

**AUDITION SIDE – Davey, Jack, Crutchie, Les
from *Newsies JR.***

DAVEY

I don't want more papers.

JACK

What kinda newsie don't want more papes?

DAVEY

I'm no charity case. I don't even know you.

CRUTCHIE

This here is the famous Jack Kelly. He once escaped jail on the back of Teddy Roosevelt's carriage. Made all the papes. And I'm Charlie – but friends call me Crutchie!

JACK

(to LES)

How old are you, kid?

LES

I'm ten. Almost.

JACK

If anybody asks, you're seven. Younger sells more papes, and if we're gonna be partners—

DAVEY

Who said we want a partner?

CRUTCHIE

Sellin' with Jack is the chance of a lifetime. You learn from him, you learn from the best.

DAVEY

If he's the best, what's he need with me?

JACK

(points to LES)

'Cause you got this kid and I don't. This one's mug could easy sell a thousand papes a week.

(to LES)

Look sad, kid.

(LES makes a sad face.)

We're gonna make millions.