

A Day at the Circus

Story By: Judie Eberhardt

I am so excited! Mom and Dad are taking me to my first circus. All the kids at school have already been to a circus, but not me. When we had our “circle share time” at school on Friday afternoon, our teacher, Miss Alexander asked each of us what special plans, if any, we had for the weekend. Mary was going to the mall, Billy had a championship ball game, Todd was going to his swimming lesson, and when Miss Alexander got to me, I was so ready to tell everyone what I was going to do! “I’m going to my first circus!” I said so proudly. Miss Alexander thought that was a great plan to have for the weekend.

It was finally Saturday, and off we went to the circus. We found our seats and watched three huge elephants walk through some big hoops that two men were holding. Next, the clowns came out on unicycles and rode all around the circus tent. Some were blowing loud funny horns, while others did tricks on their unicycles. The best part was when the trapeze artists walked high above us on a very thin and tiny wire. People held their breath as they watched the trapeze artists balance themselves. They didn’t even look scared!

Dad got some cotton candy and peanuts for me, and I shared them with my little sister, Marie. Out came some beautiful gray horses with riders that were doing some tricks, including riding sideways on the horses. “Wow!” said Marie. “I sure wish I could ride like that!” We took many pictures, even some with the funny clowns.

Finally, it was time to go home, but I will never forget the most fantastic time, my first circus! I can’t wait to share the best weekend ever with everyone back at school on Monday. I will bring the pictures to show Miss Alexander and the rest of the class. They will feel like they went to the circus too!



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3. What snacks did Dad buy for the children?
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