

# Museum Stories Guide

Museum Stories describe each of the Children's Museum's exhibits from a child's perspective. They will help you and your child choose the exhibits you want to visit. The guide, specially designed for children with developmental disabilities, utilizes visual messages, and is appropriate for any child who would like to know about exhibits or activities in the Museum. Guides and maps are available at the Admissions desk as well as on this website.

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## My Visit

I am going to visit the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. It is a fun place to visit. There are many different things that I can do at the Museum.

When I get to the Museum, I will need to stand in a line and wait for my adult to pay for us.

If I have questions, I can ask one of the workers. They will be wearing a dark red Children's Museum of Pittsburgh shirt.

During my visit I need to follow the Museum manners:

- 1. I will stay with my adult.**
- 2. I will use my walking feet.**
- 3. I will take turns with the other children.**

There will be many things to see when I am there.

I can use my map to help me decide which exhibits I want to visit.



## The Studio



In the studio, I can make art of my very own.

There are art supplies in the Studio.

It is okay if I get messy here. There are aprons that I can wear.

The room has sinks for me to wash my hands.

Sometimes the Museum gets noisy.

If I need a break, there is a Quiet Room that we can visit in the Studio.

The Quiet Room has pillows and a sofa where we can relax or read a book.

## The Backyard (Seasonal)



The backyard is outside. If the weather is bad, I might not be able to play there.

When I get out there, I can swing on a musical swing set.

I can play in a large sandbox with other kids. I might get sand on me, but I can brush it off.

In the backyard, I can also play in water and mud.

There are aprons that I can use if I want to cover my clothes.

The mud will feel wet and cool.

If I do not like it, there is a place where I can wash it off.

## MAKESHOP



Photo by Larry Ripple

In the MAKESHOP, I can make and explore with materials.

I can use real tools.

There are workers who can help me to make something.

I can build a structure with the building materials.

The MAKESHOP can be noisy. I can read a book on the green carpet if it gets too loud.

## The Attic



Photo by Albert Vecerka/Esto

In the Attic, there are steps that lead to a room that is on an angle.

The room will look funny and might make me feel funny too.

I can bring my adult with me in the room.

If there are a lot of people, I might have to wait my turn to enter the room.

When I leave the room, I can go back down the steps or take a slide out.

The slide is very fast and I will go down on my bottom with my feet first.

There is also a shadow room that is very dark. I do not have to go in if I do not want to.

I can bring my adult with me in the room.

## The Garage



Photo by Tom Altany Photography

It may be noisy in the Garage. It is in a very large room.

I can ask my adult to take me to a quiet place if it is too noisy.

I can do many things in this room.

I may have to wait to take a turn for the cars or the parachute.

I can climb up a high rope ladder. My adult can help me.

If I do not want to climb up the rope ladder, I can climb up the steps.

I can slide down a very fast and twisty slide.

## The Nursery



The Nursery is a place where I can do many things with my hands.

I can go to the train station and use my hands to move the trains around the track. I have to wait my turn.

I can build with blocks.

I can use my hands to explore in the birdseed table.

I can use my hands to play at the sand table.

If I do not want to touch the birdseed or sand with my hands, that is okay.

There are other toys I can use.

If it is too noisy, there are quite places in the Nursery where I can sit and relax and read a book.

## Waterplay



There is water in this exhibit.

When I get to the Waterplay area, I can put on a rain coat. The rain coat will help keep my clothes dry.

I will only put my hands in the water.

It is okay if I don't want to get wet, I can just stand and watch.

When I am all done playing, there are hand dryers that can dry me off.

## The Theater



Photo by Albert Vecerka/Esto

In the Theater, I can watch a show or perform my own show.

When I watch a show, they will make the room darker.

I can sit on the floor or in the seats.

I can make my own show up on the stage.

I can try on costumes and wear them for my show.