

"Is she mad at me or what? Its so confusing."

- Orange spotlight illuminates the next area, the special place for feeling happy or sad.

Child:

"What now? More neurons?"

- The two neurons from the place for feeling happy or sad are dressed in white as neurons with the dendrites and axon. One has a happy face drawn on his or her outfit, the other has a sad face. On the back of the happy faced neuron there is a frightened face, and the back of the sad faced neuron there is an excited face. The spotlight fades off the child in the center. When it is dark, an adult male dressed as an office worker with coat and briefcase, will slip out onto the center activity area that contains a coat rack. The two neurons say:

"We are the neurons in your special place for feeling happy or sad, frightened [one turns around showing face] or excited [the other turns around. Then they both turn back around.]. We live deep inside the middle of your brain [Diagram ? comes on the overhead projector.] and are joined across the midline. We are called the limbic system. Which means, we suppose, that we help you get limbered up. [Make "uh, uh," noises and gestures like Arsenio Hall. Then all the other neurons in the dark join in, gradually building up to a crescendo and fade out]. When we get a move on, the other neurons get a move on. We are connected to lots of other places, including the place for figuring, associating, moving, sensations, memory, hunger, thirst, seeing, hearing and smelling."

- One neuron turns to show the frightened face. The other turns sideways towards the frightened face and says:

"When you are anxious or frightened, your memory may not work very well. For example, if you are anxious in front of a large group of people, you ah... may, ah... ah... forget your lines. That was just my limbic system not working right. It needs some limbering up. [All do the uh, uh again]."

- The other neuron turns to show the excited face. The other turns sideways and says:

"On the other hand, when you are excited memories are often printed on your mind very well. Think back to your last birthday. Bet you remember what you got as a present. Think back to your first bicycle. You were probably so excited you can remember the first glimpse of that bicycle right there under the Christmas tree."

- The other neuron turns to show the frightened face. The other