

Participation Through Drama

Story Theatre For Thomas' Snowsuit, by Robert Munsch


Parts:

- Thomas
- Mother
- Teacher
- Principal (bathing cap with hair on sides)
- Someone (a child)
- Several children (the rest of the class)

Props:

- Cloakroom
- Snowsuits
- Jackets

| Character | Lines | Participation For Non-verbal Student |
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| Mother | One day, Thomas' mother bought him a nice new brown snowsuit. | |
| Thomas | When Thomas saw that snowsuit he said, "That is the ugliest thing that I have ever seen in my life. If you think that I am going to wear that ugly snowsuit you are crazy!" | |
| Mother | "We will see about that!" The next day when it was time to go to school, his mother got out Thomas' new snowsuit. "Thomas, please put on your snowsuit." | |
| Thomas | "NNNNNNNO!" | • record "NO" on the Step by Step or a tape recorder and attach it to speakers so that the "NO" is amplified each time. |
| Mother | (Jumping up and down) "Thomas, put on that snowsuit!" | |
| Thomas | "NNNNNNNO!" | • record "NO" on the Step by Step or a tape recorder and attach it to speakers so that the "NO" is amplified each time. |
| Mother | So Thomas' mother picked up Thomas in one hand, picked up the snowsuit in the other hand and she tried to stick them together (wrestle). They had an enormous fight and when it was done Thomas was in his snowsuit. | |
| Thomas | Thomas went off to school and hung up his snowsuit. When it was time to go outside all the other kids jumped into their snowsuits and ran out the door, ...except for Thomas. | |
| Teacher | The teacher looked intently at Thomas. "Thomas, please put on your snowsuit." (said sweetly) | |
| Thomas | "NNNNNNNO!" | • record "NO" on the Step by Step or a tape recorder and attach it to speakers so that the "NO" is amplified each time. |
| Teacher | (Jumping up and down) "Thomas, put on that | |

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| | snowsuit!" | |
| Thomas | "NNNNNNNO!" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> record "NO" on the Step by Step or a tape recorder and attach it to speakers so that the "NO" is amplified each time. |
| Teacher | So the teacher picked up Thomas in one hand, picked up the snowsuit in the other hand and she tried to stick them together (wrestle). They had an enormous fight and when it was done the teacher was wearing Thomas' snowsuit, and Thomas was wearing the teacher's dress (pause). When the teacher saw what she was wearing, she picked up Thomas in one hand and tried to get him back into his snowsuit. They had an enormous fight (wrestle). |  |
| Thomas | (Laughing) When they were done, the snowsuit and the dress were tied into a great big knot on the floor and Thomas and the teacher (giggle) were in their underclothes. | |
| Principal | Just then the door opened and in walked the principal. | |
| Teacher | (Scream in horror and embarrassment) "It's Thomas! He won't put on his snowsuit!" | |
| Principal | The principal gave his very best PRINCIPAL LOOK (glare) and said "Thomas, put on your snowsuit". | |
| Thomas | "NNNNNNNO!" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> record "NO" on the Step by Step or a tape recorder and attach it to speakers so that the "NO" is amplified each time. |
| Principal | So the principal picked up Thomas in one hand and he picked up the teacher in the other hand and he tried to get them back into their clothes (wrestle and sound effects). When he was done the principal was wearing the teacher's dress, the teacher was wearing the principal's suit and Thomas was still in his underwear. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> record loud ruffling noises, crash, bang, etc. and play this with speakers and have the student use a switch to play this when Thomas is trying to get them back into their clothes. |
| Thomas | Then from far out in the playground someone yelled ... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> student could use a switch to run a tape recorder to play background noises of children from the playground. |
| Someone | "Thomas, come and play!" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> perhaps the student could be the "person" from the playground yelling "Thomas, come and play!" Record on voice output or tape recorder with speakers. |
| Thomas | Thomas ran across the room, jumped into his snowsuit, got his boots on in two seconds and ran out the door. | |
| Principal | The principal looked at the teacher and said, "Hey, you have on my suit. Take it off right now!" | |
| Teacher | "Oh! No! You have on my dress. You take off my dress first." | |

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| Teacher/ Principal | Well, they argued, and argued and argued but neither one wanted to change first. | |
| Thomas | Finally, Thomas came in from recess. He looked at the principal and he looked at the teacher. Thomas picked up the principal in one hand. He picked up the teacher in the other hand. They had an enormous fight and Thomas got everybody back into their clothes. | |
| Principal | The next day the principal quit his job and moved to Arizona where nobody ever wears a snowsuit. | |