



It's show week!! Hurray for the Wednesday Homeschool class and their hard work on **Princess and the Pea**! And hurray for Lindy Leonard, former STP student who graciously came back to direct the Wednesday class this year.

She has done an excellent job bringing the story to life, and we are thankful to have her, assistant director Wendy Boone and musical director Amy Ims leading our class each week. And I wouldn't want to forget to thank our amazing TTAs - Sophie Birky, William Trautman, Savanna Bradford, Lauren Poe, Dominic MacAulay, Victoria Gray and Sarah Ims. It is a great team, and the children have blossomed under their leadership. You won't want to miss this fun show so order your tickets now - www.tickets.spiritualtwist.com Thursday and Friday shows begin at 7:30, and our Saturday matinee begins at 2:00.

As you know, **Princess and the Pea** is the story of a prince who is charged with finding a bride. His parents, the King and Queen, are concerned that he will not make an appropriate choice and decide to bring in several suitable princesses for Prince Michael to meet. As the story continues, we find that each princess comes with her own set of quirks and has her own idea of what makes her the perfect choice to be his bride.

In the meantime, Prince Michael takes the time to get to know another young lady, Laralyn. She has come to their kingdom seeking refuge after the death of her parents, who were King and Queen in a neighboring kingdom. When Laralyn arrives, she is grateful for a place to stay, for she has lost everything...her home, her family, and her title as princess.

Throughout the story, there is much talk of what it takes to be a real princess, and it challenges the audience to think about what it means to be a child of God. Is it how well we pray? Does it depend on our own wisdom? Is it being nice to everyone? Is it a popularity contest? "What Does it Take to be a Child of the King?" is the question!

It is so important to know where our identity rests, and that comes from knowing and trusting Jesus as our Lord and Savior. From an eternal perspective, nothing else matters! We can have all the wisdom and wealth that the world offers, make our own plans for success, and try to find fulfillment in our own adventures, but if we don't have Jesus in our hearts, we are lost!! Jesus wants a relationship with you - He says, "come, be a child of the King!"

Key verses: *He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came into his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, and who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:10-12*