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Easter Parade

By Kelly Hashway



Erica's class had been working on their float for the Easter parade for over a month. Parents volunteered to help build it, but Erica and her classmates had designed the entire thing. Bunnies and colorful eggs decorated the float. But Erica's favorite part was the egg throne in the



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Erica looked at the empty throne. Of course, someone had to sit on the throne. Erica's hand shot up in the air. "I'll do it, Mrs. Jackson!"

"Great! Thank you, Erica," Mrs. Jackson said. "Meet me here tomorrow morning at eight. That should be enough time to explain your role in the parade."

That night Erica dreamed about sitting on the throne and waving to everyone in the crowd.

At eight the next morning, she arrived at the school parking lot where Mrs. Jackson was waiting. Mrs. Jackson was holding something big and pink in her arms. Erica imagined a beautiful pink gown fit for an Easter princess.



"You're right on time," Mrs. Jackson said. "I need you to put on your costume and then take your place on the float." She handed a bunny suit to Erica.

Erica took the suit and cringed. She was about to tell Mrs. Jackson that she didn't want to dress up as a big bunny, but a little girl walked up, dragging her mother by the hand.

"Mommy, when's the Easter Bunny going to be here?"

"Soon, sweetie. Soon."

Erica stared at the little girl. She looked so



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little girl. As her classmates walked the float down the road, Erica waved and searched the crowd for the little girl. Finally, she found her. The girl clapped and cheered.

Erica wasn't an Easter princess, but she was the star of the parade after all.

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1. Mrs. Jackson said "We need a volunteer for a very special job in the parade." At first, what did Erica think the job was?



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- b. She complained to Mrs. Jackson.
c. She cooperated and did the job she volunteered for.
d. She pretended she didn't know what she was supposed to do.
4. What lesson can be learned from this story?
- a. Participating in school activities is hard work.
b. When people are counting on you, you shouldn't disappoint them.
c. You should never give up.
d. Dreams really can come true.
5. Read the following sentence from the story.

Erica's favorite part was the egg throne in the middle.

Write a definition for the underlined word. Use a dictionary if you're not sure.

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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. _____ o a _____



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4. _____ l _____ r _____ u _____

clue: full of color

4. _____

5. _____ n _____

clue: synonym for rabbit

5. _____

6. _____ r _____ n _____ e d

clue: tensed up because of embarrassment

6. _____

7. _____ o _____ n

clue: fancy dress

7. _____

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3. Read the following sentence from the story.

Erica's favorite part was the egg throne in the middle.

Write a definition for the underlined word. Use a dictionary if you're not sure.

A throne is a large chair.

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clue: tensed up because of embarrassment

7. g o w n

clue: fancy dress

7. _____ **gown** _____