

The New Kid

Written and Performed

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Titans:

Jimmy	Elissa Tremblett (<i>Grade 7</i>)
Jimmy's Mom	Jaimee Chaulk (<i>Grade 8</i>)
Principal Keiser	Nolan Kieser (<i>Grade 5</i>)
Miss. Tuglavina	Cecelia Tuglavina (<i>Grade 5</i>)
Student 1	Kierra Blake (<i>Grade 5</i>)
Student 2	Jada Campbell (<i>Grade 5</i>)
Student 3	Belle Collins (<i>Grade 5</i>)
Student 4	Madelyn Andersen (<i>Grade 6</i>)

Teacher Facilitators: Brad Sharpe and Jennifer Baker

Scene One

Jimmy and Jimmy's Mom in their home doing homework.

Jimmy's Mom: Did you finish the math work I assigned yesterday?

Jimmy: Yes, I laid it on the kitchen table.

Jimmy's Mom: Good! I'll correct that shortly. Hey Jimmy..... You know how we were talking about registering you in a public school?

Jimmy: Yeeaaaahhhhh

Jimmy's Mom: Well, I just got this letter in the mail today and you are now officially enrolled in Lake Melville School.

Jimmy: Why can't I just stay home schooled?

Jimmy's Mom: You need to socialize..... you need friends!!

Jimmy: I have friends!

Jimmy's Mom: Your pet goldfish doesn't count.

Jimmy: Well, he doesn't pity me, or ask me a lot of questions and doesn't care that I can't see him.

Jimmy's Mom: Well I think we should try it out. If you go I'll buy you a treat.

Jimmy: Fine, I guess so.

Scene Two

Principal's Office

Principal: Hi Jimmy, my name is Mr. Keiser. I'm so glad you've decided to join us at Lake Melville School.

Jimmy: I never really had a choice.
(mom nudges Jimmy)

Principal: *(Principal chuckles)* Well, either way I think you're really going to enjoy it here. Come, I introduce you to your class and teacher.

Principal, Jimmy and Mom walk towards classroom, students are chatting, taking selfies.

Principal knocks

Principal: Excuse me, Miss. Tuglavina, class.

Teacher: Well Hello Mr. Keiser.

Principal: I'd like to introduce a new student to our school, this is Jimmy. Everyone say "hi" to Jimmy.

All Students: Hi Jimmy!

Madelyn: How come he gets to wear his sunglasses inside? You told me to take mine off last week.

Principal: Jimmy would you like to tell them why are you wearing sunglasses inside?

Jimmy: When I was born, there was something wrong with my eyes. I've had multiple surgeries but they couldn't fix it. Best I can see is shadows and the light really hurts my eyes.

Teacher: Welcome to our class Jimmy. I'm sure you'll do great and everyone will make you feel comfortable. Jimmy come with me, I will seat you over here next to Jada.

Okay class it's time for math.

Lights dim, recess bell rings

Scene 3

Everyone gets out their snacks, phones and huddles around Jimmy.

Kierra: So, what's it like to be blind?

Jada: How do you do schoolwork? Do you know sign language?

Jimmy: That's for deaf people. I'm not deaf, I'm blind.

Belle: If your blind, do you get to go to Disneyland?

Madelyn: How are you supposed to play Fortnite? How do you see the characters, or where you're going?

Kierra: So, how do you take tests? Do your eyes hurt? Do you have one of those cool dogs?

Jada: Is your other senses better? Just like Spiderman.

Jimmy: *(hands over ears)* STOP! Too many questions! Leave me alone!

Students back off and start whispering, looking strangely at Jimmy.

Bell rings, teacher comes back into classroom.

Teacher: Okay everyone, take your seats and get out your science books.

Scene 4

Lunchtime bell goes.

Belle: Do you need help with your juice box? Do you want me to open that for you?

Jimmy: No, I've been opening them since I was 3.

Jada: Do you need someone to help feed you lunch? Do you ever miss your mouth? Cause I do.

Jimmy: It's the big thing in the middle, right?

Jimmy wastes his food. Gets angry, kids slowly draw away.

Jimmy: Go away!

Madelyn: Alright we'll leave you alone. Come on guys, let's go.

Jimmy puts his head down on the table.

Scene 5

End of day bell goes, everyone leaves to go home, Jimmy in class waiting for his Mom.

Jimmy's Mom: Hey honey, how was your day?

Jimmy: I don't wanna talk about it. I hate school. I don't wanna come back tomorrow.

Teacher and Principal Enter

Teacher: What's wrong? What happened?

Jimmy: Can I not come back tomorrow? I told you school wasn't for me.

Mom: Jimmy, we need to know what's going on.

Jimmy: Why can't they just treat me like normal?

Teacher: Hey listen, what's normal these days?

Jimmy: They pelted me with questions. They just kept talking to me. I couldn't get a chance to talk. And I can't see but I can feel their eyes on me.

Teacher: They can be a bit overwhelming but keep in mind, they are just curious. They want to get to know you. They really are a great bunch of kids, once you get to know them.

Principal: You know Jimmy, when I was your age, I lost hearing in one of my ears.

Jimmy: Really? I would never say your were hard of hearing.

Principal: I wear a hearing aid now.

Jimmy: Did kids ask you a bunch of questions?

Principal: No. instead they made fun of me. Sounds to me that your teacher is right. They are not trying to hurt your feelings, they are just trying to get to know you.

Mom: So, you think we can give it another shot tomorrow?

Jimmy: Yeah, I guess. But I have an idea. Could we make a stop at the store on the way home?

Mom: Okay? I guess so.

Scene 6

Following Day. Bell rings

Teacher: Okay, everyone please take your seats. Where's Jimmy? Has anyone seen Jimmy?

Jimmy: I'm right here! *(comes in dressed as Spiderman).*

Class laughs

Keirra: So, you are a superhero!

Jimmy: I am today!!

Class: Cool!!

Jimmy: So, can anyone help this superhero to his seat?

Class: I can!

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