**Spinning Story Characters**

*1. Number class off 1-4*

*2. Divide the characters as follows:*

1. Man/men

2. son

3. donkey

4. father

The Man, the Boy, and the Donkey

A father and his son were once going with their donkey to market. As they were walking along by the donkey’s side a man passed them and said: "You fools, what is a donkey for but to ride upon?"

So the father put his son on the donkey and they went on their way. But soon they passed another group of men, one man said: "See his lazy son, he lets the father walk while he rides the donkey."

So the father ordered his son to get off, and got on the donkey himself. But they hadn't gone far when they passed more men, one of whom said to the other: "Shame on that lazy father to let his poor little son trudge along while he rides the donkey."

Well, the father didn't know what to do, but at last he took his son up with him on the donkey.

By this time, they had come to the town, and many men began to jeer and point at them. The

father stopped and asked what they were scoffing at. The men said: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey with you and your hulking son?"

The father and his son got off the donkey and tried to think what to do. They thought and they thought, till at last they cut down a pole, tied the donkey's feet to it, and raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders. They went along amid the laughter of all who met

them till they came to Market Bridge, when the donkey, getting one of his feet loose, kicked out and caused the son to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle the donkey fell over the bridge, and his fore-feet being tied together he was drowned.

"That will teach you," said an old man who had followed them:

"Please all, and you will please none."