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Thanksgiving Day Parade Surprise: A Family Holiday Story of Fun and Community

It was Thanksgiving morning in Maplewood, and ten-year-old Sophie could hardly contain her excitement. The town's annual Thanksgiving Day Parade was starting, and Sophie's family had a special role this year—they were walking with their school's float!

"Remember," said Mom, "this isn't just about the parade. It's about celebrating with the community and spreading joy."

Sophie, her little brother Max, and their parents helped decorate the float with colorful leaves, bright banners, and even a giant paper turkey. As the parade began, they waved to the crowd, cheered, and handed out small treats to children along the street.

Halfway through the parade, Sophie noticed an elderly neighbor, Mrs. Thompson, sitting alone on a bench. "She looks lonely," Sophie whispered to Max. They ran over and offered her some treats and a warm smile. Mrs. Thompson's eyes lit up, and she joined in the cheering.

By the end of the parade, Sophie realized that the day wasn't just about floats, costumes, or candy—it was about sharing happiness and being part of a caring community. Walking home, Sophie and Max talked excitedly about the joy they had helped create.

That Thanksgiving, Sophie and her family learned that the true spirit of the holiday comes from spreading cheer, helping others feel included, and enjoying time together.

Open-Ended Questions:

1-What event was Sophie excited to participate in on Thanksgiving?

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2-How did Sophie's family help with the parade?

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3-What did Sophie and Max do when they noticed Mrs. Thompson sitting alone?

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4-What realization did Sophie have about the parade by the end of the day?

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5-What lesson does the story teach about the true spirit of Thanksgiving?

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Circle the true answer:

Sophie's family was helping with the town's Thanksgiving Day Parade. — True / False

The family's main focus was to win a prize for the best-decorated float. — True / False

Sophie and Max shared treats and smiles with Mrs. Thompson. — True / False

The parade was only about floats and candy. — True / False

The story emphasizes spreading cheer, helping others, and enjoying time with family. — True / False

Multiple-Choice Questions:

1. What role did Sophie's family have in the parade?

- A. Watching from the sidelines
- B. Walking with their school's float and helping decorate it
- C. Driving a car in the parade
- D. Singing on stage

2. What did the family use to decorate the float?

- A. Balloons and confetti
- B. Leaves, banners, and a giant paper turkey
- C. Candy canes and Christmas lights
- D. Flags and ribbons only

3. How did Sophie and Max respond to seeing Mrs. Thompson alone?

- A. Ignored her and continued walking
- B. Ran over, offered her treats, and included her in the cheering
- C. Gave her a parade program
- D. Took a photo with her

4. What did Sophie realize about the parade by the end of the day?

- A. It was tiring to walk in the parade
- B. The parade was about sharing happiness and community, not just decorations
- C. Floats were the most important part of the parade
- D. Candy distribution was the best part

5. What is the main lesson of the story?

- A. Thanksgiving is about competitions and prizes
- B. The true spirit of Thanksgiving is spreading joy, helping others, and enjoying family
- C. Only large families can enjoy Thanksgiving
- D. Parades are better watched than participated in



## Answer Key

### Open-Ended Answers (Sample Responses)

1-Sophie was excited to participate in the town's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

2-The family helped decorate the float and walked with it during the parade.

3-Sophie and Max offered Mrs. Thompson treats and a warm smile to include her in the celebration.

4-Sophie realized the parade was about sharing happiness and being part of the community.

5-The story teaches that spreading joy, helping others, and enjoying time with family is the true spirit of Thanksgiving.

### True / False Answers

True – They helped with the parade.

False – The focus was on celebrating and sharing joy, not winning a prize.

True – They included Mrs. Thompson with treats and smiles.

False – The parade was more than just floats and candy; it was about community.

True – The story emphasizes spreading cheer, helping others, and family togetherness.

### Multiple-Choice Answers

B – Walking with their school's float and helping decorate it

B – Leaves, banners, and a giant paper turkey

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B – The parade was about sharing happiness and community, not just decorations

B – The true spirit of Thanksgiving is spreading joy, helping others, and enjoying family

