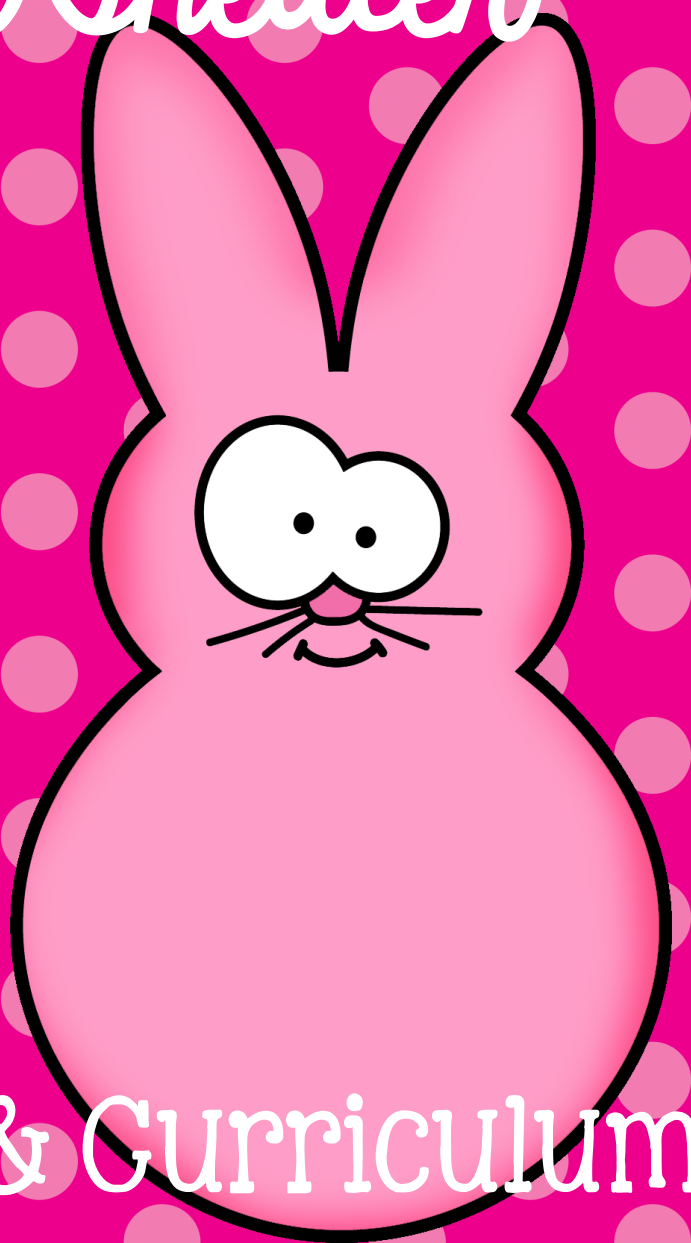


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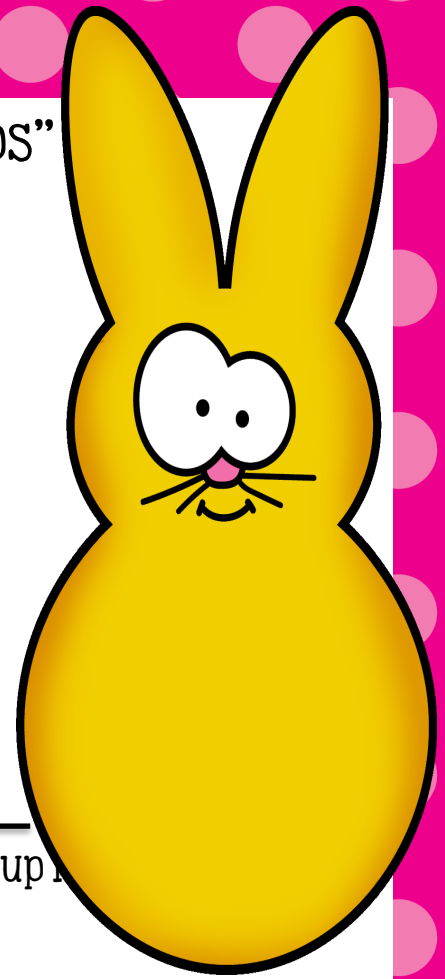
Coffee, Cookies, & Curriculum

"The Day Lolly Saved the Peeps" A Reader's Theater

Cast:

Lolly (Pink Peep)
Jude (Orange Peep)
Daisy (Yellow Peep)
Twinkle (Purple Peep)
Blaize (Green Peep)
Narrator

Setting: The day before Easter in the grocery store aisle.



Narrator: It's the day before Easter. The Peep Friends wake up in confusion wondering where they are at.

Lolly: (yawns, rubs her eyes) Where are we?

Jude: (yawns) What time is it?

Daisy: Umm, guys? (hesitantly) Last time I checked we were at "Penelope's Perfect Peep Factory".

Twinkle: This doesn't look like the Peep Factory (sounding sleepy)

Blaize: (Turning his head looking around) No, it simply cannot be...EVERYONE, WAKE UP!

Jude: No, no, no, no, no, we're not at a....

All Peeps: A SUPERMARKET?!?!?

Lolly: Am I having a bad dream? (gently slapping her cheeks) Wake up Lolly, wake up, Lolly. It's just a dream. Wake up!

Daisy: Lolly, I hate to break it to you, but I don't think this is a dream....

Twinkle: Yeah, unless we're ALL dreaming the same thing.

Blaize: MAKE IT STOP!

All Peeps (Except Jude): (crying, screaming, whining)

Jude: EVERYONE REMAIN CALM! It looks like our worst nightmare has come true. Judging by all of the signs around us, it looks like we are at some big store called "Kroger". Has anyone ever heard of this place?

Lolly: Kroger? Isn't that a type of car?

Jude: No, Lolly. Are you crazy? I know everything there is to know about cars and I know there is not a car in the world named a "Kroger"!

Twinkle: Kroger is a supermarket where crazy humans come to get groceries.

Daisy: Yeah, and the place is ALWAYS packed full of humans the day before a holiday. They're always scrambling to pick up last minute items for Easter Dinner and stocking up on all the yummy Easter snacks like Cadbury Eggs, Reeses Eggs, Starburst Jellybeans and those yummy, sugary, marshmallow (voice stops suddenly).....

Narrator: All of the peeps (except Lolly's) eyes get huge as if they just realized something...

Lolly: Marshmallow what? I don't think I've ever had one of those before.

Twinkle: Lolly, look at yourself. Figure it out yet?

Narrator: Now, let's just say that Lolly wasn't the smartest Peep in the box if you know what I mean.

Lolly: hmmm...(thinking hard)

Jude: Oh goodness, this is bad. This is REALLLLY bad.

Blaize: SO bad. Even worse than that time the Easter Bunny bounced around with us in his basket ALL night long.

Daisy: We were so lucky we found a way to escape the Easter Bunny's basket and make our way back to Penelope's Perfect Peep Factory.

Lolly: Can someone explain to me what is going on? What's so bad about this? Kroger seems like a nice place! Look, it's starting to fill up with humans!

Blaize: (Shaking his head) Lolly, don't you get it? WE ARE THOSE YUMMY, SUGARY, MARSHMALLOW TREATS EVERYONE LOVES!

All Peeps (Except for Lolly): We are Peeps! Who doesn't love Peeps at Easter time?

Lolly: You mean people want to buy us and...and...and.....eat us?

Jude: That's the idea, Lolly. We are the most famous Easter candy in the world. Did you know that humans purchase roughly 7,000,000 of us per year?!

Daisy: We need to come up with a plan-and come up with it FAST!

Twinkle: WATCH OUT!

Narrator: Humans start coming down the candy aisle grabbing all of the Easter candy. The box of Peeps next to theirs gets scooped up by a snotty-nosed, whiny, toddler. All of the peeps start brainstorming what they can do to get them out of this mess!

Blaize: I've got the perfect plan! Do you think there's an arts and crafts aisle in this Kroger?

Lolly: Ohhhhhh! I love arts and crafts! Let's make friendship bracelets for us since we're all BFF's! I want a pink one with zebra print beads on it. Guys! This is going to be SO MUCH FUN!

Narrator: All of the peeps ignore Lolly, which hurts Lolly's feelings. Lolly begins to cry.

Daisy: Yes! Look over there! There's an arrow pointing down the aisle next to us that says "art supplies".

Blaize: Ok, perfect. I'll be right back. No matter what happens to me, know that I love you guys!

Narrator: Blaize starts to unwrap the box and begins weaseling his way out.

Twinkle: What on earth are you doing?

Jude: Blaize, are you out of your mind?

Daisy: You're going to get stepped on and smashed like a pancake out there! Oh, be careful, Blaize!

Narrator: Blaize shoots up the peace sign, scurries out of the package, down the rows of Peeps, jumps onto the floor, and rounds the corner to the next aisle.

Jude: What could he possibly be up to?

Narrator: The Peeps sit and wait for their friend to return, worried sick about him.

Twinkle: He's been gone quite a while, guys. I'm starting to get worried.

Daisy: Me too. I wish he would have told us what his plan is so that we could have helped him.

Twinkle: Lolly, you've been quiet over there. What's wrong?

Lolly: I just wish I were a jellybean. Maybe I'd fit in with them better than I fit in with you guys.

Jude: What are you talking about Lolly? We love you! Where is this coming from?

Lolly: You guys always ignore me! It really hurts my feelings. I wish I were a jellybean.

Twinkle: Stop that, Lolly! We didn't mean to ignore you. We were just trying to come up with a plan to help save us.

Narrator: Just then, the Peeps see Blaize coming around the corner with a poster-board and a marker.

Daisy: Blaize! There he is!

Jude: Good gravy, that poster board is 10 times the size of him. Is he crazy?

Narrator: The Peeps watch Blaize climb back up to their package of Peeps and climbs back into the box with the poster board and marker.

Blaize: Man! Those humans are crazy! One almost stepped on me with their Kevin Durant shoes, and one almost rolled over me with their huge shopping cart.

Daisy: We're just glad you're back safely, Blaize!

Blaize: I'm fine, I'm fine. Now, my plan is to write something on this poster to get those humans to STAY AWAY FROM THE PEEPS!

Narrator: All of the Peeps start to brainstorm again. This time, it's Lolly who has the perfect plan!

Lolly: Pass me over that poster board and marker! I've got the perfect plan!

Narrator: The other Peeps were a little hesitant to give Lolly such an important task, but she was their friend, so they trusted her.

Lolly: Ah ha! This ought to do it!

Narrator: Lolly flips the sign around and the Peeps stare in amazement at how brilliant it was. The sign read "FREE JELLY BEANS, TODAY ONLY! PEEPS \$500 A BOX".

Daisy: Lolly, this is perfect! What a great idea!

Jude: Good one, Lolly! What a good plan!

Twinkle: Lolly, you're amazing! What would we ever do without you?!

Blaize: That a girl, Lolly! You saved the day!

Lolly: Thanks, guys! Think it will work?

Narrator: The Peeps hold up the sign and the humans start swarming the jellybeans and filling their carts with them!

Twinkle: It's working! No one wants to buy us!

Daisy: This is the best day ever! I can't believe it's working!

Narrator: Humans start passing by with their shopping carts filled with all jellybeans and no Peeps.

Blaize: Oh, I almost forgot, look, Lolly....

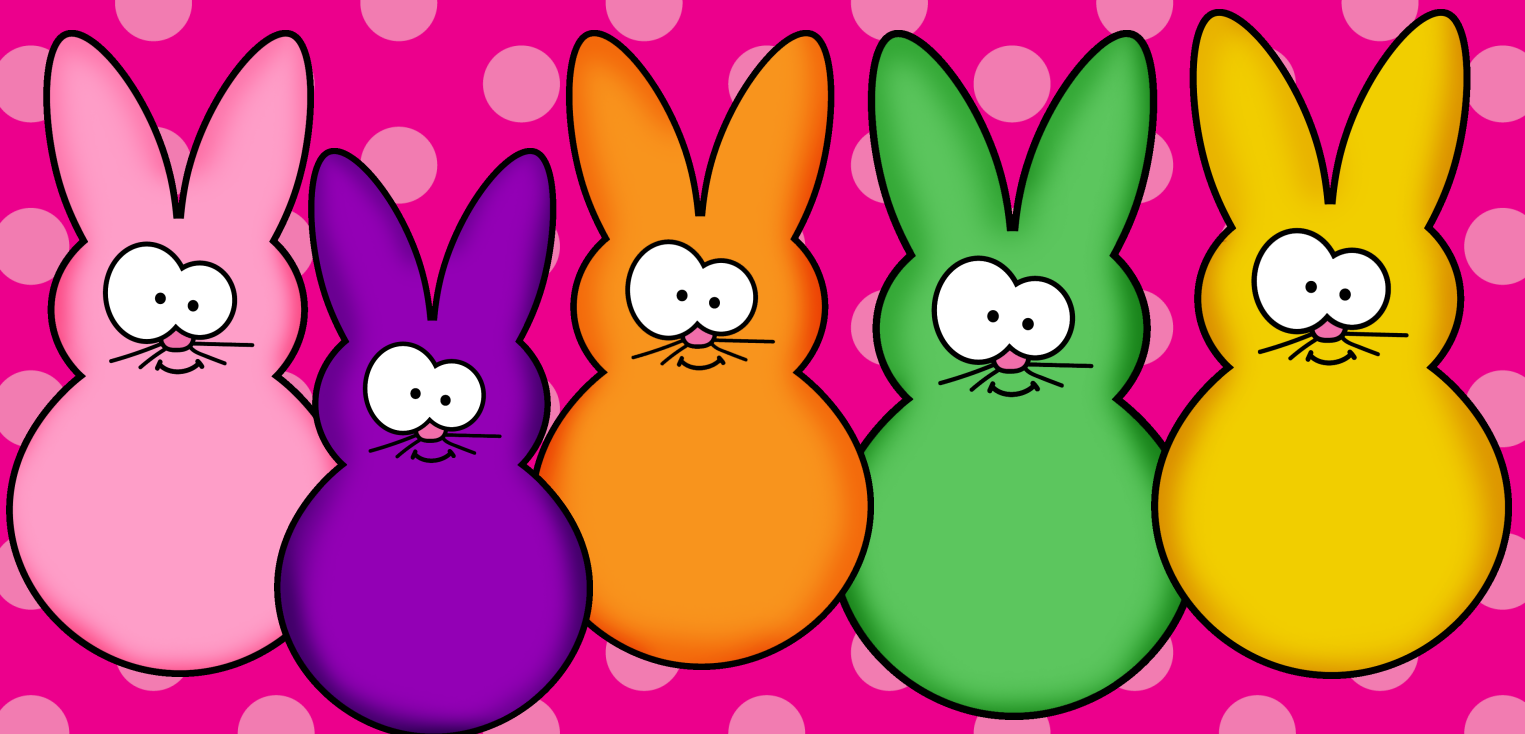
Narrator: Blaize pulls out pink string and zebra print beads.

Blaize: I grabbed these in the arts and crafts aisle! You said you wanted to make friendship bracelets, right?

Lolly: (With tears in her eyes) Yay! Thanks, Blaize! I'm so glad I'm not a jellybean.

Narrator: Lolly gets working on making friendship bracelets for all of her Peep friends. All of the other Peeps sit there smiling knowing that their friend Lolly saved the day! Today will forever be known as the day that Lolly saved the Peeps! Because none of the humans purchased the Peeps for Easter, they got sent back to Penelope's Perfect Peep Factory and they all lived happily ever after!

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