

Fiesta Parade SOMBREROS

and Jewels of Kindness



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This is a story about Silly Sombreros, and how they were able to **SHINE** in the Santa Barbara Children's Fiesta Parade, with Mrs. Dancing Paintbrush.

These Sombreros all looked similar, almost the same, but not really.

If you took the time to get to know them, you would discover that these Sombreros, each had their **own unique styles and great ideas!**

Mrs. Dancing Paintbrush met these Silly Sombreros to practice for the parade. They danced:

- high and low; fast and slow.
- patterns of straight lines and curvy lines.
- with circle movements and twirls.
- side to side with balance.
- with clapping hands and Fiesta Fans.

These Sombreros not only had an their own amazing dance moves, but they also had an **awareness** of all Sombreros dancing around them!

They could dance into, and out of, empty spaces, without bumping into other dancers - **wow!**



What do you think was their most difficult dance move?

The most difficult dance move, was actually to . . .

NOT move at all, but to be very still.



It was challenging, but they could control themselves to be very, very, very still.

As they danced together, they looked similar, almost the same, but not really.

They were doing the same dances, but

each Sombrero had their own unique style!

(Do you know that no one can dance like you?)

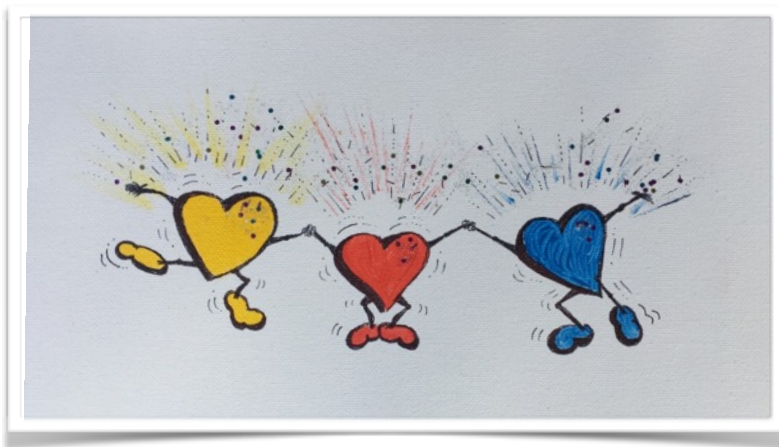
As they danced together, they

shared kindness with words such as:

- "Oh, I really like your dance!"
- "Dear friend, I noticed your balance!"
- "Wow, We can do this together!"

Mrs. Dancing Paintbrush could actually feel the

kindness that they shared with each other.



(Do you know that no one can share kindness like you?)

These Silly Sombreros practiced their dances EVERYWHERE: inside, outside and even at home. They also danced in homes, with elderly people that were more than 90 years old. **What!**

Most of these elderly people sat in **wheelchairs**.

This means they could **dance sitting down, using their arms, legs and dancing smiles.**



Sometimes everyone would dance underneath parachutes together.

It was so fun to share dances with all ages and abilities.

These Silly Sombreros decided to decorate themselves for the big parade. They gathered together around a heart-shaped bowl filled with jewels.



They used glue to put jewels all over their sombreros, because they wanted to shine in the parade.

They did not argue or grab; they took turns to **SHARE** and **use their voices to say KIND words** such as:

- "After you my dear friend."
- "Dear Friend, can you pass me the glue please?"
- "Thank-You!"

They created their own designs, **and** they took time to focus on the **designs of others.**

All designs were different, with **great ideas** to put jewels . . .



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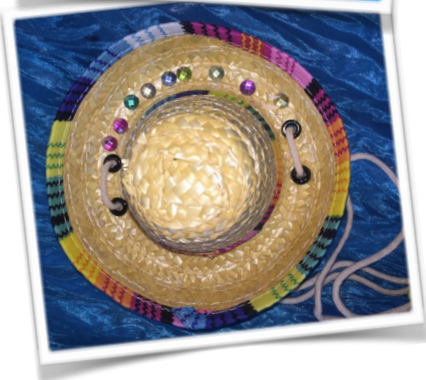
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- on the side.



- on the edges.



- in the rim.



- in the shape of a heart.



- in the shape of a circle.



- in a straight line.



- in a curvy line.



One Silly Sombrero had great idea to put jewels all over . . . with no particular pattern or shape, just simply, creatively **all over**.

These Sombreros created different designs with jewels. Their **kindness** shined brighter than all of the jewels put together!

It was Fiesta Parade Day!

Everyone met Mrs. Dancing Paintbrush on State Street in Santa Barbara, California.

Can you believe that these Silly Sombreros were so excited about the parade, they jumped as high as the moon?



YES! These Sombreros jumped all the way to the moon!
They jumped so high, that all of their jewels fell off! **Oh My!**

These Sombreros started to cry;
because that's what we do sometimes when we are sad.

What do you think it sounded like, when all these
Sombreros started to cry at the same time?

One of the Sombreros said, "we can't be in the parade.
Without the jewels, we will not shine at all!"



Mrs. Dancing Paintbrush slowly said,

"Oh my dear friends,
I can see and feel your shine."

One of the Sombreros was very confused and said,
"Without jewels, how can You see and feel our shine?"

Mrs. Dancing Paintbrush replied,
"Oh Silly Sombreros, it's not about the glued on jewels,
it's your KIND heart that makes you shine!"



“When we **focus** on kindness
with our **minds**,
communicate kindness
with our **voices** and **bodies**, and
share kindness from our **hearts**,
TOGETHER we can
shine much brighter than
all the jewels in the world!”

(Do you know that no one can shine like you?)

Now these Sombreros were even
more excited to dance in the parade!

This time, they jumped **OVER**
the moon and back, **wearing jewels of kindness!**

They landed on the ground just in time to be in the parade!

These Silly Sombreros had **the best day ever**, dancing with so much joy in the Fiesta Parade.



People waived, clapped and cheered for them.

Their jewels of kindness could be seen, and felt by everyone.

These Sombreros threw around their jewels of kindness, as if it were Fiesta Confetti!



Now is the end of this story and . . .
the continuation of our personal stories to:

**Throw around our jewels of kindness,
as if it were Fiesta Confetti!**

**Fiesta Parade Sombreros was created with
over the moon gratitude for each precious child!**

Online versions of this story are being created, with the addition of artwork from “our” children. Read and dance out this story with children, then give them space to respond. Perhaps children will be inspired to illustrate a moon, a dance, a wheelchair . . . or simply draw straight or curvy lines and shapes. Some children may paint Silly Sombreros, hearts, tears or create something that represents the colors of kindness.

Contribute to this community story and send photo of original art to me:

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And in the meantime . . . always remember that no one can:



DANCE like YOU

SHARE like YOU

SHINE like YOU

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Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, . . . Colossians 3:12

Love and Twirly Hugs, Karen Putnam AKA: Mrs. Dancing Paintbrush