

Stories in Motion

In-Class Activity Breaks

Continue each bulleted activity or set of activities for 15-30 seconds.

Under the Big Top

- The circus is in town and my family is headed there for a night under the Big Top! My friend and I skip to the front gate to buy our tickets. If I jump up and down I can see over the fence. I know there are amazing costumes and great animals inside.
- The first person I see is a hula hooper. They never stop! I pick up a hula hoop to try too. I hula hoop a little but it falls down. I pick it up and try again.
- WOW! I'm not sure what to look at first. My head is looking this way and that. It's time to enter the Big Top Tent. We go up the stairs to the top of the stands to find a seat.
- The show starts with a beautiful tight rope walker who tip toes so carefully on the thin wire. Her arms are out at her sides. She takes a few steps forward and then a few steps backwards. She twirls several times on her toes.
- The muscle man marches in. This man has muscles like I have never seen before. He flexes his arm muscles, picks up the tight rope walker and carries her down the ladder. He flexes his muscles again and tosses her in the air three times.
- Then the lions run into the ring. They run circles around the tight rope walker and the muscle man. Here come the elephants! They stomp in and are wearing beautiful, sparkling blankets. They are slow to move with giant, heavy steps when they line up in front of us with their trunks stretching to the ground in front of them.
- The show is over! Let's give them a round of applause.