

THE LION AND THE MOUSE

A short 15-20 minute musical presentation for young actors aged 5-9 years

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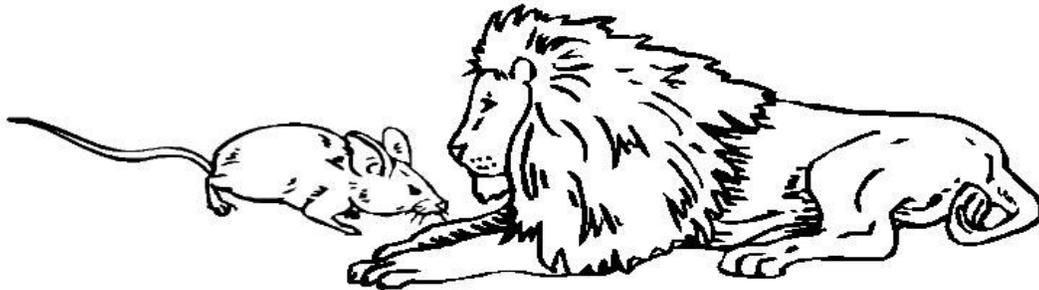
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**A delightful easy musical play aimed at KS1/Lower KS2/ or EAL / Special Needs.
Theme: Size doesn't matter.**

Story: The proud boastful lion scorns small creatures such as mice, until hunters capture him. The mice free him by nibbling at the ropes and the lion learns his lesson.



SCRIPT PREVIEW

Cast: Narrator, Lion, Mouse, a few hunters and a few extra mice, plus SINGERS.

Suggested Props/ Costumes: Rifles and a net (or ropes) for the hunters. Animal masks or face paints for the lions and the mice.

***** (Enter Lion, wandering grandly around the stage -and play CD TRACK 1- Lion music) *****

Narrator (as music plays at lower volume): Once upon a time there was a big fierce lion. He was King of the Beasts. What a proud, vain, big-headed, arrogant creature he was! He bragged and boasted all the time about how enormous and strong he was! He believed nothing could harm him! **(Music fades out)** The lion yawned three times and then fell asleep. **(Enter Mice, creeping in quietly)** While he was asleep some little mice began running all around him. They thought it was great fun. They tickled him! They pulled faces at him! One of the mice was so brave he even fell asleep in the lion's fur! It was a cold day and the lion's fur was nice and warm. But suddenly, the lion woke up from his nap. The lion placed his huge paw upon the mouse, and opened his big jaws to swallow him up. The other mice gasped and stood back!

Mouse: Pardon me, O King of the Beasts! I meant no harm! Please let me go!

Lion: Let you go? Let you go? I don't think so! You are small, but you would make a tasty snack!

Mouse: Oh please sir! Please sir, let me go, sir! I would never forget your kindness!
I can be a great help to you! I can be your friend! You can count on me! (**Lion, bemused, relaxes his grip!**)

***** **CD TRACK 2 Song: You Can Count on Me** ***** (Song is led by the mice)

*Whenever you need a friend, whenever you are in need
When you need a friend, when you need a friend, you can count on me!
Whenever you are in trouble, whenever skies have turned grey
When you need a friend, When you need a friend. I'm a call away!
Count on me! Count on me! Count on me! Count on me! Just count on me!*

*Whenever you're feeling frightened, whenever you're feeling scared
When you need a friend, when you need a friend, your voice will be heard.
Whenever you need a friend, whenever you are in need
When you need a friend, when you need a friend, you can count on me!
Count on me! Count on me! Count on me! Count on me! Just count on me!*

Lion: (laughing) You foolish little creature! What help could you ever give me? You're tiny and worthless!
Not like me! I'm great and powerful and mighty!

Narrator: The Lion laughed and chuckled. He was so amused that a tiny mouse could ever be of any use! He told the mouse he was free to go. (**All mice run away**)

***** **CD TRACK 3: Hunter Music** *****

Narrator: (As CD Track 3 plays) All was quiet, except for the sound of birds in the woods and the gurgling of a nearby stream. It seemed so peaceful. The lion felt drowsy. He fell fast asleep again. While he was asleep, a very sad thing happened. Some hunters entered the woods. (**Enter hunters**) They had a net. They wanted to capture the lion and sell him to the zoo.

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