

The King Seeks a Friend
A one-act play for children
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Characters

Kings Jack- a young lonely king

Quick- king's female page

Baker- a broad woman

Shoemaker- young man

Barber- elderly man

Traveler- a young youth either male or female

Villagers 1-12 adjust as available

Time: olden days in the time of kings and castles

Setting: Scene One-simple set inside castle throne room. This could be staged before the larger Scene 2- a village street with a cobbler shop, a bakery, and a barber shop.

PRODUCTION NOTES:

CHARACTERS: 4 male 2 female 1-12 villager of either gender

PLAYING TIME: 20 minutes

PROPS: throne, window frame
Large needle, thread, piece of leather
Rolling pin
Barber shears
Candle sticks
Tarot cards
Cider mug
Bouquet of flowers
Knapsack and walking stick

COSTUMES:

Kings Jack- Robe, breeches, golden crown
Quick- breeches, waistcoat, three-cornered hat with a large feather
Shoemaker- breeches and leather apron
Baker- peasant dress with white apron and baker's cap.
Barber- long pants, long striped apron
Traveler- hiking outfit, wide-brimmed hat, walking stick, knapsack
Villagers- female and male peasant outfits

SETTING:

Scene One- simple set inside castle throne room with a throne and a hanging window frame. This could be staged before scene 2
Scene Two- a village street with a cobbler shop, a bakery, and a barber shop in that order.

LIGHTING: Lights fade on opening scene before coming up on village scene behind it.

SOUND: No special sounds

MUSIC: Music from Merry Old England