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Reader's Theater

Zippy the Runner

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Characters:
Zippy
Storyteller
Friend 1
Friend 2
Winnie



ZIPPY:

My name is Zippy and I like to run. Although my body is skinny and my legs are short, I don't mind. I love to run races.

STORYTELLER:

Zippy never missed a race. If he had a cold, he would run. If his leg was sore, he would run. He ran in the wind and he ran in the rain. But the results were always the same. Zippy always finished last.

FRIEND 1:

It's okay, Zippy! You did your best.

STORYTELLER:

When Zippy kept losing races, his friends offered suggestions.

FRIEND 2:

Maybe running is not for you. Why don't you take up painting?

STORYTELLER:

Zippy kept running.

FRIEND 1:

Why do you still run? Why don't you just give up?

ZIPPY:

I love running. Even when I am last, I love it.

STORYTELLER:

Later that day, Zippy decided to go for a run. He did stretches, drank a healthy spinach juice, and began running on the practice path. While running, he saw Winnie the pig sitting under a tree.

ZIPPY:

Winnie, you look sad.

WINNIE:

I am sad, Zippy. I have never won a race. You always come in last, why do you still practice?

ZIPPY:

I might be last now, but I hope I can do better next time.

WINNIE:

What if you are last next time too?

ZIPPY:

There is always another next time!

STORYTELLER:

That night, Zippy and Winnie ran and ran along the practice path. The next day they were both running in a race together.

WINNIE:

Good Luck, Zippy!

ZIPPY:

Happy running, Winnie!

STORYTELLER:

Winnie and Zippy were ready for their race. Their friends were there to cheer them on. The starting gun went off and the animals ran like the wind. Winnie crossed the finish line first. But Zippy was in last place again.

FRIEND 1:

Zippy never gives up even though he is last. Zippy gives us all hope.

FRIEND 2:

We should start our own running team with Zippy.

FRIEND 1:

We can name it the HOPE running team!

STORYTELLER:

Zippy was excited that his friends wanted to start a running team. Together they could bring hope to all all those who finished last.