about resolving conflict and combating peer pressure.



COST: FREE

PERFORMANCE LENGTH: 15 min

Melody and Brenda are best friends, but when Brenda becomes overwhelmed by a stressful class project, her frustration starts to show in unhealthy ways. Worried that Brenda might say or do something she regrets, Melody steps in with a simple strategy to help her manage her big feelings. Through friendship, encouragement, and practice, Brenda learns to stop, squeeze, take a deep breath, and release before reacting. Feeling Better is a heartwarming story that teaches children the importance of pausing, calming their bodies, and making safe, thoughtful choices when emotions run high.

In today's fast-paced world, both children and adults experience moments when emotions can feel overwhelming. Learning to pause before reacting is an essential life skill that helps people make safer, healthier, and more thoughtful choices. When we take a moment to calm our bodies and minds, we are better able to communicate our feelings, solve problems, and avoid actions we may later regret. Teaching children these skills early helps build emotional intelligence, self-control, and resilience, while reminding adults that managing strong emotions is a lifelong practice. By learning to stop, breathe, and think before acting, people of all ages can strengthen relationships, reduce conflict, and respond to challenges with confidence and care.

Through engaging storytelling and relatable characters, *Feeling Better* empowers kids to self control seriously while having fun. Perfect for pre-K through 5th-grade audiences, this high-energy performance is ideal for libraries, after-school programs, and community centers.



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