

CAST

Narrator

"Freedom Singers" (Kids in 60s)

"Anti-Bacteria Boogey" (Kids in 70s)

"Awesome Antibiotic" (Kids in 80s)

"Healthy Hip Hoppers" (Kids in 90's)

Antibiotic

Bacterial Infection

Germ

Virus 1

Virus 2

Virus 3

Virus 4

Jodie

Shawn

Krissa

SCRIPT

ACT 1, Scene 1 (The 60s - Freedom from Bacteria)

Narrator enters Stage Left.

Narrator: For over forty years, Antibiotic has helped us fight infection and disease. But today, he needs OUR help. Because he's being used too much, he has become weaker. Too weak to fight off bacteria. This is called Antibiotic Resistance. By learning more, you can help us Save the Antibiotic.

And now, we present "The Road to Antibiotic Resistance."

Curtain opens. Lights up.

Four kids (dressed in 60s attire) are sitting in circle with Bacterial Infection. Kids are sick. Bacterial Infection is enjoying their company. They don't share his enthusiasm.

Bacteria: This is groovy guys. I dig hangin' out with you.

Kid 1: Man, (cough) I'm not feeling too good.

Kid 2: Me neither. Bacterial Infection, you're bringing us down.

Antibiotic rides up on Harley, wearing tie-dye bandanna on head.

Antibiotic: Hey, I'm Antibiotic. (*flashes the peace sign.*)

Bacterial Infection stands up and looks scared.

Bacteria: I'm getting a bad vibe from you, man.

Bacterial Infection runs off. Kids cheer. Antibiotic and kids break into song and dance.

SONG: "Back Off Bacteria, The Antibiotic Is Here"
(60's version)

VERSE 1

I'm a Wonder! (*Antibiotic*)
He's a wonder drug. (*Kids*)
Just bring it on. (*Antibiotic*)
He'll fight any Bug! (*Kids*)

CHORUS

Back off Bacteria.
We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. (*Kids point to Antibiotic*)
'Cause Antibiotic is here!

VERSE 2

I'm ready day or night. (*Antibiotic*)
He'll fight with all his might. (*Kids*)
I've got no fear! (*Antibiotic*)
Antibiotic is here! (*Kids*)

CHORUS

Back off Bacteria.
We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. (*Kids point to Antibiotic*)
'Cause Antibiotic is here!

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We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. (*Kids point to Antibiotic*)
'Cause Antibiotic is here!
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Song ends with exaggerated finale. Curtain closes.

ACT 1, Scene 2(The 70s - Antibiotic Keeps Boogying)

*Seven kids are dancing on 70s dance floor.
Antibiotic enters stage right wearing a satin headband.*

Kids start clapping. And cheering.

Kids: Antibiotic! Antibiotic! Antibiotic!

*Antibiotic goes to center of floor.
Kids line up behind him, he leads them in a song
and dance:*

*As they are dancing, Bacterial Infection enters.
He sees Antibiotic and angrily leaves.*

Kids and Antibiotic break out into song (next page).

SONG: "Back Off Bacteria, The Antibiotic Is Here"
(70's version)

VERSE 1

I've got all the moves! (*Antibiotic*)
He's been doin' this for years. (*Kids*)
When I boogey down. (*Antibiotic*)
He's Bacteria's biggest fear! (*Kids*)

CHORUS

Back off Bacteria.
We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. (*Kids point to Antibiotic*)
'Cause Antibiotic is here!

VERSE 2

There's no job I can't do. (*Antibiotic*)
Yeah, he'll take care of you. (*Kids point to Bacterial
Infection. He leaves.*)
I've got no fear! (*Antibiotic*)
Antibiotic is here! (*Kids*)

CHORUS

Back off Bacteria.
We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. (*Kids point to Antibiotic*)
'Cause Antibiotic is here!

Back off Bacteria.
We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. (*Kids point to Antibiotic*)
'Cause Antibiotic is here!
'Cause Antibiotic is here!

Song ends.
Antibiotic rubs head as if he's just a little worn out.
Curtain closes.

ACT 1, Scene 3 (The 80s - Go Antibiotic Go)

Six kids are doing aerobics with Antibiotic (wearing hot pink headband).

A new kid comes onto stage and joins group. Then a second kid does the same. A moment later, a third kid joins group along with a Virus.

Group continues exercising and begins singing.

As they are exercising and singing, Bacterial Infection enters.

Again, he sees Antibiotic and leaves upset.

Kids and Antibiotic break into song (next page).

SONG: *"Back Off Bacteria, The Antibiotic Is Here"*
(80's version)

VERSE 1

I'm feeling Awesome! (*Antibiotic*)
We want more! We want more! (*Kids*)
I'll take on anyone. (*Antibiotic*)
He'll kick you right out the door! (*Kids pointing at
Bacterial Infection*)

CHORUS

Back off Bacteria.
We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. (*Kids point to Antibiotic*)
'Cause Antibiotic is here!

VERSE 2

I'm wired. (*Antibiotic/less enthusiastic*)
He's never tired! (*Kids*)
Workin' year after year. (*Antibiotic/starting
to sound tired*)
Antibiotic is here! (*Kids*)

CHORUS

Back off Bacteria.
We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. (*Kids point to Antibiotic*)
'Cause Antibiotic is here!

Back off Bacteria.
We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. (*Kids point to Antibiotic*)
'Cause Antibiotic is here!
'Cause Antibiotic is here!

*Following song all kids exit stage.
Antibiotic bends over, he's exhausted. He senses the
presence of someone.
Antibiotic looks behind him to see the Bacterial
Infection standing there smiling.
Curtain closes.*

ACT 1, Scene 4 (The 90s - Bad Rap)

Curtain opens.

*Twelve kids are on street corner (inner-city setting).
A couple of kids are beating on trash can lids to the
beat of the music.*

*Antibiotic enters stage wearing white headband
(he's a little sluggish).*

Kid 1: What's up, A.P.?

Antibiotic: I'm draggin' 'G'.

*Kids set up behind him and then break out in song
(next page).*

*As they're singing, Viruses gather on left side
of stage. Antibiotic becomes more and more tired.*

*Bacterial Infection enters on right side of stage.
He stands there observing.*

SONG: *"Back Off Bacteria, The Antibiotic Is Here" (90's hip-hop version)*

VERSE 1 *(kids singing, Antibiotic tries to join in but too tired)*

What's up with A.P.
Antibiotic Pill, to you and me.
Can't you see? He's just not feelin' it 'G'.
He's 'T' to the "I' To the "R-E-D"

CHORUS *(Antibiotic sings it tired. Everyone is still enthused.)*

Back off Bacteria.
We're not scared of ya.
He'll take care of ya. *(Kids point to Antibiotic)*
'Cause Antibiotic is here!

Antibiotic: STOP!!!

Finally, Antibiotic becomes so tired he can't sing or dance anymore. The song ends abruptly. Everyone looks confused.

Lights go down.

*Spotlight is put on Antibiotic.
He looks at Bacterial Infection. (a spotlight is put on him) He looks to the Viruses. (a spotlight is put on them) Antibiotic shakes his head. Spotlights go out. Curtain closes.*

ACT 2, Scene 1 (Today.)

Narrator enters Stage Right. Stands in front of curtain.

Narrator: Antibiotic has lived an exciting life. And he's made a lot of friends. But it's not ALL fun and games. He's got a serious job to do. He's got to fight bacteria so we can stay healthy. But lately, he's been feeling a little overwhelmed.

*Curtain opens.
Antibiotic enters Stage Left.*

Antibiotic: See me, world, for who I am. . . a friend to healthy families. . . a dedicated fighter against bacteria.

But I'm NOT invincible.

I have limits!

Limits you must know. I'm powerless against Viruses - Colds and Coughs. I just don't work. NOTHING DOES! The Virus is a villain that must be allowed to run its course.

And, if you put me up against these evildoers, I will waste my powers. The weaker I get the less I will work against Bacterial Infection.

OH WORLD, SEE ME FOR WHO I AM!!!!!!

*Antibiotic exits Stage Right.
Curtain closes. Narrator enters Stage Left.*

Narrator: Oh, what will happen to Antibiotic? Will he be too weak to help us? Is there anything we can do? I hope so.

ACT 2, Scene 2 (Germ Warfare)

Narrator enters Stage Left.

Narrator: Bacterial Infection and Antibiotic are sworn enemies. They have been for years. Antibiotic just couldn't sit back and watch Bacterial Infection make his friends sick. So, he fought him at every turn. And won! But now Bacterial Infection is feeling stronger.

Curtain opens.

Bacterial Infection and his sidekick Germ are planning for battle. He has a "map" of the human body in back ground. This is their battle ground. Bacteria has a pointer and carries himself like a general preparing for battle.

Bacteria: This is where we'll wage our attack. *(points to throat on body map.)* We'll start with Strep Throat. Then we'll move in with a Middle Ear Infection!! It'll be a great battle!

Germ: But sir... are we ready? The last attack nearly wiped us out.

Bacteria: Germ, we can't let a little setback stop us. Can we?

Germ: But, what about....um....you know....him?

Bacteria: Who?!? *(sounds mad)*

Germ: Antibiotic. *(gasps and covers his mouth scared.)*

Bacteria: *(laughs and pulls down picture of Antibiotic over map/like a photo backdrop)*

Oh, I've got a plan for him. I've been watching Antibiotic for years now. I know his every move. He's weak, we can take him. *(evil laugh.)*

Curtain closes

Narrator enters Stage Left.

Narrator: What evil plans do Bacterial Infection and Germ have for Antibiotic ... and us?! Oh, who will Save the Antibiotic?

ACT 2, Scene 3 (The Gang's All Here)

Narrator enters Stage Right.

Narrator: Now, Viruses are a gang of evildoers that cause all kinds of trouble. They give us colds, coughs and even the flu. And there's nothing we can do but wait it out. When Viruses are around you know they're up to no good.

Curtain opens.

Viruses gathered in secret hideout.

Virus #1: I was a cold for a week and a half. What a ride that was.

Virus #2: Not bad. But if you want a real thrill, try being bronchitis. I did it for 3 weeks straight once. Man, that's the ultimate of illness!

Virus #3: Yuck! (*virus version of "yeah"*) (*Viruses high-five each other*)

Virus #2: Yuck!

Virus #4: You guys ever run into Antibiotic?

Virus #1: See him more and more. Poor guy is powerless against us.

Virus #2: We're Viruses. We can't be cured. We hang out until we're ready to go.

Virus #3: You'd think they'd figure that out. Remember at our last dance when that Antibiotic showed up? He passed out from weakness. Couldn't keep up with us.

Viruses break out into song. (Next page)

VIRUS SONG "The Sick Song"

VERSE 1

Whooooo(*stretched*) are Viruses?
What makes us do what we do?
Whooooo(*stretched*) are Viruses?
Why do we love to bug you?

CHORUS

We're Sick! That's Right!
Sick! Sick! Sick!
Runny nose, colds and coughs
You can take your pick.

VERSE 2

Weeeeeee(*stretched*) are Viruses.
We're gross and green.
Weeeeeee(*stretched*) are Viruses.
We're sneaky and mean.

CHORUS

We're sick! That's right!
Sick! Sick! Sick!
We give you the colds...
You just can't kick!!!

Narrator: They're right. Even though Antibiotic would love to help us fight Viruses, he can't. He's not meant to be used against them. Our only hope is to get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids.

ACT 3, Scene 1 (Vile Viruses)

Narrator enters Stage Right.

Narrator: I hope Antibiotic can steer clear of any Viruses. He can't fight those guys. He needs to rest up before he faces Bacterial Infection!!!

Curtain opens.

Antibiotic is walking through "park." Viruses slowly enter the stage. He gets more and more frightened with each Virus. The Viruses taunt him before actually attacking him.

Virus 1: *(sneaks up beside Antibiotic and scares him)* So whatcha doing Antibiotic?

Antibiotic: Nothin'. Just seemed like a nice day for a walk. That's all.

Virus 2: It is a nice day for a walk. Do you mind if we join you?

Antibiotic: I don't know if that's such a good idea. You probably should go.

Virus 3: That's no fun. We want to play.

More Viruses enter. They all surround the Antibiotic and start spinning him around. They're yelling and growling. Antibiotic is getting pretty dizzy.

Bacterial Infection enters stage. Watches. Looks like he's taking notes, learning how Antibiotic fights.

Antibiotic: I'm powerless to stop them.

Viruses exit both sides of the stage. Bacterial Infection lingers a moment and then leaves.

Antibiotic: Vile Viruses!!! How will I defeat Bacterial Infection after being overused?

Narrator: Antibiotic has to face Bacterial Infection soon. Will he be ready to fight a stronger Bacterial Infection this time?

ACT 3, Scene 2 (Bacteria Battle)

Narrator: Antibiotic is weak. Fighting his arch enemy Bacterial Infection is going to be hard. Normally Antibiotic would win any battle any time with Bacterial Infection, but now...we'll have to wait and see.

Curtain opens.

Bacterial Infection and Antibiotic Engaged in Combat. . .

Bacteria: So my foe, we meet again.

Antibiotic: Yes, and as usual, I will defeat you.

Bacteria: Ha! Ha! Ha! Hack! (*cough*) I don't think so. I sense a weakness in your powers. You're slipping and I am becoming stronger.

Antibiotic: Don't flatter yourself, mucus brain!

Bacteria: You have been used too much. Used when you're not needed. Used against Viruses.

Antibiotic: No! Not Viruses! I'm powerless against colds!

Bacteria: Exactly! This overuse has made my resistance to you greater. I know your every move. I can now defeat you!!!

Antibiotic: NEVER!!!!!!

Curtain Closes

ACT 3, Scene 3 (Save the Antibiotic)

Kids(Jodie, Shawn and Krissa) find Antibiotic on the ground. He's weak and tired. They all look concerned. Other kids join them.

Jodie: Hey, Shawn. What happened to Antibiotic?

Shawn: I don't know. I thought he could handle anything.

They raise Antibiotic up to a seated position so he can talk.

Antibiotic: Bacterial Infection was right. I can't fight off Viruses. I'm not supposed to. And now, he's too strong for me.

Krissa: What can WE do?

Jodie: We've got to Save The Antibiotic. We can't use him to fight off Viruses anymore.

Shawn: Yeah. We've got to Save The Antibiotic!

All kids: Save the Antibiotic. *(Shouting)* Save The Antibiotic.

Antibiotic appears to be getting stronger. The kids' chant is helping. He's trying to get up. But he still needs help.

Krissa: Come on, guys. *(leads kids in chant again)* Save The Antibiotic! Save the Antibiotic! *(all kids join.)*

Narrator: Kids *(addressing kids in audience)* We need your help too. Say it with us.

ALL: Save The Antibiotic! Save The Antibiotic! Save The Antibiotic!

After crowd gets into it. Antibiotic gets up. And appears stronger than ever.

ALL: *(Cheer)*

Krissa: Antibiotic is all right!

SONG: "Save The Antibiotic- The Finale"

All cast on stage

VERSE 1

We used Antibiotic all too often,
Every time that we were coughin'
He started to slow down
So we turned things around.

CHORUS

We've saved the Antibiotic.
To fight another day.
We've saved the Antibiotic.
To keep Bacteria away.

VERSE 2

No longer misunderstood.
He fights the villains he should.
Using him the right way.
Means we'll all be OKAY!!

CHORUS

We've saved the Antibiotic.
We used him when we should.
We've saved the Antibiotic.
Now he can do more good.

Curtain closes.