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Professional children's entertainers are always on the lookout for space fillers in their programmes which are not time wasters but which are packed with entertainment and lots of laughs. I have developed the following routine in the course of doing umpteen kids shows and it is a real gem. It may sound silly in cold print but when I performed to a live audience of children it brings the house down. Great for Sunday school and holiday club shows.

You will need

One of those large football supporters type top hats. These are floppy and brightly coloured. The hat should be able to be pulled down to completely cover your face.

I ask the children if they would like to see my silly hat. When they answer yes, I say that I will show it to them but If I put it on then they must promise not to laugh at me.



Several times I go to put it onto my head but each time I bring it down to waist height again saying, "You do promise not to laugh at me don't you?" This builds up the suspense.

Finally I place the hat onto my head and pull it down so that it completely covers my face.

At this point the children will laugh. I then put my hands out and shout out "Help I can't see".

The children will laugh again at this point. Now for the extra funny bit. I grab the rim of the hat and try to pull it off shouting out "Help I can't get it off, it's stuck on my head". While doing this I jump up and down as I am trying to pull the hat up and off my head. At the same time I jump round 180 degrees so that my back is towards the audience.

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When I finally manage to get the hat up off my face I put my hands out and shout out “Where has everyone gone, they’ve all disappeared”. This really causes a riot and all the children will be yelling out that they are behind you.



Finally I turn round, taking the hat off my head and look startled when I see all the children still there. To finish I tell the children off for laughing at me and they usually laugh again.

This routine is very cheap and easy to make up. All you need is the hat and your own personality. Hopefully the pictures will give you some idea of the effect. If you entertain children please give this a try. Believe me it does work.