

Simba's Adventure

Ages 9 - 12

Notes for teacher:

Please add "Narrator Lines" for the students who would like more lines. Create these yourself and add them to the start of the scenes.

Songs to learn on Monday:

The Circle of Life (chorus only)
Hakuna Matata (First verse and chorus only)

Cast:

- Simba, a young lion
- Mufasa, Simba's father and king of the Pride Lands
- Scar, Mufasa's brother and Simba's uncle
- Nala, Simba's friend and love interest
- Timon, a meerkat
- Pumbaa, a warthog
- Zazu, a hornbill and Mufasa's advisor
- Rafiki, a mandrill and shaman
- Shenzi, a hyena and Scar's henchwoman
- Banzai, a hyena and Shenzi's partner
- Ed, a hyena and Shenzi's other partner
- Young Simba, Simba as a cub
- Young Nala, Nala as a cub

Additional roles (optional for extra kids, or kids who want extra lines)

- Narrators - explain the story at the start and end of scenes, make up these lines.
- Three hyenas (non-speaking roles, ENSURE TO CREATE LINES / SCENES FOR THESE CHARACTERS - AT LEAST 6 LINES)
- Various animals of the Pride Lands (non-speaking roles ENSURE TO CREATE LINES / SCENES FOR THESE CHARACTERS - AT LEAST 6 LINES)

Scene 1: The Pride Lands

Young Simba and Young Nala are playing when Mufasa arrives. He tells them about the circle of life and how they all have a role to play in it. Scar appears and expresses his jealousy of Mufasa, hinting at his plans to take over the Pride Lands. Zazu arrives to report that the hyenas are causing trouble in the nearby elephant graveyard. Mufasa and Zazu leave to deal with the hyenas, while Scar convinces Simba to go to the elephant graveyard against Mufasa's orders.

Scene 2: The Elephant Graveyard

Simba and Nala sneak into the elephant graveyard and are cornered by the hyenas. Mufasa arrives and saves them, but Scar causes a stampede that separates Simba and Mufasa. Mufasa is killed by the stampede and Scar convinces Simba that it is his fault.

Scene 3: The Jungle

Simba runs away and meets Timon and Pumbaa, who teach him about the carefree Hakuna Matata lifestyle. They grow up together, and Simba forgets about his past.

Scene 4: The Pride Lands

Nala finds Simba and tries to convince him to return to the Pride Lands, but Simba refuses. Rafiki arrives and tells Simba that he must face his past to move forward. Simba has a vision of Mufasa, who tells him that he is the rightful king and must take his place in the circle of life.

Scene 5: The Pride Lands

Simba and Nala return to the Pride Lands and gather the other animals to confront Scar and the hyenas. A battle ensues, and Simba confronts Scar. Scar confesses to killing Mufasa and Simba defeats him. Simba takes his rightful place as king of the Pride Lands and the circle of life is restored.

Scene 6: The Pride Lands

Simba is crowned king and all of the animals bow to him. He and Nala have a cub of their own, and Rafiki presents the cub to the animals as the new prince of the Pride Lands. The animals celebrate and sing "Circle of Life."

FADE IN:

SCENE 1: THE PRIDE LANDS

Young Simba and Young Nala are playing in the sun-drenched grasslands of the Pride Lands. They're laughing and chasing each other when Mufasa, the great king of the Pride Lands, arrives.

Mufasa: Hey, you two. What are you up to?

Simba: (excitedly) We're playing!

Nala: (giggling) Yeah, we're having fun.

Mufasa: (smiling) That's great. You know, Simba, one day all this land will be yours.

Simba: (confused) What do you mean?

Mufasa: (pointing to the vast expanse of the Pride Lands) Everything the light touches. It's all part of the circle of life. And as king, you'll have a very important role to play in it.

Nala: (curious) What role will I have?

Mufasa: (smiling) You'll help Simba, of course

Scar appears in the distance, watching the trio with a sly expression on his face.

Scar: (sarcastically) Oh, how touching. The future king and queen.

Mufasa: (suspiciously) Scar. What are you doing here?

Scar: (enviously) Just admiring my future kingdom.

Mufasa: (warningly) Don't forget who's king here, Scar.

Scar: (smirking) Oh, I could never forget that. (he walks away, still on stage)

Zazu flies in, flapping his wings.

Zazu: (panting) Your majesty! Your majesty! There's trouble in the elephant graveyard!

Mufasa: (immediately alert) What kind of trouble?

Zazu: (stammering) The hyenas! They're causing chaos and destruction.

Mufasa: (determined) Simba, Nala, stay here with Zazu. I'll go deal with the hyenas.

Simba: "But I want to go with you, Dad."

Mufasa: "Not this time, son. Stay here and play."

Scar: "I can't help but feel left out, Mufasa. You have everything, and I have nothing. Rest and let the Hyenas do what they want - they are part of our kingdom too"

Mufasa: "You have a place here, Scar. You're my brother, and you will always be a part of the Pride Lands. But it is my kingdom, not ours!"

Mufasa and Zazu leave, while Scar saunters over to Simba.

Simba: "I wish I could be king now. Then I could do anything I want."

Nala: "But being king is about more than just doing whatever you want, Simba. It's about taking care of the Pride Lands and all the animals who live here."

Scar: (slyly) You know, Simba. I know a place where we can go where even your father doesn't go.

Simba: (interested) Really? Where?

Nala: Wait Simba! I don't trust your uncle Scar

Scar: (slyly) The elephant graveyard.

Simba: (excitedly) Wow! Can we go there?

Nala: Simba, are you sure that's a good idea?

Scar: (slyly) Sure we can. But don't tell your dad. It'll be our little secret.

Simba: (grinning) Okay, Scar. Let's go!

Simba and Scar run off towards the elephant graveyard, while Nala watches with a worried expression then chases after them

FADE OUT.

SCENE 2: THE ELEPHANT GRAVEYARD

The stage is dark and eerie, with shadows and bones scattered throughout. Simba and Nala enter cautiously, looking around nervously.

Nala: (whispering) Simba, we shouldn't be here. It's too dangerous.

Simba: (determinedly) We'll be fine. We're brave.

As they explore the Elephant Graveyard, they are suddenly confronted by Shenzi, Banzai, and Ed, the three hyenas.

Shenzi: (smirking) Well, well, well. What do we have here?

Banzai: (laughing) Two little cubs, all alone.

Simba: (standing up bravely) You can't eat us! We're the future kings and queens of the Pride Lands!

Nala: (nodding) Yeah, and our fathers will come and save us.

Just then, Mufasa appears on the scene, roaring loudly and scaring off the hyenas.

Mufasa: (fiercely) Get away from my cubs, you mangy scavengers!

Shenzi: (mocking) Oh, it's the king. Your little cubs are in trouble, Mufasa.

Mufasa: (protectively) I'll take care of them.

As Mufasa leads Simba and Nala away, Scar enters the stage.

Scar: (slyly) Oh, dear. Looks like your little plan didn't work out so well.

Mufasa: (frowning) What do you mean, Scar?

Scar: (smirking) I mean, that stampede you hear? It's coming right for you.

Mufasa: (alarmed) Stampede?

As Simba and Nala watch in horror, a stampede of wildebeests appears, thundering towards them. [The rest of the cast run across the stage and run in a circle around Mufasa]

Mufasa: (urgently) Simba, run! Run for your life!

Simba: (scared) Dad!

As Simba tries to run, he is thrown back by the wildebeests. Mufasa leaps out of the circle, but Scar appears and throws him back down into the stampede. Simba doesn't see Scar, Nala runs away in fear. Rest of the cast leave and Mufasa is knocked out laying on the stage. Scar approaches Simba, who is trembling with fear and guilt.

Scar: (comfortingly) There, there. It's all right, Simba. You didn't mean for it to happen. But, it did. And now, you're all alone.

As Scar leads Simba away, Shenzi, Banzai, and Ed appear, looking pleased with themselves.

Shenzi: (laughing) Well, look who's come to join the party.

Banzai: (smirking) What's the matter, little cub? Don't you want to play with us?

Simba: (defeated) Leave me alone.

As Simba slinks away, Scar looks on with satisfaction.

Scar: (to himself) Simba. Look what you have done to your father. The rest of the lions will never forgive you for this. Run away, Simba. And never return.

Simba leaves

Scar: Goodbye, dear brother Mufasa - I will take care of your kingdom! MWAHAHAHA

Ed, Shenzi, Banzai: Long live the new king HAHAHA!

The lights dim, and the scene ends.

FADE TO BLACK.

FADE IN:

SCENE 3: THE JUNGLE

The stage is set with a lush jungle backdrop, complete with tall trees and vines. Simba enters the stage, looking dejected.

Simba: (to himself) I can't go back. It's all my fault.

Suddenly, Timon and Pumbaa appear from behind a tree, singing a jaunty tune.

Timon: (singing) Hakuna Matata! What a wonderful phrase! Hakuna Matata! Ain't no passing craze!

Pumbaa: (joining in) It means no worries, for the rest of your days. It's our problem-free philosophy, Hakuna Matata!

Simba: (intrigued) What's Hakuna Matata?

Timon: (smiling) It means no worries, kid. And that's what we live by. Come on, we'll show you. As Simba follows Timon and Pumbaa through the jungle, they sing and dance, teaching him the ways of the carefree Hakuna Matata lifestyle.

Timon: (singing) You gotta put your past behind ya. Look, kid, bad things happen, and you can't do anything about it. Right?

Pumbaa: (nodding) Right.

Timon: (singing) Wrong! When the world turns its back on you, you turn your back on the world. As they continue to dance and sing, Simba starts to forget about his past and embrace the Hakuna Matata philosophy.

Simba: (smiling) This is great. I don't have to worry about anything.

Pumbaa: (grinning) That's right, kid. We're living the dream.

As the scene comes to a close, Timon, Pumbaa, and Simba all sing together, fully embracing the Hakuna Matata lifestyle.

All: (singing) Hakuna Matata! Hakuna Matata! Hakuna Matata! Ain't no passing craze! It means no worries, for the rest of your days. It's our problem-free philosophy, Hakuna Matata!

As the children sing this, all students come on stage and circle around timon, Pumba and Young Simba. Young simba is replaced by older Slmba showing he has grown up.

Pumba: Wow Slmba, ten years in the jungle with us has turned you into a really strong lion

Timon: Finally some real protection!

Pumba: Hey!

Simba (older): I never want to leave the Jungle, its so peaceful here

The lights dim, and the scene ends.

FADE TO BLACK.

(Scene 4: The Pride Lands)

(Nala finds Simba sitting alone, looking down)

Nala: "Simba, please come back with me to the Pride Lands. You are the rightful king."

Simba: "I can't go back. I'm not ready."

Nala: "But the Pride Lands are in trouble. Scar has taken over, and everyone is suffering. We need you, Simba."

(Simba looks up at Nala, uncertain)

Rafiki: (enters) "Simba, you must remember who you are to move forward."

Simba: "What do you mean?"

Rafiki: "Look into the water. What do you see?"

(Simba looks into the water and sees his reflection)

Simba: "That's just my reflection."

Rafiki: "No, look harder. You see your father."

(Simba sees Mufasa's reflection and gasps)

Mufasa: (voiceover) "Simba, you are the rightful king. You must take your place in the circle of life. Remember who you are."

(Simba turns around to see his father's ghost)

Simba: "Father?"

Mufasa: "You have forgotten who you are. Remember who you are and take your place in the circle of life."

(Simba looks back into the water and sees his reflection change from a young cub to a mature lion)

Simba: "I remember now. I am the rightful king. I have to go back and save the Pride Lands. Thank you, Rafiki. Thank you, father. Remember who you are. I won't forget."

Nala: "That's the Simba I know."

Timon and Pumbaa: (enter) "We're coming with you, Simba. Hakuna Matata!"

Zazu: "I will fly ahead and let the others know you're coming."

(Young Simba and Young Nala run in)

Young Simba: "Can we come too?"

Young Nala: "We want to help."

Simba: "Of course, my friends. Let's go save the Pride Lands."

(The group sets off towards the Pride Lands, with Simba leading the way)

Scene 5: The Pride Lands

(Simba and Nala return to the Pride Lands with Timon, Pumbaa, Zazu, and Rafiki)

Simba: "Everyone, Scar has taken over the Pride Lands, and we need to take it back. Are you with me?"

(All the animals gather around Simba, showing their support)

All animals: "We're with you, Simba."

(Simba leads the group towards Scar's lair)

Scar: (spotted Simba's approach) "Well, well, well. Look who's back, the king himself. I'm afraid you're a little too late, Simba. The Pride Lands are mine now."

Simba: "Not for long. I'm here to take back what's rightfully mine."

Scar: "Ha! And how do you plan on doing that?"

Simba: "In a fair fight, of course."

(A battle ensues between the animals and the hyenas. During the battle, Simba confronts Scar)

Simba: "Scar, it's time for you to pay for what you've done."

Scar: "What are you talking about?"

Simba: "I know the truth. You killed Mufasa."

Scar: "No, Simba, it was an accident. I didn't mean for it to happen."

Simba: "Lies! You did it because you wanted to be king."

Scar: "I'm sorry, Simba. I let my greed get the best of me."
(Simba and Scar engage in a fight, and Simba ultimately defeats Scar)

Simba: "It's over, Scar. You've lost."

Scar: "I may have lost, but you'll never be able to forgive yourself for what happened to Mufasa."

Simba: "I already have. And now, I'm taking my rightful place as king."

(Simba climbs up to the top of Pride Rock and lets out a mighty roar. All the animals gather below, cheering)

Simba: "The circle of life is restored. And from now on, we will all live in harmony and unity. Thank you, my friends."

(The animals continue to cheer as Simba looks out over his kingdom, feeling a sense of pride and responsibility)

Scene 6: The Pride Lands

(Simba stands at the top of Pride Rock, with Nala, Rafiki, and the new cub by his side. All the animals gather around below, bowing down to him)

Rafiki: "It is time. Simba, you have become king."

(Simba nods and Rafiki places the crown on his head. The animals cheer)

Simba: "Thank you all. I promise to be a fair and just ruler, and to protect the Pride Lands and all who live here."

(The animals bow again, showing their respect for Simba)

Nala: (whispers to Simba) "You're going to make a great king."

(Simba smiles and looks out over his kingdom)

Zazu: "May I just say, Your Majesty, how refreshing it is to have a king who speaks so well."
(Simba chuckles)

Timon: "I don't know about you guys, but I'm starving! When's the feast start?"

Pumbaa: "Yeah, me too. I could eat a whole zebra!"

Simba: "I'm sure the feast will start soon. But first, let us celebrate the new prince!"
(The animals cheer)

Simba: "What do you think we should name him?"

Giraffe: "I think he should be named after the great king, Mufasa."

Antelope: "No, I think he should be named after the bravest lion, Simba."

Rafiki: "Actually, I have the perfect name for him. His name shall be... Kiara."

(The animals look at each other, surprised)

Rafiki: "It means 'bright' in Swahili. She will be a shining light in the future of the Pride Lands."
(The animals cheer)

Simba: "Kiara. I love it."

Nala: "It's perfect."

(The animals continue to cheer and celebrate)

Simba: "This is what it's all about. Unity, harmony, and love. The circle of life will continue, and we will all live in peace and prosperity."

(The animals continue to sing and dance as Simba looks out over his kingdom, feeling a sense of joy and responsibility)

Bow to Hakuna Matata

