

FUN WITH HAMLET AND HIS FRIENDS

NARRATOR A chief complaint at P+C meetings today is that reading matter such as Dick and Jane is not important and educational enough for elementary school children. This is our solution for exposing first graders to the world's important literature.

NARRATOR See the man. What a funny man. His name is Hamlet. He is a prince. He is sad. Why are you sad, Hamlet?

HAMLET I am sad for my father has died. My father was a king.

NARRATOR Where are you going, Hamlet?

HAMLET I am going to the castle.

NARRATOR On the way he meets a ghost.

GHOST Where are you going?

HAMLET I am going to the castle.

GHOST Boo, Boo!!

HAMLET What is your name, you silly ghost? (clapping hands)

GHOST I am your father. I was a good king. Uncle Claudius is a bad king. He gave me poison. Would you like poison?

HAMLET Oh no, I would not like poison.

GHOST Will you avenge me, Hamlet?

HAMLET Yes, yes. I will avenge you. What fun it will be to avenge you.

NARRATOR On the way to the castle, Hamlet meets a girl.

OPHELIA Where are you going?

HAMLET I am going to the castle. What is your name?

OPHELIA My name is Ophelia. Ha, Ha, Ha!

HAMLET Why are you laughing? You are a silly goose.

OPHELIA I laugh because you are so funny. You are a schizophrenic. Are you not a schizophrenic?

NARRATOR See Hamlet run. Run, Hamlet. ~~Run~~. He is going to his mother's room.

HAMLET I want to tell you something, Mother. Uncle Claudius is bad. He gave my father poison. Poison is not good. I do not like poison. Do you like poison?

MOTHER Oh, no. No, no, no. I do not like poison.

HAMLET Oh, there is Uncle Claudius. He is hiding behind the curtain. I shall stab him. What fun it will be to stab him through the curtain.

NARRATOR See Hamlet draw his sword. See Hamlet stab. Stab, Hamlet, Stab. See Polonius bleed. See "Polonius" blood gush. Gush, blood, gush. See Polonius fall. How funny he looks, stabbed.

MOTHER You are naughty, Hamlet. You have stabbed Polonius.

NARRATOR But Hamlet's mother is not cross. She loves Hamlet. He is a good boy. And Hamlet loves his mother. Hamlet loves his mother very much. Hamlet loves his mother very, very, much. Does Hamlet love his mother a little too much? Perhaps.

See Hamlet run. Run, Hamlet, run. Where are you going, Hamlet?

HAMLET I am going to find my Uncle Claudius.

NARRATOR On the way he passes a brook. In the brook he sees Ophelia. Ophelia is drowning.

OPHELIA Where are you going?

HAMLET I am going to find Uncle Claudius.

OPHELIA Glub, Glub, Glub.....

NARRATOR Hamlet goes further. On the way he meets a man.

LAERTES Where are you going?

HAMLET I am going to find Uncle Claudius.

LAERTES Oh no! I am Laertes. Let us draw our swords. Let us duel.

HAMLET I do not think I am going to find Uncle Claudius.

NARRATOR See Hamlet and Laertes duel. See Laertes stab Hamlet. See Hamlet stab Laertes. See Hamlet's mother drink poison. See Hamlet stab Uncle Claudius. See everybody stabbed and wounded and bleeding and dying and dead.

What FUN they are having!

Wouldn't you like to play like that too?