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That's Impossible

Participation Story

Materials

paper and pencil
for each student

Instructions

Have the students
follow the direc-
tions in the story.

Discussion

There are physical
traits that are
impossible for
some, but not for
others.

Examples like wig-
gling ears, curling
up tongue, etc.



That's Impossible

Jason couldn't believe it! The latest Zero Hero comic book was out, and he did not have enough money to buy it. He counted his change. He only needed 50 cents. Fifty cents!

Jason knew the one person he could get the 50 cents from: Grandpa Jack. He crept quietly into the living room where Grandpa Jack was sitting and reading.

"Grandpa?" Jason asked. "Can I have 50 cents?"

"Yup," Grandpa Jack replied. "But you'll have to earn it."

Ugh, Jason thought. He should have known it wouldn't be easy. "Okay. What do you need me to do?"

Grandpa Jack peered over his reading glasses. "I want you to do a trick for me."

"A trick! I don't know any tricks."

Grandpa laughed. "Just get a piece of paper and a pencil, and I'll tell you what to do."

Jason did as Grandpa Jack said, and hurried back with the items. Whatever he had to do, he had to do quickly. Zero Hero comic books sold out pretty fast.

"Now," Grandpa said. "Sit down at the table and draw a picture of a smiley face for me."

"Easy!" Jason said, ready to start scribbling it out.

Grandpa Jack held up his hand. "Not so fast. There's more to it than that."

Jason slumped. "What else?"

Grandpa grinned. "Sit at the table and draw a smiley face, but I want you to cross your legs and circle your foot at the same time."

"And you'll give me 50 cents?"

"Sure will," Grandpa Jack said.

Jason sat down at the kitchen table. He crossed his right leg over his left knee, and moved his foot in a circular motion.

(Have the students cross their legs and circle a foot.) He started drawing a smiley face.

(Have the kids draw a smiley face at the same time.) But every time he tried to draw, his foot stopped moving. When he tried to keep his foot going, he couldn't draw.

(Encourage the kids to try this, pointing out when their feet stop circling, or they stop drawing.)

"Grandpa!" Jason said, gritting his teeth. "That's impossible!"

Grandpa Jack gave him a wink. "It sure is."

"But I need that 50 cents!"

Grandpa scratched his head. "Okay, another trick."

Jason slumped again. "But, Grandpa, I don't want to do a trick."

Grandpa Jack shrugged. "Then I guess you really don't want 50 cents."

"All right," Jason said, a bit huffy.

"Stand up," Grandpa Jack said. *(Have the students stand up.)* "Now rub your tummy."

Jason wasted no time. He rubbed his tummy. *(Have the children do this.)*

Grandpa pointed to Jason's other hand. "Now pat your head at the same time." *(Have the children rub their tummies and pat their heads at the same time.)*

Jason stopped and looked at Grandpa. "That's impossible!"

"Yep," Grandpa said. He rubbed his chin and thought for a minute. "It is. Okay, try this."

"What?" Jason asked, hoping that Grandpa Jack was serious this time.

"Kiss your elbow," Grandpa said.

Jason stretched his elbow up to his face, but no matter how much he pulled, he couldn't get it close enough to kiss it. *(Have the children try.)*

"Grandpa! That's impossible!" Jason was starting to worry that he'd never get his 50 cents.

"There's got to be some trick you can do," Grandpa said. He snapped his fingers. "I've got it! Stick out your tongue and touch your nose." *(Have the children try touching the tip of their noses with their tongues.)*

"That's easy," Jason said. He stuck his tongue out as far as he could, and touched the end of his nose with his finger. *(Demonstrate this to the children.)*

Grandpa laughed. "Well, that was a trick all right. You tricked me!" He fished 50 cents out of his pocket, and Jason spent the rest of the evening in his room, reading the latest Zero Hero comic book.

