

Making a List Puppet Show

Josie	[<i>singing</i>] I'm making a list, I'm checking it twice!
Frankie	Hi Josie. I'm so sorry.
Josie	No, Frankie, I'm the one who's sorry!
Frankie	But I let you down! You wanted to talk about... you know, your mom...and I didn't know what to say. I got embarrassed and made you feel even worse.
Josie	It's okay, Frankie. Listen, I did something really important this week and I was just on my way over to tell you about it.
Frankie	What's that paper for?
Josie	That's what I wanted to tell you about! I made a list of all the people who help me when I need it, and you're on it! See, here's the list of names with the gift that each one gives me.
Frankie	I'm on your list? But I didn't buy you a gift! Oh, no, I blew it again!
Josie	[<i>laughs</i>] You big silly, you don't BUY the gifts, you just give them!
Frankie	I'm so confused!
Josie	Listen, your gift is your friendship!
Frankie	Some friend. I was no help at all when you were crying. I made some stupid joke and challenged you to a bike race. You cried and ran away. I felt awful.
Josie	Would you just look at this?
Frankie	Okay... Okay, I see you've got your dad on there. Boy his list is long... he gives you hugs, food, advice, clean laundry, hugs, help with your homework and hugs.
Josie	That's right. My dad gives the best hugs ever. He's my every day all-around support person.
Frankie	And your Aunt Maggie... you go to her when you need to cry?
Josie	That's right. She just listens and listens and never makes me feel weird. She's my number one listening person.
Frankie	Looks like you have another listening person, here.
Josie	Yeah, Mrs. Addie. She's my band teacher. She listens when I need to talk and she gives awesome hugs, too.
Frankie	I'm glad you have some people that are good listeners. That makes me feel better. And your grandpa gives you... head pats?
Josie	Yeah. I love Grandpa's head pats. If I want one, I just go stand next to him and he always pats my head. I love it! Yeah, he's my head-pat person.

Frankie	But where am I on this list?
Josie	Look right here.
Frankie	Oh. There I am. I'm the 'just a kid' person?
Josie	That's right. You make me laugh, you have great ideas for fun things to do. You're my 'just a kid' person, because with you I can just be a kid.
Frankie	But what good is that? It's just playing.
Josie	That's the whole point. Sometimes I just want to play. I can't miss my mom every minute of every day, can I? Sometimes I just want to have fun, and you're great at that!
Frankie	Huh. I guess that's good.
Josie	It sure is. That's why I wanted to apologize. You didn't let me down at all. I just asked you for the wrong gift. That's like asking a giraffe to purr like a kitten.
Frankie	Oh! Huh. That's funny.
Josie	So...Have you got any riddles for me?
Frankie	Sure! What weighs five thousand pounds and wears glass slippers?
Josie	[<i>laughs</i>] I don't know. What weighs five thousand pounds and wears glass slippers?
Frankie	Cinder-elephant.
Josie	[<i>laughs</i>] Tell me another one!
Frankie	What do moths study in school?
Josie	I don't know. What?
Frankie	Mathematics!
Josie	Funny! Tell another one!
Frankie	Why was the baby ant confused?
Josie	I don't know. Why?
Frankie	Because all his uncles were ants!
Josie	[<i>laughs</i>] Oh, it feels good to laugh. That's the best gift you've ever given me.
Frankie	[<i>proudly</i>] Wow. Cool. Uh... ya wanna climb a tree?
Josie	You bet! Let's go! Woohoo! It feels great to be a kid!