# The Scaredy Cat

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One day, or should we say, "once upon a time", there was a scaredy cat boy named Jake. He was scared of Halloween. One day his friend asked, "What type of party would you like?" Jake said, "a princess one." His friend said, "Ok I'll get back to you on that." After Jake walked away, his friend said in a whisper, "I can't believe I'm friends with him, because I'm not going to dress up in a tutu and a crown with sparkly wings and a wand!"

After school was over, Jake walked home slowly, knowing Halloween was tomorrow. As soon as he walked in the door, his little sister, Alia, jumped out at him and said, "Boo! " Jake screamed like a girl because Alia was wearing a clown costume. Clowns were one of his least favorite things about Halloween! Jake's mother came into the room quick as a bee. She was holding Jake's little, little brother named Johnny, who was crying. "He's such a fussy baby", said Alia. After Jake told his mother about his day, she said "I don't think a princess party would work, honey." Alia was lying down on the floor laughing her head off saying, "You're nine years old and you want a princess party, but I'm only six and I want a spooky Halloween party- Ha Ha

Ha!!!" Johnny seemed to be trying hard to throw his food at Alia, which of course made Jake giggle.

It was 7:00 pm and Jake was on the couch watching his favorite TV show. Before he knew it, his mother was pulling him to the car. To her, it seemed like she was pulling bricks. Jake and his mother were only in the car for five minutes, but to Jake it was hours. He was so nervous about the place they were going to. Soon they arrived at the costume store. Jake's mother told him to open the door. His hand was shaking terribly. As soon as they walked in, Jake jumped and tried to hide behind his mother's long skirt, so he didn't have to see the scary things. Except his mother pushed him out of the way, so it didn't exactly work. They walked up and down aisles, but then Jake got lost and started to wander on his own. He came upon an aisle with skeletons and almost screamed! But he cupped his hands over his mouth before the scream came out. Then he got the sniffles and started to cry. He was so scared and so nervous. All of a sudden his mother showed up and said, "What happened sweetie?" Jake told her what happened with the skeletons. Then his mother said, "Oh honey, those are just costumes," which meant Jake had to tell her the secret of why he's scared of Halloween. After he was done telling her she said, "There's always going to be something you're scared of and being scared of Halloween is ok. Just remember that all the kids in costumes are most of your friends." So that's when Jake decided to go up and down the aisles again, until finally he found a cat costume. And that's when he started to like Halloween.

One minute later, they were in a long check-out line. Finally, it was their turn. The cash register lady was very serious. She even said, "That's the first cat costume I saw bought from a boy." Jake laughed and so did his mother, but the cash register lady stood there very stiff and serious. So that's when Jake and his mother looked at each other, paid the money, and scurried out of the costume store.

As soon as they got home, Jake ran up stairs, brushed his teeth, and washed his face quickly because he was half asleep. After that, he walked speedy fast to his room, fell on his bed, and drifted into a deep sleep. He dreamed that he was the king of candy world and got 1,000 pieces of candy a day. So he was probably as big as the USA, from eating all that sweet, sugary candy. The next thing Jake knew was being slapped on the face by Alia for his wake up alarm. His eyes were soooo droopy, so that's when he had to say in a whispery, sleepy tone, "what's all the hollering and screeching?" Nothing happened except for his mother yelling, "HONEY TIME TO GET UP AND READY FOR SCHOOL!" Suddenly the yelling stopped and Jake took a calm, quiet breath in.

Soon he was downstairs all dressed… well almost dressed. For some reason, Jake thought that his boxers were his pants. Johnny tried to tell Jake, "you're silly", but instead it turned out "goo goo ga ga!" All of a sudden, Jake's mother walked in and said, "What is going on?" That's when Alia came in and said in a giggly voice, "Jake thought his boxers were his pants. Ha ha!" "Oh you stop it, clown face Alia," said Jake. "Slow down bud," said Alia. "Guys! Settle DOWN!" hollered their mother's loud voice. "He started it. No she started it," they both said in a huffy breath. "Both of you zip your lips and get ready for the bus," their mother snapped. So Jake and Alia both went outside.

After they opened the door lots of rain drizzled on them. So practically all they needed was shampoo, and soap for their rain shower. Jake and Alia both turned around face to face with their mother. They looked like they both jumped into a swimming pool with their clothes on. Their mother looked like she had an evil grin on her face when she said, "Oops, forgot to tell you guys that it's raining outside. Here are your umbrellas." Then she kissed them on the tippy tops of their heads and said, "Have fun at school!" This meant the bus was there.

After the bus drove away, Jake and Alia both looked back at the house and saw their mother in the window holding Johnny. Jake and Alia both agreed they would call her "Mrs. Cat Eyes" because they thought she was stalking them.

As the day passed by, Alia opened her backpack and found her clown costume. She totally forgot about the party. On the other hand, Jake had to do work…work…work until suddenly, there was only five minutes of school left. He was so excited and so nervous at the same time. He kept tapping his pencil for the time to pass. Then out of the silence the school bell rang. Jake jumped out of his seat and ran to the bus. The bus was packed. There was a whole crowd. Things went crazy!

Finally it was Jake's bus stop. He ran off like he was in a race. Jake finally reached the door. After he went inside he saw Alia, of course, in her clown costume. Again she said, "Boo!" But instead of Jake screaming, all he did was look serious. Then, Alia looked serious back at him. Then they both laughed hard! It was 5:00pm and Alia was getting white face paint on to look more like a clown. And of course Jake was getting his whiskers painted on. Soon they were all in their costumes including Johnny. Johnny was wearing a pig costume. Then guess what happened… Johnny said his first word…"oink"! Everyone giggled at that little, little boy. That's when Johnny smiled a tiny smile.

Soon they were off. Everyone was staring at Jake in his costume. "Very strange", every one said. Jake just ignored them because he wanted to have a fun time. All of a sudden, they came upon some people in vampire costumes. Jake hissed, Alia said "Googooly boo!", and Johnny said "Oink", and everyone laughed. Jake and Alia went from house to house, getting you know what…candy! Well, except for one house. There was a lady that was extremely skinny. And guess what, she gave them celery! Who would give someone that? After they left that house, Alia whispered, "What a sad sad lady. Poor, poor, poor, thin, thin…" "Ok, that's enough", said their mother. But Alia didn't stop! She kept on going on and on about it because she got celery from that thin lady.

Soon they came home. It was 6:30pm and Jake and Alia got started counting all of their candy. Trust me, it took awhile, because the candy was overflowing the bag. After ten minutes they were done. Jake and Alia decided that whoever got more candy got to get an extra piece from the loser. Jake got fifty-eight pieces and Alia got fifty-seven. Jake said, "Well, this day keeps on getting better and better!"

Well that's the end of the story…wait hold on one minute. Don't you think you should hear about his friend one more time? Well here it goes-his friend thought there was going to be a real PRINCESS party! So I guess his friend was the only, AND I MEAN ONLY, one there. That's because Jake learned he was mostly scared of the costumes, but not of Halloween. He took a chance and had fun in his "scaredy cat" costume, and got an extra piece of candy, besides. Now that's a great ending.

WELL……THE END!