

NELSON MANDELA'S BIRTHDAY!

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Intro Music:

*Miss Positive Pants enters the stage. She is very grumpy and moaning to herself. She was on her way home and her car wouldn't start. George comes scurrying in with a box of things behind her. He tries to get her attention when he notices the audience.*

Miss Positive Pants: I am so angry! My car won't start, and I can't find my spoon to get it working again.

George: Miss... Miss!

Miss Positive Pants: George, I don't know how long we are going to be stuck here for.

George: But, Miss Positive Pants...

Miss Positive Pants: I know George! I didn't have this planned for my day off either!

George: No Miss Positive Pants

Miss Positive Pants: What?

George: Look!

Miss Positive Pants: Where?

George: There!

*George puts down the box and shows Miss Positive Pants the audience.*

Miss Positive Pants: Goodness gracious me! I didn't see you there. George, why didn't you say anything earlier?

George: I was trying to tell you!

Miss Positive Pants: Hello Children, just two seconds please. George, I don't think we have a lesson now, do we George?

George: Let me check in your diary!

*They look through their diary. looking the audience.*

Miss Positive Pants: No, we don't.

*George whispers to Miss Positive Pants*

George: Why don't we stick around until we find your spoon?

Miss Positive Pants: And then?

George: Maybe we do one of your lessons?

Miss Positive Pants: I suppose you are right George. Children, we are going to hang around with you until we find my spoon!

George: Yay! Please can you teach us one of your positive lessons Miss Positive Pants?

Miss Positive Pants: I won't lie, I am not feeling very positive right now.

George: Quick question. What does your spoon look like?

Miss Positive Pants: I have always believed there are no such things as silly questions. But that one George. Of course you know what a spoon looks like? It's what you eat your porridge with every morning?

George: Oh, so you use the same thing to fix your car?

Miss Positive Pants: Yes. (beat) Enough of these silly questions. If we want to teach a lesson we are going to need my positive pants!

*George hands the pants to her. Miss Positive Pants exits.*

George: Miss Positive Pants' classroom is the best classroom in this school and those are her super power positive pants!

*He shows the audience her pants*

George: When she wears her *positive pants*, she has the magical power to choose to see the good in every situation and she can always find the good in a bad

situation. Let me introduce you to our school!

*George gets ready to introduce the school of positivity*

George: Ladies and gentlemen! Welcome to the School of Positivity!

*George is expecting an applause, but probably won't get one from the audience. Miss positive pants stand proudly.*

Miss Positive Pants: I don't think that worked George.

George: Me either.

Miss Positive Pants: Try again...

George: Welcome to the magical school of positivity!

Miss Positive Pants: No, no still nothing. Just give me one second George!

George: Today I think we are going to learn about Nelson Mandela. Just a heads up! I looked in her diary! But don't tell her!

*Miss Positive Pants enters.*

Miss Positive Pants: Welcome to the school of positivity. I am Miss Positive Pants, and these are my positive pants!

George: And I am George!

Miss Positive Pants: Oh yes! George my marvellous assistant!

George: What lessons are you going to teach us today Miss Positive pants?

Miss Positive Pants: Let's start the lesson and find out! How many of you have had terrible things happen to you, things that made you cry or made you angry?

*George is jumping up in the back ground sticking up his finger.*

George: Me me me!

Miss Positive Pants: So have I! For example, my car broke down today and I lost my spoon and I was very angry because I wanted to go home to feed my cat Jenga. But, when I put on my positive pants I was reminded to look for the good in my horrible situation. Now, I am looking at a room filled with magical children and I have a feeling my car broke down for a good reason!

George: Miss Positive Pants

Miss Positive Pants: Yes George?

George: I have some bad things that have happened to me too.

Miss Positive Pants: Would you share them with us, so we can find the positive in them?

*George gets all shy*

George: Really?

Miss Positive Pants: You stuck up your hand didn't you?

George: But, I am shy.

*He hides behind the box*

Miss Positive Pants: Oh dear, alright, let me help you! Who here knows who Nelson Mandela is? Look George, these are very clever children!

*Miss Positive pants shakes the hands of all the children and gets distracted.*

Miss Positive Pants: Right! Where were we?

George: Nelson Mandela

Miss Positive Pants: Oh yes, yes!

*Miss positive pants opens the magical box.*

Miss Positive pants: Now, I know it's in here somewhere...  
I just ... Oooh! Oh nope, none of these.

Oh! I forgot about that. No, no, not that. Oh, look! George!

*She pulls out all sorts of interesting props and finds her spoon!*

Miss Positive pants: It's my spoon! How on earth did it get into my box?!

George: Does that mean we going home?

Miss Positive Pants: Oh no George! We have a lesson to teach first! Now, what was I doing in here.

George: Nelson Mandela!

Miss Positive Pants: Oh yes! George you need to stop distracting me.

*Then finally she starts taking out books from the box and packing George till he can't see.*

Miss Positive Pants: Now, Mr Mandela's life started off sad and very hard. Because of the way things were long ago, some people who had power used their power in the wrong way and they tried to take power away from Mandela by putting him in jail. But, when you have true super powers like Mandela had, nobody can take it away from you.

*George trying to ask a question from behind the books*



George: Miss Positive Pants?

Miss Positive Pants: What is it George? Where are you?

George: Here I am Miss Positive Pants.

Miss Positive pants: Are you using your invincible super powers again. Can anyone tell me where he is?

Miss Positive Pants: George, you need to stop playing silly buggers.

George: What did Mandela do when he was in Jail for 27 years?

Miss Positive Pants: That's where the magic is! Even though so many sad things happened in his life. He changed his whole story around from a bad one to a great one!

George: How did he do that if he was in jail?

Miss Positive Pants: Firstly, he didn't feel sorry for himself or hold angry feelings in his heart. Instead he started to read books, hundreds of books!

George: Are books his super powers?

Miss Positive Pants: No George, books aren't his super power, but, he did fill his brain with so much knowledge from the books.

George: Is knowledge his super power?

Miss Positive Pants: Close! He used books to give him knowledge, then he used his super power!

George: What is it?

Miss Positive Pants: If you stop interrupting me then I'll tell you! His super power was to choose to use all the things he read from the books and learned from his life to do something good in the world!

George: His super power is reading?

Miss Positive Pants: No George, reading is NOT his super power. CHOOSING, his super power, is choosing. He chose to change the sad things that happened in his life into good things for his future and the whole of South Africa.

George: Oh! So, he couldn't change his past and the terrible things that had happened. But, he could learn from them and Choose to make the future better!

Miss Positive Pants: Yes George! And that is his super power! To choose Positivity!

George: That's amazing, isn't it? Mandela's super power was inside him all along!

Miss Positive Pants: Yes! We all have the magical power of positivity inside of us, we just must choose to use it! And also learn at every chance we have!

George: So just Like Mandela, I also have magical powers inside of me?

Miss Positive Pants: Yes George!

George: Even them?

*George points to the audience*

Miss Positive Pants: Especially them!

*George Speaks to the audience*

George: Guys, did you know that you all have the magical power of positivity inside of you already!

Miss Positive Pants: Remember no one can take that away from you! Sometimes we just need to be reminded about them.

George: What kind of things can remind us?

Miss Positive Pants: Let us play a little game. It might help all of us understand

George: Okay!

Miss Positive Pants: George, I want you to dig in the magical box of positivity and the first thing that you find is your magical positive power! Then I want you to show us how it works. You are going to use your imagination and your knowledge to come up with something magical!

*George starts looking around and brings out a weird object. This is a pre-planned whose line isn't it anyway with an object in a box. (pool noodle/ thingamajig)*

Miss Positive Pants: Great! Now what is your positive super power?

George: This is my super smile - I can wear it where every I go; my smile is so big that happy sunbeams of light shine all around the country and everyone is happy when I smile!

Miss positive Pants: Show us how it works! WOW! Those beams of happiness are everywhere! Look children look! I can hardly see through the shimmering shining lights!

*Cheering and being so excited*

Miss Positive Pants: Now, Put that back in the box. Come here, and on the count of three SMILE! Oh wow! That smile lights up the entire world!

George: Wow! I didn't even use my thingamajig

Miss Positive Pants: Exactly! The thingamajig reminds you that your smile is magical!

George: Do you know what that means Miss Positive Pants?

Miss Positive Pants: What George?

George: That every single one of you has super power smiles!

Miss Positive Pants: That's right!

George: Let's all smile together!! Let's light up the entire world with our smiles!

Miss Positive Pants: Let's take a selfie! Oh! I knew we were all so magical! A++ for everyone!

George: Do you know what I just learnt. We get to decide how we want to feel! I choose to smile every time I feel sad and every time I see someone else looking sad I am going to smile at them!

Miss Positive Pants: You've got the magic George!

*George tugging on Miss Positives Pants*

George: But, Miss Positive Pants, is it okay to be sad and feel sadness every now and again?

Miss Positive Pants: Of course, George. It's okay to feel sad sometimes. But, we must always remember to look on the bright side of life.

George: Miss Positive Pants, why don't we invite some children to come look in the positive box too and share their special power.

Miss Positive Pants: Another splendid idea! Let's choose a child each.

*Bring children up to look in the magic box of positivity*

Miss Positive Pants: Now dig in the box and pull out something and share with us what your super power is?

*George and Miss Positive Pants react and interact with the children and their powers.*

George: Can I go again, please please.

Miss Positive Pants: But you already had a go

George: I know I know, please.

Miss Positive Pants: Oh alright, sometimes we do have more than one magical power!

*George pulls out a large crayon!*

Miss Positive Pants: Oh! what is it?

George: This is my magic crayon and I use it to doodle and share good news stories wherever I go.

Miss Positive Pants: What a unique magical power. And what's even cooler, is I think everyone here has magical crayons too! Show me your crayons children.

George: You really do have the coolest most magical students in the world!

Miss Positive Pants: I do don't I! I am so glad my car broke down, so I could spend the day with you!

George: You are so positive Miss Positive Pants!

*George hugs Miss Positive Pants*

Miss Positive Pants: I just realised something George. I don't have to wear my positive pants to be positive all the time! If I choose to be positive, I will be

positive! I just use my pants to remind me to be positive, like Mr Mandela and his books and you and your thingamajig

George: That's right Miss Positive Pants!

Miss Positive Pants: Maybe I should take them off?

*Miss Positive Pants starts taking off her pants.*

George: No, don't take them off!

Miss Positive pants: Oh! But I can be positive without them on!

*She tries to take them off*

George: No No ... You um... love your pants.

Miss Positive Pants: I do... I do! They are just marvellous!

George: Plus, they look good on you!

Miss Positive Pants: They do!

George: Maybe you should keep them on.

Miss Positive Pants: Maybe I should keep them on!

George: Good Idea! Plus, there are children around!

Miss Positive Pants: What would I do without you George! Now we have all learned we have our own super positive powers inside of us.



George: And, when you are feeling down and out, that's okay too and you should always speak to your friends, teachers or parents to remind you and help you make the best out of a tough situation.

Miss Positive Pants: That's right! Friends and family can also help us to be positive!

George: I have a great idea! I want to use my Doodle Crayon to draw Mr Mandela, not only because it is his birthday, but because when I think of him I think of his story and that reminds me to be positive.

Miss Positive Pants: Why don't we don't ALL doodle Mr Mandela's face, then we can take him home with us, stick him on our walls and be reminded of our super positive powers!

George: Yay!

Miss Positive Pants: What a wonderful idea George!

George: Thank you. Do you like that idea children? We can all draw Mr Mandela's face together?



George: Here it is!

Miss Positive Pants: Thank you! We shall see you soon  
children!

George: See you later!

*Miss Positive Pants starts to exit.*

Miss Positive Pants: Don't forget to stay positive! Say it  
with me George

Together: Stay positive!

George: Now everyone.

All together: Stay Positive!

Together: Bye bye children!

Overture: Exit Music

*George picks up the magical box, Miss Positive Pants and George  
exit*

**THE END**

Act two

(interactive doodling) 20 mins

*George and Miss positive pants enter. Complete the doodling process with the children.*

George:           Hello children, hello!

Miss Positive Pants:       Hello!

Miss Positive Pants:       Thank you George for helping me start  
my car again!

George:                                 How is the doodling going wonderful  
super positive human's?

*Miss positive pants, George and the team to facilitate the  
doodling in character.*

Miss Positive Pants:             I believe you are done already George,  
  lets show all your classmates your wonderful  
  work!

*Continue facilitating the doodling process. When everyone is  
done photograph time.*

Miss Positive Pants:             Everybody show us your Mandela doodle  
and your super power smile!

George:                                 This was the coolest lesson ever Miss Positive  
Pants.

Miss Positive Pants:             That makes me feel very positive  
  George, very positive indeed. Thank you,  
  wonderful super positive humans, for an excellent  
  lesson! I look forward to teaching you in the  
  future!

George:                                 Don't forget to

Together:                               Stay Positive and Doodle! Bye Bye!

*Miss Positive Pants and George exit*

*THE END*