

(READERS SIT IN A SEMI CIRCLE, AS SHOWN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE A PANTOMIMED PRESENTATION WITH THIS READING, LEAVE AMPLE ROOM FOR AN "ACTING SPACE" IN FRONT OF AND BEHIND YOUR READERS. YOU MAY WANT TO PLACE AN ELEVATED PLATFORM BEHIND SEMI-CIRCLE WHICH IS LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD SIX CHILDREN AT ONE TIME).

(READERS SIT ON CHAIRS AS INDICATED IN DIAGRAM. PANTOMIME ACTORS PLAYING THE COW, DUCK, SHEEP, PIG, AND BOY SIT BEHIND SEMI-CIRCLE ON PLATFORM FLOOR. CHILD PLAYING THE MAGICIAN STANDS IN FRONT OF SEATED READERS, FACES AUDIENCE, AND MIMES MAGICIAN'S ACTIONS).

NARRATOR:

Once upon a time an old magician decided to work some kitchen magic. He said,

(BELOW LINE MAY BE ASSIGNED TO THE CHILD MIMING THE MAGICIAN'S ROLE, IF DESIRED.

"Hey! Hey!
I'll fill my belly
With muffins of
Peanut butter and

(ALL READERS, ACTORS, AND AUDIENCE MEMBERS MAY SHOUT "JELLY" IN UNISON. THIS IS REPEATED THROUGHOUT THE STORY).

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ALL: JELLY!"

(MAGICIAN MIMES FOLLOWING ACTIONS. CARDBOARD PROPS SUCH AS HAT, EGGS, ETC. MAY BE USED, IF DESIRED).

NARRATOR: The old magician placed his magical top hat upon the kitchen counter. Then he threw flour, sugar, baking powder, eggs, and buttermilk into the hat.

Next the old magician searched through his kitchen cupboards and found a jar of chunky peanut butter and a jar of his favorite fruit jelly. These too he threw into the hat, lids and all!

(MAGICIAN MIMES WAVING WAND OVER HAT).

Finally the old magician picked up his magic wand, waved it grandly over the top hat, and chanted again,

(BELOW LINE MAY BE ASSIGNED TO THE CHILD WHO IS MIMING THE MAGICIAN'S ROLE, IF DESIRED).

"Hey! Hey!
I'll fill my belly
With muffins of
Peanut butter and

ALL: JELLY!"

(CHILD PLAYING THE MAGICIAN GRABS HAT AND ANY OTHER PROPS, RUNS BEHIND THE SEMI-CIRCLE, JUMPS UPON PLATFORM, PLACES PROPS ON PLATFORM FLOOR, AND STANDS QUIETLY IN PLACE UNTIL THE WORDS "HEY! HEY!").

NARRATOR:

All at once there was a mixing and a mashing, a twirling and a thrashing. The top hat disappeared in a puff of smoke and reappeared inside the old magician's oven.

(CHILDREN 1 AND 2 STAND, RUN DOWNSTAGE FROM SEMI-CIRCLE TO ACTING SPACE AND PRETEND TO BE THE MUFFINS).

Two seconds later, the oven door popped open and two red hot roly polly peanut butter and jelly muffins jumped out of the hat.

(MUFFINS ROLL OR RUN IN CIRCULAR PATTERN AROUND THE DOWNSTAGE ACTING SPACE).

They didn't even stop to say hello. They rolled across the kitchen floor and out the door before the old magician could say,

ALL:

"HEY! HEY!"

(MAGICIAN JUMPS DOWN FROM PLATFORM. HE RUNS DOWNSTAGE AND CHASES THE MUFFINS AROUND THE ACTING SPACE AS THE FOLLOWING LINES ARE READ):

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NARRATOR: The old magician ran after them. He wanted to eat those muffins!
But the muffins just laughed and called out,

CHILD 1: "Na Na Na-na-na
Can't catch us!

CHILD 2: You can run until you drop
Or run until we holler

(MAGICIAN RUNS BACK TO PLATFORM BEHIND SEMI-CIRCLE
AS MUFFINS CONTINUE TO RUN AROUND THE DOWNSTAGE
ACTING SPACE).

ALL: STOP!"

NARRATOR: And at the sound of the word stop,

(MAGICIAN STANDS ON PLATFORM AND FREEZES IN A SILLY
POSE).

The poor magician
Froze still as a stone
And cried,

(MAGICIAN JOINS IN THE CHANT FROM HIS FROZEN
POSITION):

ALL: "HEY! HEY!
I WANT TO GO HOME."

(CHILDREN 1 AND 2 RETURN TO CHAIRS IN SEMI-CIRCLE AND SIT. CHILDREN 3 AND 4 NOW PLAY THE MUFFINS. CHILDREN 3 AND 4 STAND, MOVE INTO THE DOWNSTAGE ACTING SPACE, AND CONTINUE THE ROLLING OR RUNNING).

NARRATOR: But the roly poly magician's muffins ran merrily on their way.

(MAGICIAN BREAKS FREEZE AND SITS ON PLATFORM FLOOR. CHILD PLAYING COW STANDS, JUMPS DOWN FROM PLATFORM, ENTERS DOWNSTAGE ACTING SPACE AND MIMES GRAZING).

They ran past a sleepy cow who was happily grazing beside the road. When the cow saw those muffins, she said,

(BELOW LINES MAY BE ASSIGNED TO COW, IF DESIRED).

"Moo! Moo!
I'll fill my belly
With muffins of
Peanut butter and

ALL: JELLY!"

(COW BEGINS TO CHASE MUFFINS JUST AS MAGICIAN DID EARLIER).

NARRATOR: But the muffins just laughed and called out,