

Participation Through Drama

Story Theatre For The Paper Bag Princess, by Robert Munsch



Parts:

- Elizabeth
- Ronald
- Dragon
- Forest (class wears costumes – one side green/other side black and burnt)

Character	Lines	Participation For Non-verbal Student
Elizabeth	Once there was a beautiful princess named Elizabeth. She lived in a castle and had expensive princess clothes. She was going to marry a prince named Ronald (enter Ronald).	
Ronald	Unfortunately, a dragon smashed her castle, burned all her clothes with his fiery breath and carried off Prince Ronald (exit screaming).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use a switch or a voice output device with a loud sound recorded like a roaring fire
Elizabeth	Elizabeth decided to chase the dragon and get Ronald back. She looked all over for something to wear but the only thing she could find that was not burnt was a paper bag. So she put on the paper bag and followed the dragon. He was easy to follow because he left a trail of burnt forests and horses' teeth. Finally, Elizabeth came to a cave with a large door that had a huge knocker on it. She took hold of the knocker and banged on the door.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use a switch to play a recorded 'loud knock' or use the Step-By-Step Communicator • use hand over hand to hit 2 hollow sticks together (borrowed from the music teacher in the school)
Dragon	The dragon stuck his nose out of the door and said "Well, a princess! I love to eat princesses, but I have already eaten a whole castle today. I am a very busy dragon. Come back tomorrow."	
Elizabeth	He slammed the door so fast that Elizabeth almost got her nose caught. Elizabeth grabbed the knocker and banged on the door again.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use a switch to play a recorded 'loud knock' or use the Step-By-Step Communicator • use hand over hand to hit 2 hollow sticks together (borrowed from the music teacher in the school)
Dragon	The dragon stuck his nose out the door and said, "Go away. I love to eat princesses, but I have already eaten a whole castle today. I am a very busy dragon. Come back tomorrow."	
Elizabeth	"Wait! Is it true that you are the smartest and fiercest dragon in the whole world?"	
Dragon	"Yes"	
Elizabeth	"Is it true that you can burn up ten forests with	

	your fiery breath?"	
Dragon	"Oh, yes ...see?" And he breathed out so much fire that he burnt up fifty forests.	• use a switch or a voice output device with a loud sound recorded like a roaring fire
Elizabeth	"FANTASTIC!"	
Dragon	And the dragon took another huge breath and breathed out so much fire that he burnt up one hundred forests.	• use a switch or a voice output device with a loud sound recorded like a roaring fire
Elizabeth	"MAGNIFICENT!"	
Dragon	And the dragon took another huge breath, but this time nothing came out. The dragon didn't even have enough fire left to cook a meatball.	• use a switch or a voice output device with a loud sound recorded like a roaring fire
Elizabeth	"Dragon, is it true that you can fly around the world in just ten seconds?"	
Dragon	"Why, yes ...and he jumped up and flew all the way around the world in just ten seconds. He was very tired when he got back.	• use a switch or a voice output device with a loud swooshing sound recorded
Elizabeth	"FANTASTIC! Do it again!"	
Dragon	So the dragon jumped up and flew around the whole world in just twenty seconds. When he got back, he was too tired to talk and he lay down and went right to sleep.	• use a switch or a voice output device with a loud swooshing sound recorded
Elizabeth	(whispering) "Hey dragon." The dragon didn't move at all. (lift up dragon's ear and shout) "Hey, DRAGON!" The dragon was so tired he didn't even move. Elizabeth walked right over the dragon and opened the door to the case to find Prince Ronald.	• use a voice output device or a switch to play the the sound of snoring
Ronald	"Boy, are you a mess! You smell like ashes, your hair is all tangled and you are wearing a dirty old paper bag. Come back when you are dressed like a real princess."	
Elizabeth	"Ronald, your clothes are really pretty and your hair is all neat. You look like a real prince, but you are a bum." They didn't marry after all.	

Additional Modifications:

- The student could wear a poncho that is green on one side and brown on the other side, and be one of the trees in the forest along with other classmates.
- The student could use a switch (or hand over hand) to jiggle a strong light on the face of the dragon every time s/he breaths fire.