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Lisa Anne Thomas  
in the Circus Party

Merry Christmas,  
Mom and Dad  
2002

Lisa Anne Thomas, age 6, was the happiest girl in Alpine, New Jersey. She was excited because she was going to the circus with Raphael, Danny and Michelle.

As soon as they arrived at the circus, Lisa bought popcorn and delicious cotton candy. Clutching her ticket, she anxiously waited in line.

As Lisa neared the main entrance to the circus tent, she could see a funny clown juggling many balls. The ticket Lisa held in her hand had a sparkling star on it.

Seeing the star, the ticket-taker exclaimed, "Wait, little girl, your ticket is special. The star allows you to sit in the very front row!"

Lisa rushed to her seat, and the show immediately began.

"TOOT-TOOT," chugged a steam train as it rolled toward the center stage. The train clickity-clacked in a big circle and stopped directly in front of Lisa.

Clowns wearing colorful costumes jumped out of one tiny car and did tricks that made everyone laugh. Lisa wondered how so many clowns could fit inside such a small car.

Lisa was delighted to see the chimpanzees balance on bicycles. All of a sudden, CoCo, the baby chimpanzee, disappeared. Lisa noticed him ride his bicycle out of the circus tent straight into the parking lot.

Lisa jumped from her seat and dashed after CoCo. Lisa was able to save CoCo just before he crashed into a big truck. She then returned the thankful CoCo to his loving mother chimpanzee.

Then the ring master announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, today we have a very special guest in the audience. Her name is Lisa Anne Thomas, age 6, from Alpine, New Jersey. She just saved the life of CoCo, the baby chimpanzee. Let's give her a big round of applause."

Lisa smiled broadly as she joined the ring master on the center stage.

Just then Lisa saw several clowns wheeling out a huge cake. To her surprise the cake read: Thank you Lisa Anne Thomas for saving CoCo, the baby chimpanzee.

Suddenly, a cuddly teddy bear jumped out of the giant cake. Lisa laughed and clapped her hands as three ballerina bears danced just for her.

Lovely ladies riding a team of horses galloped into the center ring. Lisa was amazed to see the beautiful horses leap through blazing hoops of fire.

The ring master invited Lisa to ride on one of the horses. Lisa waved to Raphael, Danny and Michelle as she rode past them on the white stallion.

Lisa thought, "It's great fun to be in the circus!"

Next, a bright red fire truck carrying fire-fighting bears raced toward a burning building.

Lisa, along with Raphael, Danny and Michelle shouted, "Jump! Jump!" to the bear trapped inside the burning building.

Quickly the frightened bear leaped into the safety net below. In a hurry, rescue bears stopped the fire by spraying water on the raging flames.

The ring master announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, our world famous elephants will perform for you!"

The huge animals did balancing acts, while clowns did cartwheels on their backs.

The ring master asked, "[Lisa](#), everyone thinks you're great, won't you please join the circus and travel around the world with us?"

[Lisa](#) replied, "I would love to be in the circus, but I would miss [Raphael, Danny and Michelle](#)."

The ring master pleaded, "Then, would you be the leader of the grand parade?"

"I would love to," replied [Lisa](#).

She immediately climbed on the back of a huge elephant and proudly led the parade. [Lisa](#) waved goodbye to her friends and promised to visit them when the circus returned to [Alpine, New Jersey](#).

[Lisa](#) told [Raphael, Danny and Michelle](#), "I will never forget my wonderful adventure at the circus!"

