

The show

An extra eager and excited crowd gathered at noontime, under the large tent-like covering, to watch the awaited show put on by the Rescue Team.

Helpful and smiling mothers passed out snacks to each one seated in the audience. All eyes were towards the front, where the stage was set.

A projector overhead showed pictures and video clips, displayed large on the back wall of the stage. Music was being played, and no one knew just what was going to happened next.

It turned out to be a rather comical show, using large cardboard cut-outs, painted to look like the various rescue vehicles. E

ach one of the Rescue Team members "drove" across the stage, while the music played. They smiled and waved at the children in the audience. Then the prop vehicles and their "drivers" lined up to say together a rap song they had written.

With a member of Berry Merry Song's band playing live drums, the Rescue Team, rhythmically said and sang out these words:

We're here to help you
We know what to do
We're the Rescue Team
We're the crew
To call when there's an emergency
Though we all depend on His Majesty!

Beary Fervent Firefighter then put aside his cardboard fire engine prop, picked up his helmet and gear and leapt off the stage, to do some sort of funky dance walked around the aisles, so the children could get a closer look at his outfit and gear. He even let a few children try on his helmet.

The children were laughing at the funny ways he moved in time to music, and some got out of their seats to follow him and copy him as he walked between the rows of seats.

All the while, a voice was heard, speaking on the microphone, with some catchy music playing in the background. Each one of the Rescue Team members took a turn to tell those watching the show, all about one of the members. Beary Berry High was speaking now, telling everyone about fire fighters; and the great job, and some heroic rescue missions that Beary Fervent fire fighter had done.

He told of his helping Farmer Beary to put out the fire on the farm; and of the time when there was a bush fire and many of them had to work together.

"Never once has he complained about the tough jobs. Berry Fervent Firefighter, is determined to do all he can to help you all have a safe and happy place to grow up in, and enjoy life while you learn all you can..." Beary Berry High said, ending his speech of information and appreciation.

Then it was Beary Berry Fast's turn to be talked about, while he walked around passing out various things to be examined, things he used in his ambulance. He began to go down the line and say hello and shake hands with each child there.

Everyone was eagerly awaiting their turn to shake his hand. Many "thank yous" were said by people in the crowd, who had been helped in a time of need, and this kind hearted Beary Berry Fast, who was there for them as fast as he could be.

He felt touched inside and encouraged. These people of the town loved and appreciated him. He had to stop everything he was doing to be a help, and often couldn't finish what he was in the middle of doing. But that was what his job was.

Now, hearing so many words of thanks and gratitude, it warmed his heart, and made it seem all the more worth it.

Rescue Bear was up next, while Beary Good Doctor and Sally Smiles the nurse, spoke of all the times he had helped others, and rescued them.

The stories were presented by the three of them as skits. Different situations were acted out briefly, that had actually occurred, and how Rescue Bear had helped out in any way he could, using whatever vehicle that was best—whether it was to go to the rescue in his helicopter, or to climb with a rope to where they were stranded, or to use a cherry picker truck to reach where they were, or to zoom out with a motor boat, or to simply bring a load of supplies in his pick up truck that had large tires with thick treads, to an area where roads were too muddy for folks to travel and get the food they needed from the market.

The ways and the vehicles that Rescue Bear had used to help those here and in the nearby area, were too many to list just here—or rather to act out. But the few they chose to demonstrate, gave the kids a good show. It was very amusing and interesting, and gave each one a greater appreciation for him.

Berry Beary Kind took the stage for a moment to let Beary Good Doctor and Sally Smiles take a bow.

"Is everyone thankful for them?" he said, and everyone yelled, "Yes!"

Berry Beary Kind asked, "Who wants to come up and give them a hug and say thank you personally?"

At that cue things went wild a bit, but no one minded, as everyone was still being considerate as it seemed the whole crowd moved from a sitting position to now walking to the front.

Hugs and many words of thanks were given, sometimes one-on-one hugs, but most of the time some group bear hugs, to these ones that had been there, day and night, when a family or individual needed some extra help when they were sick, or just needed someone to pray for them.

When people had again settled down, it was time for the finale. Outside, some distance away, as most people had noticed, there was Beary Berry High's helicopter. He was going to take children and families for short rides.

He announced that to end the show, everyone who wanted to, could wait here and each get a turn. They would start with the families with the youngest children, and work their way up to the eldest member of the audience that wanted a turn.

Everyone cheered! This was a wonderful idea and very enjoyed by all.

Those who waited helped to finish up the snacks, get drinks of water, and pitch in to clean up the place. Then they took time to just to chat in a friendly way with those around.

It was nice having time to catch up with friends, or get to know others in the town better. They were a town that wanted to help and care for each other, and be like one big friendly family—a berry big one!

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