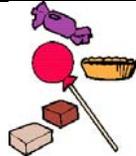


Participation Through Drama

Story Theatre For Blackberry Subway Jam, or Jonathan Cleaned Up - Then He Heard A Sound, by Robert Munsch

Parts:

- Mother
- Jonathan
- People/Someone
- Conductor
- Major
- Computer Man
- Subway Boss
- Lady in City Hall

Character	Lines	Participation For Non-verbal Student
Introduction*		
Mother	Jonathan's mother went to get a can of noodles. She said, "Jonathan, please don't make a mess!"	
Jonathan	When she was gone, Jonathan stood in the middle of the apartment and looked at the nice clean rug, and the nice clean walls, and the very, very clean sofa and said, "Well, there is certainly no mess here." Then he heard a sound. It was coming from behind the wall. He put his ear up against the wall and listened very carefully. The noise sounded like a train. Just then the wall slid open and a subway train pulled up and stopped.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use a switch, Powerlink and tape recorder to make loud train noises (speakers might be added for volume)
Someone	Someone yelled, "Last stop! Everybody out!" Then little people, big people, fat people and thin people and all kinds of people came out of Jonathan's wall, ran around his apartment and out the front door.	
Jonathan	Jonathan stood in the middle of the living room and looked around. There was writing on the wall, gum on the rug, a man sleeping on the sofa, and all the food was gone from the refrigerator. "Well, this certainly is a mess!" He tried to drag the man out the door, but met his mother coming in.	
Mother	She pointed to the writing on the walls, the gum on the rug, and the empty refrigerator. She yelled, "Jonathan, what a mess!"	
Jonathan	"The wall opened up and there was a subway train. Thousands of people came running through."	
Mother	"Oh Jon, don't be silly. Clean it up."	

Jonathan	She went out to get another can of noodles, and Jonathan cleaned up (pause). When it was all done, he heard a sound (pause). It was coming from behind the wall. He put his ear up against the wall and listened very carefully. The noise sounded like a train. Just then the wall slid open and there was a subway train.	• use a switch, Powerlink and tape recorder to make loud train noises (speakers might be added for volume)
Someone	"Last stop, everybody out!" And all kinds of people came out of Jonathan's wall, ran around his apartment and out the front door.	
Jonathan	This time there were ice cream cones and chewing gum on the rug, writing and footprints on the wall, two men sleeping on the sofa and a policeman watching TV. Besides that, the refrigerator was gone! (very angry) "EVERYBODY OUT!"	
Mother	Just then his mother came in. She saw ice cream cones and chewing gum on the rug, writing and footprints on the wall, two men sleeping on the sofa, a policeman watching TV and a big empty space where the refrigerator had been. "Jonathan, what have you done?" Then she heard a noise. It was coming from behind the wall. She put her ear right against the wall and listened very carefully. The noise sounded like a train. The wall slid open and a subway train pulled up.	• use a switch, Powerlink and tape recorder to make loud train noises (speakers might be added for volume)
Someone	"Last stop! Everybody out!" All kinds of people ran out of the wall, around the apartment and out the front door.	
Jonathan	Jonathan went to the conductor and said, "This is not a subway station, this is my house!"	
Conductor	"If the subway stops here, then it's a subway station! You shouldn't build your house in a subway station. If you don't like it, go see City Hall."	
Jonathan	So Jonathan went to City Hall. (pause) (change props)	
Lady	When Jonathan got there, the lady at the front desk told him to see the subway boss.	
Subway Boss	The subway boss told Jonathan to go see the mayor.	
Jonathan	So he went and saw the mayor.	
Mayor	"If the subway stops there, then it's a subway station! You shouldn't build your house in a subway station. Our computer says it's a subway station and our computer is never wrong ...now, I have to go for lunch.	
Jonathan	Jonathan started to leave, but on his way out he heard a sound. Someone was crying.	
Computer	"Oooooooh, I'm hungry""wing, wing, kler-klung, clickety clang."	• use a switch, Powerlink and tape recorder to simulate

		computer sounds
Jonathan	Jonathan found the computer and squeezed in back of the machine and saw a little old man at a very messy desk.	
Computer	"Do you have any blackberry jam?"	
Jonathan	"No, but I could get some. Who are you?"	
Computer	"I'm the computer."	
Jonathan	Now Jonathan was no dummy. "Computers are machines and you are not a machine. They go 'wing, wing, kler-klung, clickety clang'."	• use a switch, Powerlink and tape recorder to simulate computer sounds
Computer	"Well, that goes 'wing, wing, kler-klung, clickety clang', but the darn thing never did work. I do everything for the whole city."	• use a switch, Powerlink and tape recorder to simulate computer sounds
Jonathan	"Oh, ...I will get you some blackberry jam if you'll do me a favour. A subway station is in my house at 980 View Street. Please change it."	
Computer	"Certainly, I remember doing that. I didn't know where to put it."	
Jonathan	Jonathan ran out and passed all the offices with nobody there. He ran all the way to a jam store. He got four cases of jam and carried it all the way back to the City Hall ... to the man behind the computer.	
Computer	"Now, where am I going to put this subway station?"	
Jonathan	"I know ..." (whispering in the old man's ear) (then he leaves)	
Computer	(Yelling after him) "Don't tell anyone the computer is broken. The Major would be very upset. He paid ten million dollars for it."	
Mother	When Jonathan got home, his mother was still standing on the rug because she was stuck to the gum (pause). Jonathan started washing the writing off the wall.	
Jonathan	"There will be no more subways here."	
Mother	"And he was right."	

Additional Modifications:

- one scene can take place on the stage while the other scene (the city hall) could be set up on the floor below the stage. Stair risers can be set up to move from the stage to the floor in the gym.