

The Dog and the Cat Go to Market

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Cast: Cat, Dog

Sets: A meadow and a fair (or a backdrop that says “Village Fair,” decorated with fair-like pictures)

Props: A box of doughnut holes (real or made from clay); a miniature bushel basket of tiny potatoes or potato-like stones; a nickel (Note: The doughnuts and potatoes could easily be pretend, since they do not speak. Just display an empty doughnut box and a little basket.)

SCENE 1: THE MEADOW

Dog: Good morning, Cat.

Cat: Good morning, Dog.

Dog: Tomorrow is the Village Fair. Let’s sell something. We can make enough money to go on a trip.

Cat: Good idea. I can sell doughnuts.

Dog: I can sell my famous baked potatoes.

Cat: Excellent! I’ll see you in the morning.

SCENE 2: THE FAIR

Dog: Good morning, Cat.

Cat: Good morning, Dog.

Dog: Look, I’ve brought a bushel basket of hot baked potatoes.

Cat: I have this box of fried doughnuts.

Dog: We should make a lot of money. Everything smells delicious.

Cat: Let’s set up our stalls next to each other.

Dog: Good idea. I want to buy a doughnut from you right now.

Cat: That will be five cents, please.

Dog: Here you are. (*Dog takes a doughnut and eats it.*) Very good, Cat.

Cat: Thank you. Now that I have a nickel, I can buy one of your potatoes. Here’s a nickel. (*Cat takes a potato and eats it.*)

Dog: Thank you. Now that I have a nickel, I can buy another doughnut. Here you are. (*Dog takes a doughnut and eats it.*)

Cat: Thank you. Now that I have a nickel, I can buy another potato. Here you are. (*Cat takes a potato and eats it.*)

SCENE 3: THE MEADOW

Cat: What a day. I'm exhausted.

Dog: Me, too. We had so much business.

Cat: Yes. I sold a lot of doughnuts. I have none left.

Dog: I sold a lot of potatoes. I haven't got any left, either.

Cat: I bet we made a lot of money.

Dog: I'm sure we did.

Cat: Let's count it.

Dog: How much do you have?

Cat: I have the nickel you gave me.

Dog: I don't have anything.

Cat: How can that be? We have no food left to sell and business was brisk all day.

Dog: I think we were our only customers.

Cat: Yes. But still, why aren't we rich?

Dog: Oh well, at least we aren't hungry anymore.

Cat: Good night, Dog.

Dog: Good night, Cat.