

# “Jamming on the Job”

## Episode 13: Landscape Designer

[PBS KIDS music]

**PBS KIDS Announcer:** From your friends at PBS KIDS.

[a tour bus zooming down the open road]

**Andrés:** Vamos amigos, it's time to go.

**Christina:** Get ready BoomBox, we have a show.

[Music: Jamming on the Job theme song]

**Christina, Andrés, and BoomBox:** (singing)

Jamming on the Job

Ja, Jamming

Jamming on the Job

Wooh Ooh

I'm Christina,

Y yo soy Andrés

And we play music

All over the states

We jam and learn

With people who

Work in jobs

They love to do!

If we get stuck

Or something goes wrong

An expert helps us  
And we write a song!

[BoomBox beats]  
Hey...Go BoomBox...¡Vamos!

Jamming on the Job  
Ja, Jamming  
Jamming on the Job  
Wooh Ooh

**Andrés:** ¡Hola, Jam Fam! Y bienvenidos a Durham, North Carolina!

**BoomBox:** DURHAM, DURHAM, DURHAM DURHAM NORTH  
CAROLINA! BULL CITY STAND UP!

**Christina:** That's right, BoomBox! We're in Durham – a city with tasty mac and cheese and great sports teams!

**Andrés:** That's so cool, Christina!

**Christina:** I know! (laughs) Andrés and BoomBox and I are here to play a show at a beautiful theater in downtown Durham.

**Andrés:** Right now we're in the theater's "green room," getting ready for our show. Only... this room isn't actually green.

**Christina:** No, "green rooms" are rooms in theaters where performers can relax, have a snack-

[snack bag opening, chewing]

**Andrés:** and wait until it's time to go onstage. There's a couch where we can sit until it's time for our show.

[Christina and Andrés sitting down and sighing]

**Christina:** That's where I like to sit and doodle in my notebook, while we wait.

[paper rustling, markers squeaking]

**Andrés:** But there's nothing that's actually green in this "green room!" Aw. It makes me wish I were somewhere really green, in nature – like on a hike in the woods, with lots of trees and plants and a waterfall... (sighs) When we're so busy traveling, doing our shows, I really miss being in nature.

**Christina:** Huh. It has been a while...

**Andrés:** Nature makes me feel so calm and happy! How does being in nature make YOU feel, Jam Fam?

**Christina:** Hey! I have an idea, Andrés! Tengo una idea. We have some extra time before the show, we could go outside to try to find some nature!

**Andrés:** Oh! I guess! But... I haven't finished my lucky things that I always do before we play a show! I eat my lucky snack, (crunching) I do my lucky jumping jacks, [jumping jacks] I squeeze my lucky rubber chicken...

[rubber chicken squeaking]

**Christina:** I know, but you can still—

**Andrés:** Say my lucky words in the mirror, put on my lucky socks, make my lucky phone call to my brother Leonardo, [Christina: Uh...] light my lucky candle, blow out my lucky candle, and then read my lucky poem by Jaki Shelton Green, about nature. [Christina: Yeah.] Aw. Makes me extra sad that we don't have any nature time today.

**Christina:** Hmmm... Maybe we just have to... think of another way!

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY HEY! THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

**Andrés:** ¿Qué?

**Christina:** Well, when we have a problem, we can get kind of STUCK in our ideas, even when they're not working. [Andrés: Okay.] But then...we can think of another way!

**Andrés:** Oh! So... we can think of another way to get ready for the show, so we can have some time in nature?

**Christina:** Exactly. ¡Exactamente!

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY HEY! THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

**Andrés:** Nice, BoomBox! Okay. I guess... I could do a shorter version of my lucky routine after we get back?

**Christina:** Yeah! Way to think of another way!

**Andrés:** Oh, thanks!

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY HEY!

**Christina:** I was gonna draw some more, but... I can think of another way! I'll bring my paper and markers with me!

**Andrés:** ¡Perfecto! Now let's get our coats on and go find some nature! ¡Vamos! (whispering) I'll be back soon, lucky rubber chicken. [Chicken squeaking, Andrés laughing]

**BoomBox:** BOOMBOX REMIX...

[BoomBox remixes sounds from the previous scene.  
Coats zipping up. Sounds of pouring rain outside.]

**BoomBox:** REMIX COMPLETE! REMIX COMPLETELY...WET!

**Christina:** Well, we're outside at least!

**Andrés:** Ugh. Yeah, but it's not so peaceful! It's super cold! And rainy! And windy! My hat, whoa!

**Christina:** I know it's not what we had hoped for! But uh, maybe we can think of another way?

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY! HMM... THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

**Andrés:** ¡Claro! I agree! I think we need to think of another way to go back inside!

**Christina:** Yeah. Oh, but the theater is way back there. Hmm.. Oh look, up ahead! That big glass building, it looks nice and warm... maybe we could go inside there!

**Andrés:** ¡Buena idea! Pero rápido, rápido, come on! Let's run!

**Christina:** Come on BoomBox!

[Doors opening and closing, storm sounds fade]

**Andrés:** Huh! [Christina: Oooh.] ¡Wow, mira!

**Christina:** Whoa, hey! Is that... a waterfall?!

**Andrés:** Increíble... I think it is! Where are we? It looks like a forest! (gasps) There are tall leafy trees and spiky cactuses and lots of colorful plants! It's so peaceful...

[BoomBox remixes the sounds and words]

**Andrés:** Huh! And there's so much green! Just what we were looking for! Like, look at this green plant... It's got curvy leaves that look like bird feathers!

**Christina:** Ooh, yeah! I think it's a fern.

**Andrés:** ¡Ay, sí, un helecho! My abuela had one just like it! Wow. I'm so glad we're here. [Christina: Mmm-hmm!] This is a great place to dry off a little and enjoy the cool plants. Like that one! I wonder what it is... It looks just like a garden hose—

[hose spraying]

**Andrés:** Aaah! It IS a garden hose! ¡Ay! ¡Estoy todo mojado!

[footsteps]

**Makoa:** Oh bro! I'm so, so sorry! I was trying to water the plants, not you! I didn't see you there!

**Andrés:** Eh, ¡no hay problema! I was already wet from the storm outside...

**Makoa:** Here's a towel. I'm so, so sorry again. I'm trying to get this garden ready for a big party, but ha! There's so much to do!

**Andrés:** ¡Gracias!

**Christina:** Wait... you mean, you made this garden?!

**Makoa:** I mean, I had lots of help, but, yes! I'm a landscape designer. I planned it, and picked out the plants and trees, and ah, even helped make that waterfall!

**Andrés:** ¡Increíble!

**Christina:** That's awesome!

**Makoa:** Oh, mahalo! But... There's supposed to be a party tonight to show everyone the garden, and the two gardeners who were supposed to help me... they're stuck in traffic! So I'm on my own, with SO much to do, so... I, I should get back to it.

**Christina:** Hey! ¡Tengo una idea! [Makoa: Really?] We have some time before our show— WE could help you get everything ready! We love to help people, and learn about their jobs!

**Makoa:** Oh, that's so sweet of you to offer! But, uh, I don't know... It would be pretty different from working with my usual team, but... You know what? Ah, it would be a huge help! I guess sometimes it's good to think of another way.

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY HEY! THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

**Makoa:** Hey hey, cherry beat, bro!

**Andrés:** That's BoomBox, our magical music machine! I'm Andrés!

**Christina:** ¡Y yo soy Christina! And we also have our Jam Fam, the listeners of our podcast!

**Makoa:** Wow! So exciting to meet you all! Aloha, I'm Makoa! I'm super excited to show you what I do as a landscape designer! [pause] Why don't you take some gardening gloves, [Andrés: Okay; Makoa grunts] and these

special little shovels, we call ‘em “spades,” and we can dig a few holes for these plants, huh?

**Andrés:** Okay, ¡súper!

**Andrés:** ¡Vamos!

[digging, planting]

**Christina:** Uh, this dirt is red and kind of sticky, like clay!

**Makoa:** Oh great observation! A lot of the soil here in North Carolina is this red clay.

**Christina:** Oh!

**Andrés:** And these plants are so pretty! I like the little white flowers. What are they called?

**Makoa:** These ones are called meadowsweet.

**Andrés:** Meadowsweet, hmm... I like that name! Why did you pick meadowsweet for the garden?

**Makoa:** Yeah, this is an office building for people who make new medicines, and meadowsweet is a plant that people have used to make medicine for like thousands of years. [Andrés: Wow!] I wanted to remind the people who work here that they come from a big history of healers, yeah? People who help people feel better!

**Christina:** That is so cool!

**Makoa:** SO cool, right? [Andrés: Mmm-hmm!] I love planning gardens that aren't just pretty, but make people think and feel connected to the ‘āina, I mean, you know, nature.



**Andrés:** Well I saw that bird feather fern, and I felt connected to my abuela! She had one just like it!

**Makoa:** No way, mine too! In fact, it was gardening with my grandma that got me interested in making gardens in the first place.

**Andrés:** Oh! Mi abuela lived in Colombia. Where did your grandma live?

**Makoa:** I grew up with my tutu on the Big Island in Hawaii! I loved helping in her garden, growing vegetables like sugar snap peas to eat, and flowers to make life more beautiful. [Christina: Aww.] Oh, she grew some colorful flowers that you could string into special flower necklaces called “leis.”

**Christina:** Oh! I’ve seen those before, they are so cool!

**Makoa:** Aren’t they amazing? I love that Hawaiian tradition of bringing nature around with you! And now I get to bring nature inside, for my job as a landscape designer! Oh, speaking of which... let’s water these red poppies, over here.

[watering with hose]

**Andrés:** Ooh, water water water! Hey! Why does that cactus have those funny white spots? Is it sick?

**Makoa:** Another good observation! And a really good question. I was wondering about that cactus, too. A lot of my job is sort of being a plant detective [Andrés: Hmm.] to figure out if the plants have everything they need.

**BoomBox:** PLANT DETECTIVE! PLANT DETECTIVE!

**Makoa:** This cactus doesn’t need much water, and it does have the nice sandy soil it likes...

**Andrés:** Ajá...

**Makoa:** So it has water and soil, which makes me wonder if it has enough... mmm? Ah?

**Christina, Andrés and Makoa:** Light!

**Makoa:** Yeah, that's right!

**BoomBox:** LIGHT! LIGHT! PLANT DETECTIVE!

**Makoa:** Exactly! It needs more light! It's frustrating, because I think it looks very pretty here, next to these purple desert sage plants. But [Andrés: Mmhmm.] uh maybe we can... think of another way?

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY, HEY! THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

**Andrés:** Think of another way, hmmm... Ah! Maybe we can move all the plants over together? That way the cactus can be next to its little purple friends and still get the light it needs!

**Makoa:** Amazing idea! Let's do it! We'll have to carefully dig around these plants' roots, put them into these containers...

[containers jostling]

**Makoa:** ... dig new holes over there, and then, move them in! Ready to get your hands dirty? Uh?

**Andrés:** Oh, you bet! We're ready! This is the best nature time ever!

**Christina:** You can help too, Jam Fam! Pretend you're holding a shovel, and dig with us!

**BoomBox:** DIG WITH US! DIG WITH US!

[BoomBox samples and remixes the sounds of digging in the garden]

**Makoa:** Mahalo! That's amazing! I think the garden is almost ready!

**Andrés:** And I'm having so much fun! We were sitting in the theater's green room – which by the way, is NOT even green – and I was really missing time in nature. So this made me feel so much better.

**Makoa:** Aw, I love to hear you saying that. It's my favorite part of what I do. There are a lot of people who aren't able to get outside much, so I'm so happy to be able to bring the outside inside.

**Christina:** Ooh I like that: "Bring the outside inside." (laughs) That's, like, the ultimate "think of another way!"

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY HEY! THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

**Makoa:** I've never thought about it quite like that! But it's true. My next project is actually going to be for a big home where a lot of older people live together. It really explores that idea in a cool way I think. It won't be done for a while, but I can show you the plans I made. They're on my tablet, which should be right... Ooh! Oh no!!

**Christina:** Uh, what is it?

**Makoa:** I left my tablet at home! So I can't show you my plans.... Plus, oh, I need to show them at a super important meeting, in just a few minutes!

**Andrés:** Hmm. Hold on a second! Maybe we could think of another way?

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY HEY! THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

**Makoa:** But I always use my tablet to show my garden designs!

**Christina:** Well, do you remember what the design looks like?

**Makoa:** Definitely. I thought carefully about every inch of it.

**Christina:** Huh. So...umm... (gasps) why don't we draw it?! I have some paper and markers! And my backpack is waterproof, so they're nice and dry!

[paper rustling]

**Makoa:** Hey, that's a cherry idea! Okay! Well, we need some big curvy bushes here... [Christina: Uh-huh...] Some nice straight pathways...

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY HEY! THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

**Makoa:** Lots of little colorful flowers here... [Christina: Oooh!; Andrés: ¡Qué bonita!] And let's just color everything in... [Christina: Okay.] And... done!

**Christina:** (gasps) Ohh, it looks great!

**Andrés:** ¡Súper!

**Makoa:** You know what... it looks even better than what I did on the computer! Oh, thanks, new friends! You really helped me out today!

**Andrés:** It was our pleasure! I feel so inspired by our time together... I think we'll write a brand new song about your job, that we can sing at our show. Is that okay?

**Makoa:** That's amazing!

**Andrés:** And maybe, uh, do you think you could come? After your meeting?

**Makoa:** Sure! I can't wait!

**Christina:** ¡Genial! ¡Perfecto! Sounds like we've got a job to jam on!

**BoomBox:** WE'VE GOT A JOB TO JAM ON! WE'VE GOT A JOB, WE'VE GOT A JOB... JAM!

**Christina:** Yeah! (laughs) Oh! Um, but Andrés, I don't know if you're going to have time to do all your lucky things before we go on stage.

**Andrés:** Oh no! Wait, wait a second... I have an idea! Maybe we could... think of another way!

**Christina:** Oh, nice!

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY HEY! THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

[rain, transitional music, crowd cheering at the concert]

**Christina:** Hello amazing families of Durham, North Carolina!

**Andrés:** We're so happy to be playing our show for you! But first... I have to tell you. Today, I've been learning about how to think of another way!

**BoomBox:** THINK OF ANOTHER WAY, HEY HEY! THINK OF ANOTHER WAY!

**Andrés:** ¡Exacto! And I have these special lucky things I do before every show, before I go on stage. But today, I ran out of time! So now, I thought of

another way! Instead, I could do them right now, here, on stage! Would you like that, Durham?

[cheering]

**Andrés:** All right, get ready for the lucky routine!

[BoomBox drops a beat and samples sounds to accompany Andrés]

**Andrés:** Lucky snack

[crunching]

**Andrés:** Lucky jumping jacks

[jumping jacks]

**Andrés:** Lucky chicken squeak

[rubber chicken squeaking, phone ringing]

**Andrés:** Lucky phone call... Hey, ¡hola Leo!

**Andrés:** Lucky words, lucky socks, lucky candle blow...

[blowing out candle]

**Andrés:** Sí se puede. Sí se puede. Mmm, me pongo las medias... Hmm.  
My lucky poem:

[microphone rustling, feedback]

**Andrés:**

“we are these messengers  
blue breath

red hands  
singing a tree into dance!”  
And, I’m ready to go!

[applause]

**Andrés:** Now are YOU ready to hear a song about a landscape designer?

[applause]

**Christina:** Makoa, this one’s for you! Hit it, BoomBox!

**BoomBox:** ONE. TWO. ONE TWO THREE.

**Christina, Andrés, and Boombox:** (singing)

I put my hands  
In the clay  
What kind of garden do I want to create?

I put my boots  
In the dirt  
It’s time to get these wild plants into shape!

I put my hands in the land  
Design a plan  
Pick out some plants, pick out some plants!

And do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake  
Do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake  
And do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake  
Do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake

I put my hands  
To the roots  
I'm careful not to damage flowers or fruits

I get my shovel  
And garden hose  
It's up to me to decide which way it grows

Oooh ooh ooh

But if there's a surprise  
Like if it's cold, with frost and ice  
Or if I forget my tools  
No problem, it's all good!  
I just think of another way!  
I just think of another way!

And do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake  
Do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake  
And do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake  
Do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake

And now my garden  
Is filled with green  
A place to walk, peaceful and serene

SPOKEN: Now everybody, put your spades in the air  
And do the:

Shake... shake... shake... shake!



And do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake  
Do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake  
And do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake  
Do the shake, shake  
Landscape shake, shake

Do the landscape shake... shake!

[audience cheering]

**Christina:** Thank you so much, everybody!

**Andrés:** Hey Makoa! Can you get up on stage? ¡Ven, ven!

**Makoa:** Aw, uh... Sure! Let me, let me... can I get through here! Thanks!  
Haha!

**Christina:** Let's welcome to the stage, our wonderful landscape designer friend, Makoa!

[applause]

**Makoa:** Alooooooha, everybody! Oh, it was so cherry to meet you three and hear your awesome new song! So great, right Durham?

[applause]

**Andrés:** Yes! We loved learning about your job, and how special it can be to bring nature inside. I really miss nature when I'm busy traveling, but now I have a lot of ideas about how to "think of another way" to get more nature time!

**Makoa:** On that note, I actually have a little present for you!

[applause]

**Andrés:** Oh! It's a fern in a little pot! Just like my abuela had!

**Makoa:** Give it plenty of water, light, soil, and love, and you can bring it around with you wherever you go!

**Andrés:** Aw, I will. ¡Muchas gracias! I love it!

**Makoa:** And I have one more surprise for you and for the theater! You'll see it in the green room after the concert...

[applause]

**Andrés:** Mm?

**Christina:** ¿Qué?

[transitional music]

**Andrés:** I can't wait to see what Makoa's last surprise for us is, [Christina: Uh-huh!] Maybe it's...(gasps) ¡Mira, Christina! The green room is now actually green! Makoa must have dropped off all of these plants!

**Christina:** (gasps) Oh, I love it! Wow! You know, it's jobs like Makoa's that show us you can always think of another way, and the results (sighs) can be really, really beautiful.

**Andrés:** Yeah! Thanks for coming with us, Jam Fam! I'm going to hang this fern in our tour bus so it can bring some nature with us wherever we go.

**Christina:** I hope you have lots of nature in your day, Jam Fam! Now let's kick it to BoomBox, who always "thinks of another way" to rap the credits!

**Christina, Andrés, and BoomBox:** (singing)

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**BoomBox / Pierce Freelon:** (singing and rapping)

Jamming on the Job is hosted by Christina Sanabria  
and Andrés Salguero

aka 123 Andrés

And I'm Pierce Freelon

I play BoomBox and

We wrote these songs

All about these jobs

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Come along meet the rest of my squad

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**Christina and Andrés: ¡Hasta pronto!**

[music ends]

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