

Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten

by Toni Buzzeo

Read the book aloud to children first, so that they can enjoy the illustrations and become familiar with the story. Then, hand out a set of photocopied scripts to nine students. Ask the remaining children to be the audience. If you have plenty of time set aside, allow students to practice their parts individually or as a group until they are reading fluently. If time is limited, have performers face the audience and simply read their parts on the first run-through. Once all readers are comfortable with their parts, have a second reading with the opportunity to use props while reading.

Roles

- Annie Grace
- Mommy
- Mr. Todd
- José
- Principal
- Narrator One
- Narrator Two
- Narrator Three
- Narrator Four



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Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten Script

- Narrator One:** Mommy sings at the door.
- Mommy:** (sing) Rise and shine, Adventure Annie.
- Narrator Two:** Annie hops to her calendar.
- Annie Grace:** At last! Adventure Annie Kindergarten day.
- Narrator Three:** Mommy slips a sack of animal fruit shapes into Annie's lunch box.
- Annie Grace:** Will I have a wild animal zoo adventure?
- Mommy:** Maybe not today.
- Narrator Four:** Mommy grabs a box of animal crackers in a circus train box.
- Annie Grace:** Will I have a high flying circus adventure?
- Mommy:** Maybe after school.
- Annie Grace:** What about a daring search-and-find rescue adventure?
- Mommy:** Maybe on the weekend.
- Narrator One:** Annie throws her arms out wide.
- Annie Grace:** Well, then, what adventure *will* I have at kindergarten?
- Mommy:** Sometimes, kindergarten is its own adventure.
- Narrator Two:** Annie gives her the Adventure Annie thumbs-up.
- Annie Grace:** I squizzle back to my room and tuck my zookeeper hat, my high wire slippers, and my walkie-talkies into my backpack.
- Narrator Three:** Just in case.

Annie Grace: (sing) Let's go!

Narrator Four: They hop to it.

Annie Grace: I push through the tall glass doors of Pioneer Elementary School.

Mommy: Annie kisses me goodbye.

Annie Grace: Then I knock-knock-knock on the kindergarten door.

Narrator One: She bursts inside.

Annie Grace: (shout) Adventure Annie is here!

Narrator Two: A tall man rushes over to shake Annie's hand.

Mr. Todd: Hello, I'm Mr. Todd. Who are you?

Annie Grace: I point to the A on my shirt.

Narrator Three: He glances at a clipboard.

Mr. Todd: Annie Grace?

Narrator Four: Annie nods her head and swirls her cape.

Annie Grace: Adventure Annie.

Narrator One: Mr. Todd taps a hook marked ANNIE but she wraps herself up tight.

Annie Grace: I need my cape.

Mr. Todd: Well then, let's find your seat.

Narrator Two: Annie follows Mr. Todd straight to a table that matches her red cape perfectly.

Narrator Three: She slips into a chair between two other kids.

Annie Grace: I'm Adventure Annie. Who are you?

José: José. And that's Louise.

Narrator Four: Louise just ducks her head.

Mr. Todd: On the circle rug, I explain our Kindergarten Gold Star Rules.

Narrator One: Respect our classroom and everything in it.

Narrator Two: Make good decisions.

Narrator Three: Use your inside voice.

Narrator Four: Be kind and helpful to others.

Annie Grace: But what about adventures?

Mr. Todd: You're right, Annie. The most important rule of all is 'Enjoy your kindergarten adventure!'

Narrator One: Then Mr. Todd taps his shiny gold star.

Mr. Todd: Each day, I will choose my Gold Star Deputy.

Narrator Two: Annie Grace waves her hand in big circles.

Annie Grace: Here I am!

Narrator Three: Mr. Todd looks at her.

Mr. Todd: We don't know who it will be quite yet, Annie.

Annie Grace: Does it depend on our kindergarten adventures?

Narrator Four: He tilts his head to the side.

Mr. Todd: Yes, your adventures with the Gold Star Rules.

Narrator One: During morning snack at the red table, Annie wears her zookeeper hat.

Narrator Two: She pops wild animal fruit snacks into her mouth.

Annie Grace: How about a wild animal zoo adventure?

Narrator Three: Louise and José just blink.

Narrator Four: Behind José's chair, Annie spots three squeaky hamsters in a cage.

Annie Grace: What those squeakers need is a natural habitat exhibit.
Luckily, the art supplies are ready for me.

Mr. Todd: (Clap-Clap Clap-Clap-Clap)

Narrator One: The room is quiet.

Narrator Two: Mr. Todd squats next to Annie.

Narrator Three: He looks at the cage.

Mr. Todd: Oh dear. Remember the Gold Star Rule, Annie? Take good care of our classroom and everything in it.

Annie Grace: Oopsie.

Narrator Four: She hands him the paint brush.

Mr. Todd: Back to your seat, please.

Narrator One: At the red table, Annie slides into her high wire slippers.

Annie Grace: How about a high flying circus adventure?

Narrator Two: But Louise and José just stare.

Annie Grace: Am I the only one looking for Gold Star adventures?

Narrator Three: The jungle gym sparkles in the sun just outside the window.

Annie Grace: While Mr. Todd washes off the hamster cage, I slip out the courtyard door and fly onto the empty climber.

Narrator Four: Suddenly, she sees Mr. Todd below her.

Mr. Todd: Remember the Gold Star Rule, Annie? Make good decisions.

Annie Grace: He points me back inside.

Narrator One: All during story circle and math centers and lunch, Annie watches for new adventure opportunities.

Annie Grace: I imagine that gold star pinned under my chin.

Mr. Todd: (Clap-Clap Clap-Clap-Clap.) Afternoon snack time! I need two helpers to fetch milk. Who remembers where the cafeteria is?

Narrator Two: Annie waves in big circles, but Mr. Todd calls on Louise and José.

Annie Grace: We wait for the milk. And wait. And wait.

Narrator Three: Finally, Mr. Todd gets worried.

Mr. Todd: I need a helper to fetch the milk fetchers. They must be lost.

Annie Grace: This time my waving works.

Mr. Todd: Annie, why don't you go? But remember the Gold Star Rule. Use your inside voice.

Annie Grace: I grab my walkie-talkies.

Mr. Todd: She teaches me how they work.

Annie Grace: Then I ziggle and zaggle through the WHOLE school.

Mr. Todd: Annie's voice whispers on my walkie-talkie.

Annie Grace: Not in the library.
Not in the cafeteria.
Not in the bathrooms, either.

Mr. Todd: Annie . . .

Annie Grace: Give me one more try.

Narrator Four: Annie peeks in at a door marked PRINCIPAL.

Narrator One: Right there, behind a crate full of milk, Annie spots the worried faces of Louise and José.

Annie Grace: I knock-knock-knock and burst inside.

Narrator Two: She speaks in her loudest whisper.

Annie Grace: Adventure Annie to the rescue!

Narrator Three: A short lady comes to meet her.

Principal: Wonderful. We were just about to walk down to kindergarten.

Narrator Four: Annie leads Louise, José, and the milk wagon down the hall.

Narrator One: She whispers into her walkie-talkie.

Annie Grace: We're on our way.

Narrator Two: Mr. Todd whispers back to her.

Mr. Todd: Way to go, Adventure Annie!

Annie Grace: We don't stop for a single adventure on our way back to kindergarten.

Narrator Three: At the end of the day, the class gathers for their closing circle.

Mr. Todd: (call) Annie Grace.

Annie Grace: Remember . . .Adventure Annie.

Narrator Four: Then Mr. Todd pins the gold star right beneath Annie's chin
after all.

Annie Grace: (sing) Adventure Annie, Gold Star Deputy, to the rescue!