

## Big Parade

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This book was created especially for

**Johnnie Thomas Smith**

at the age of **6**

With love from

**Mom and Dad**

**August 21, 2001**

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**Johnnie Thomas Smith** sat up wide-awake in **his** bed. The sun was just coming up in **Fair Lawn**. **He** could tell that it was going to be a gorgeous day. **He** glanced out **his** bedroom window. **Johnnie** remembered exactly where **he** was planning to go today with **Rafael, Timmy and Phil**.  
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**Johnnie** had been so excited for the past week. With **Rafael, Timmy and Phil**, **he** had made a game of finding the most circus posters all over town. Today was the big parade and that meant the start of all the circus activities. **Johnnie** had even tried to go to sleep as fast as **he** could last night to make the morning come more quickly.

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**Johnnie** began to think about all the fantastic fun **he** would have. Last year, **his** favorite act was the clown with the invisible dog. **Johnnie** wondered if the clown would be there again today. Then **Johnnie** thought about the child who would be selected by the mayor this year to lead the parade. Who would that lucky person be?

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Just then the phone rang. "**Johnnie Smith**, will you lead the big parade for us this year?" asked the mayor of **Fair Lawn**. "Oh, yes, yes!" exclaimed **Johnnie**. "Will I get to ride in the fire truck?" The mayor chuckled, "You most certainly will, **Johnnie!**"

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**Rafael, Timmy and Phil** were waiting with **Johnnie** when a huge helicopter landed in **his** back yard. It was there to pick up **Johnnie**. The helicopter took off minutes later with **Johnnie** in the front seat grinning from ear to ear. After waving goodbye, **Rafael, Timmy and Phil** hurried downtown to see the parade.

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From the helicopter, **Johnnie** could see the circus parade beginning to assemble at the edge of town. The helicopter landed and **Johnnie** ran to the mayor. On their way to the shiny, red fire truck at the head of the parade, they walked past all the practicing performers and anxious animals that would be following **Johnnie**. **Johnnie** was thrilled.

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Someone shouted, "Look, **Johnnie Smith** is leading the parade this year!" At that very moment, a big drum roll was heard. **Johnnie** carefully climbed aboard the fire truck next to the driver who was dressed like a clown. **Johnnie** enjoyed the marvelous, marching

music played by the band as the fire truck drove down the main street of **Fair Lawn**.

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Immediately behind the band was a beautiful bareback rider. Her two magnificent, prancing horses were so well trained that the rider could balance on both their backs while standing up. **Johnnie** imagined that the fine, fancy feathers on the noble horses' heads were bobbing to the beat of the music. **He** bobbed **his** head also.

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The fire truck turned a corner. **Johnnie** saw three small children mimicking the dancing bear who was dressed in a pink ballerina costume. The big, brown bear was very entertaining as she proudly performed bouncy ballet steps while balancing on a ball.

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The circus elephants followed next. As **he** watched the playful pranks of the darling baby elephant, **Johnnie** daydreamed about taking him home. When the elephant fanned his big floppy ears, **Johnnie** could almost picture him flying through the sky with the greatest of ease. If the baby strayed too far, the mother elephant would lovingly wrap her trunk around his.

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A jolly juggler on a unicycle juggling five full bottles fascinated **Rafael, Timmy and Phil**. He pedaled so fast that there were times when it was hard for them to keep up with him. They thought it was incredible that he never dropped a bottle, no matter how fast he pedaled. **Rafael, Timmy and Phil** knew it took practice to be that good.

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**Johnnie** was amused by the antics of the slippery seal. The seal would flip the ball backwards and then, with his hind flippers, smack it right back to the tip of his nose. Everyone loved watching the seal clap after each trick he performed. **Rafael, Timmy and Phil** had fun imitating his funny, barking noises.

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The acrobatic troupe was next. Their tumbling and flipping routines had the crowd cheering. **Johnnie** was enjoying **his** place of honor, but was really tickled when the driver told **him he** would have a chance to watch the entire parade pass before **him** as each act entered the big top circus tent.

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A majestic lion with all his marvelous mane was in the last wagon. He was so-o-o big, and his roar was so-o-o loud that **Johnnie** could hear him from the very front of the parade. The mild-mannered monkeys on top of his cage did not seem at all frightened of the ferocious feline.

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The fire truck stopped at the entrance of the big top circus tent. **Johnnie** talked to the circus stars as they went inside. It made **him** feel like an important star to be so close to them. Then **Johnnie** joined **Rafael, Timmy and Phil** in **his** special section inside the tent.

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When the circus was over, Mike was escorted outside by the mayor and the ringmaster. **Johnnie** did not want this special day to end. As **he** turned to look one last time, some performers were waving goodbye. **Johnnie** waved back and smiled, for **he** knew **he**

would never forget the day **he** led  
**THE BIG PARADE!**

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**Johnnie Smith**

**In THE BIG PARADE, there were many different characters. Can you unscramble the following names?**

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lesa \_\_\_\_\_

nlwoc \_\_\_\_\_

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