

Jessica's Big Little World - Outline

"Mystery Toy"

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Description: Jessica and her friends find a toy at the playground and have trouble sharing.

ACT 1

EXT. PARK BENCH - DAY

We OPEN on JESSICA, STANLEIGH, FELIX and MAYRA running across the playground playing "Elephant Waddle" – where they follow each other raising their "trunks" and making trumpeting sounds. From the park bench, DUANE, (who is playdate dad for the day) is just settling in on the bench to have a snack. He says he didn't expect to see elephants at the park today – what a treat!

The kids turn their attention to Duane. "We're hungry!" Jessica shouts. Felix follows: "Yeah, elephants need to eat 300 pounds of food a day!" Duane: "Oh, I don't know if I have that much, but let's see..." The kids swarm him – in elephant mode – using their trunks to find out what treat is available. Duane manages to pull out a box of kale crackers, but hesitates: "Wait a minute, I thought I saw a sign around here about not feeding the elephants..." Mayra giggles: "Noooo, that was about the DUCKS." Duane nods and offers the kids the crackers. Each kid grabs their snack with their "trunk" and awkwardly tries placing them in their mouths with them. Jessica and the kids blow trumpeting noises from their trunks to thank Duane, who trumpets back "you're welcome."

EXT. PARK - BUSHES - DAY

The kids waddle over to a bush in their elephant line when they stumble upon *something* that was left at the playground - it's a flat, colorful plastic hexagon. Jessica holds it up, as the discovery brings everyone out of elephant character. "Wow. Look! What I found!" Ooooh, the kids exclaim. YAY! It's a....well.... *What is it?* Felix wonders if it's a pizza pan... for a six sided pizza? Mayra thinks it's a wheel! Stanleigh thinks it's a super shield!!! Jessica wonders if it might be...a...sled? It's clearly a toy of some kind, but no one knows how you're supposed to play with it. Felix: "The person who left it is probably really sad." Jessica suggests they should find 'em! Kids: "Yeahhh!" The group innocently looks around without giving much effort. Stanleigh: "I guess there's no one here."

EXT. PARK BENCH - DAY

Duane sees the kids running toward him, and positions his arm like an elephant trunk again: "Oh, my elephants are back!" He starts trumpeting but Jessica waves him off "We're done

playing that, Daddy.” Duane: “Well, I’m not.” Duane continues to hold his trunk up as the kids explain that they found a toy in the bush! Duane takes the toy with his trunk and inspects it. He says if no one’s there to claim it, they can play with it and give it back if the person returns. The kids are excited to play with their newfound toy – whatever it is.

EXT. PARK - DAY

Each kid grabs a corner of the toy ready to head off and play in different directions – “I wanna play with it. / want to!” – but they’re all pulled back to each other...and tumble down...to a bit of confusion, followed by lots of giggles. MAYRA: There’s no way we can all play with the toy at the same time! Jessica thinks. Hmm...what would a big kid do? STANLEIGH: Homework? JESSICA: Probably. But maybe we can share and all take turns playing with the toy? The kids cheer.

ACT II

EXT. PARK - DAY - SANDBOX

Felix is the first up to have a turn with the toy! “It’s a pizza pan!” He places it in the sand, spins it around, and uses a handful of sand to make his “pizza dough.” IN AN IMAGINATION SEQUENCE, Felix tosses pizza dough in the sky and Jessica, Mayra, and Stanleigh giggle and help him catch it on the pan. The kids catch one....then two pizza pie doughs... Then Felix tells them to get ready for a big pizza pie. He tosses his dough high in the sky - the kids run back and forth preparing to catch it - but the “dough” lands on their heads. They giggle. END IMAGINATION SEQUENCE. The kids ‘pretend’ wipe dough and laugh that they’ve never had pizza on their heads. When Felix’ turn is up, he gives the toy to Mayra. “Your turn, Mayra!”

EXT. PARK - DAY - TRAIL

Mayra takes the toy to the walking trail and declares “I think it’s a wheel!” Felix: “Aren’t wheels round? I don’t think that’s gonna roll very well.” Mayra: “Oh, no, this is a STEERING wheel. Come on, everybody, hop in!” Mayra pantomimes sitting in the driver’s seat with her “steering wheel” in her hands, and as the other kids pile in behind her, we enter an IMAGINATION SEQUENCE where Mayra is driving a tour bus with HEXAGON SHAPED WHEELS. She takes the kids on a very bumpy but fun sightseeing tour around the trail. Mayra points out local landmarks, like the water fountain that no one uses, a bird (“What kind of bird is it?” “Uh... a cute one!”) and the statue of Jessica’s Dad. When Mayra’s turn is up, she gives it to Stanleigh. “Your turn, Stanleigh!”

EXT. PARK - DAY - PLAY STRUCTURES

Stanleigh has a turn and... plays with the toy like a super shield. “This super shield will protect us!” Felix chimes in: “From what?” Stanleigh: “From those snowballs! Duckkk!” Felix ducks just as AN IMAGINATION SEQUENCE of snowballs pummel them out of nowhere. Stanleigh giggles. ‘It’s good to have a super shield ‘cause you never know when the weather’s gonna

change.' Stanleigh dives across the park, protecting the other kids from multi-colored, pastel snowballs. Jessica gets hit with one and says it tastes like strawberry ice to the laughter of her friends...and Stanleigh is sooo excited about his super shield that he keeps playing.

Over the course of this, the other kids peter out and we END THE IMAGINATION SEQUENCE. Stanleigh, however, keeps on going like he's battery-powered. Felix turns to Jessica: "Isn't it your turn, Jessica?" JESSICA: "I think so, maybe Stanleigh needs a reminder."

Jessica tries to politely get Stanleigh's attention - she comedically steps closer and closer to Stanleigh, clearing her throat in increasingly over the top fashion until eventually she's right behind Stanleigh and shouts "STANLEIGH!". "Hey, Jessica!" Stanleigh says as he plays. Jessica politely reminds Stanleigh that they're sharing the toy and asks if she can have her turn. Stanleigh: "Oh my gosh! I'm so sorry! I was having so much fun with the super shield, I forgot to give you your turn." He hands the toy over.

EXT. PARK - DAY - GRASS

Jessica plays with the toy in her own way - In an IMAGINATION SEQUENCE she uses the toy like a sled to slide down a tiny slope in the grass. She passes the toy around to her friends – sharing the fun! (FELIX: Jessicaaaa, this is a great sleeeeeddd!!! Wheeeeee!) She and her friends are having the time of their lives skidding down the grass!

BUT THEN... a slightly older KID, shows up and asks Jessica and friends, who are sitting on their toy, if they have seen a "Hex-a-Whirl." They don't know what that is, but don't think they've seen anything called a Hex-a-Whirl. They watch as the older kid walks to search in the bush where Jessica found the toy. Jessica realizes – she thinks she knows what a Hex-a-Whirl is... and it's under her booty! She turns to her friends. "I think this toy is hers!"

ACT III

EXT. PARK - DAY

The kids spend a moment, just a moment, wondering if they have to give it back, but Jessica spearheads the decision to return it - it's what a big kid would do. She calls out to Duane, "DADDY, IS IT OKAY IF I TALK TO THIS BIG KID AND GIVE HER TOY BACK?" Duane, who is two feet away and already hearing everything, chuckles and says yes, trumpeting with his trunk (he's still playing elephants).

Jessica approaches the big kid and returns the toy. The big kid thanks her, and asks if she and her friends would like to play catch with them. Jessica says sure - she doesn't know what they'd play catch with, but they're down to try. The big kid laughs and then shows her how they play with the Hex-a-whirl - by making it fly like a flying disc and passing it around to each other! The kids' minds are BLOWN. The big kid throws the Hex-a-whirl to Jessica – she catches it! "Wow! Cooooool." She passes it to Stanleigh. STANLEIGH: It's a crazy use for a super shield! But I like it! Jessica and her friends giggle and play together, like big kids.