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Dawn Michelle Nelson
in a Birthday Adventure

Happy 5th Birthday,
Mom and Dad
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On her birthday, Dawn Michelle Nelson, age 6, was the happiest girl in Saddle River, New Jersey. She was excited because she was going to the circus with Lindsay, Geof and Patti.

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

As Dawn neared the main entrance to the circus tent, she could see a funny clown juggling many balls. The ticket Dawn 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!"

Dawn 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 Dawn.

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

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

Dawn jumped from her seat and dashed after CoCo. Dawn 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 Dawn Michelle Nelson, age 6, from Saddle River, New Jersey. Today is her birthday and she just saved the life of CoCo, the baby chimpanzee. Let's give her a big round of applause."

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

Just then Dawn saw several clowns wheeling out a huge birthday cake. To her surprise the cake read: Happy Birthday, Dawn Michelle Nelson and thanks for saving CoCo, the baby chimpanzee.

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

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

The ring master invited Dawn to ride on one of the horses. Dawn waved to Lindsay, Geof and Patti as she rode past them on the white stallion.

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Dawn 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.

Dawn, along with Lindsay, Geof and Patti 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, "Dawn, everyone thinks you're great, won't you please join the circus and travel around the world with us?"

Dawn replied, "I would love to be in the circus, but I would miss Lindsay, Geof and Patti."

The ring master pleaded, "For your birthday, will you lead the grand parade?"

"I would love to," replied Dawn.

She immediately climbed on the back of a huge elephant and proudly led the parade. Dawn waved goodbye to her friends and promised to visit them when the circus returned to Saddle River, New Jersey.

Dawn told Lindsay, Geof and Patti, "I will never forget my wonderful birthday adventure at the circus!"

