

Green Shoes

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Sarah from a very early age has a mind of her own. Unfortunately she frequently makes her choices known in a most unpleasant scene. The result of this behavior is that her young parents feel forced into decisions that are not always comfortable for them. By age two Sarah has a pretty firm hold on "getting her own way." As an only child, Sarah generally is not expected to make compromises to accommodate others. Those lesson she will hopefully learn as she ages.

At age three Sarah is invited to participate in her aunt's fancy wedding. She is to scatter rose petals down the aisle of the church before her Aunt Diana appears in her lacey black wedding gown. The bridesmaids are wearing silk ivory colored dresses with black heels. Sarah is outfitted in a white flower girl dress and black patent Mary Jane shoes. Sarah loves the beautiful dress with the tiered skirt but she refuses to wear the black shoes. Instead she picks a pretty pair of green shoes. What to do? Green shoes throw the whole color scheme askew. Sarah's mother knows just what to do. Everyone needs to wear something green too. The bride redoes her bouquet into beautiful shades of greenery and each of the bridesmaids must buy a green necklace. Sarah scatters rose petals to everyone's delight and dreams of her own wedding when everything will be done just right!