



Janie's Joyful Noise

Miss Marshall tapped on her desk to get the attention of her second grade students. "March is Music in Our Schools Month," she told them. "To celebrate, we are going to use our classroom instruments and play a little concert for your parents at the end of the month."

Hearing this, the children became very excited and started chattering about which instruments they would like to play. Miss Marshall noticed a single hand raised at the back of her classroom. It belonged to Janie, a quiet little girl who seldom spoke in front of the other children.

"May I please play the cymbals?" she asked shyly.

"I think that would be wonderful," said Miss Marshall, and Janie smiled.

The children practiced, and concert time arrived. They were all nervous. The classroom filled with parents and friends. Janie was especially excited. The concert was going well, and finally the time came for Janie to play her part. Holding her cymbals proudly, she clanged them together with a thundering crash. Startled, many in the audience jumped in their seats, and some started to giggle. Janie blushed, lowered her cymbals, and looked timidly at her teacher. Miss Marshall smiled and nodded in enthusiastic approval. Confidence restored, Janie raised her cymbals high and played the rest of the concert with her classmates. The parents loved it, and Miss Marshall was very pleased with her students.

1. Miss Marshall teaches _____ grade.
(first, third, second)
2. Her class is going to celebrate Music in Our _____ Month.
(Homes, Schools, Community)
3. Janie is a shy little girl who asked if she could play the _____.
(cymbals, bells, drums)
4. When it was time for Janie's part, she _____ her cymbals together.
(dropped, clanged, rubbed)
5. Miss Marshall was _____ with her students' performance.
(pleased, unhappy, bored)