Season 3 Episodes

301 The Martha Show, part 1  
Joe Fallon & Ken Scarborough  
Martha has been offered a chance to host a children's TV show with her friends! The gang tries to agree on the perfect kids' show. (1st of two parts)  
**Vocabulary**  
(E) genre(s), dramatic(s), educational, merchandise, style, comedy(ies)(ic)  
(I) co-star, medical, program(s), watch, script

302 Skits and Mr. Scruffles  
Peter K. Hirsch  
Everyone’s too busy to play with Skits. While he’s moping around the neighborhood, he meets Milo, a lonesome newcomer who just moved to Wagstaff City. The two bond, but when they tell their respective families about their new companion, no one believes they’re real?  
**Vocabulary**  
(E) occupied, companion, lonesome, disappoint, imaginary  
(I) bored, lonely, twice, play(ing), fun

303 Martha’s Millions  
Dietrich Smith  
When Carolina reads about a dog inheriting millions, she’s appalled. What could a dog do with all that money? Martha discovers that it isn’t who spends it, but how you spend it, that matters most.  
**Vocabulary**  
(E) inherit(s)(ed)(ance), wealthy, greedy, generous, fortune  
(I) will, buy, spend, stingy, give(ing)
Carolina’s Gifted  Raye Lankford
Everyone is excited for Carolina’s birthday, everyone, that is, except Carolina. She still hasn’t used her gift certificate from last year’s birthday, and it is going to expire… tonight! She and Helen rush to the store to pick out the perfect gift. What will it be?

Vocabulary
(E) gift certificate, expire, purchase, splurge, redeem, squirrel away
(I) save, cash, pay/paid, pick

304  Truman’s Mad  Ron Holsey
When Truman sends away for a science kit, he dreams about all the new inventions he will create. But can reality really live up to his big dreams?

Vocabulary
(E) explore, theory, analyze(ing), outcome, effect
(I) note(s), lab, kit, finding(s), magnet(ism)(s)

Dog for a Day  Pippin Parker
TD thinks dogs have it easy — no school, no homework, no schedule — but Martha begs to differ. When the two decide to switch roles for a day, they discover that life can be surprisingly tough in someone else’s shoes (or tail).

Vocabulary
(E) hypothesis, experiment, conclusion, compare(d), result(s)
(I) human, canine, science, easy, hard(er)

305  Alice Covers Up  Raye Lankford
It’s a pool party! Everyone is going, including Alice… until she becomes involved in a strange cover-up.

Vocabulary
(E) (self)confident(ce), complexion, timid, outgoing, bashful
(I) color, sort, brand, fair/fair-skinned, dye

Carolina Picks a Lily  Raye Lankford
Carolina adopts a new puppy, and she’s so excited. It matches her purse! But when the gang points out the pup won’t stay pocketbook-sized for long (check out those paws!), she regrets her impulsive adoption. Will they be able to find a home for Lily?

Vocabulary
(E) shallow, temperament, vicious, impulsive, foster, hypoallergenic
(I) sweet, type, breed, kind, nasty

306  The Opera Contest  Ken Scarborough
An opera contest! Sounds boring! But before you know it, the kids have cooked up their own ideas of what an opera should be.

Vocabulary
(E) opera, soprano, bass, quartet, accomplish
(I) scene, rhyme, costume, stage, prop(s)
Maestro Martha  
Ron Holsey  
Bad guys Pablum and Weaselgraft have a plan to turn a charity concert into a heist by using the power of music. Very strange music. Can Martha turn down the volume on their evil scheming before it’s too late?  
**Vocabulary**  
(E) orchestra, symphony, conduct(or)(ing), percussion, composition  
(I) trumpet, string, maestro, gong, usher

307 Martha: Deadline Doggie  
Pammy Salmon  
When Martha begins to sniff out leads for Carolina’s paper, the news is not fit to print. Can Martha redeem herself before she puts the paper out of business?  
**Vocabulary**  
(E) article, deadline, eavesdropped(ing), gossip(ing), private  
(I) type(ing), read(s)(ing), tip, paper, surprise

It’s the Giant Pumpkin, Martha  
Peter K. Hirsch  
With The Ronald Report as her new competition, Carolina needs stories, big stories, to keep her paper afloat. But then she finds a story that’s stranger than she bargained for.  
**Vocabulary**  
(E) fabricate(d), source, exaggerate(d)(ing)(tions), (un)reliable, anonymous, retract(ed)(ing)(ion)  
(I) reporter, lie(s), record, ton, pounds

308 TD’s Magic  
Ken Scarborough  
TD has found the best birthday gift of all time for his cousin CD: He’s going to put on a magic show at his party. He wants to really “wow” the crowd, so the bigger the trick, the better. But what happens when his magic gets out of control?  
**Vocabulary**  
(E) feat, rational(ly), vanish, illusion, dubious  
(I) disappear, magic, appear, explanation, powers

Scaredy Cat  
Bruce Akiyama  
To escape a storm, the kids and dogs retreat into the Boxwood’s house. TD, Alice, and Helen decide to tell spooky stories to pass the time. But as spooky things start happening in the house, they wonder if their stories might be a little too real.  
**Vocabulary**  
(E) silhouette, unexpected, nightmare, phantom, ominous  
(I) scare(d)(y), dark(ness), windy, rainy, night(time)

309 Martha Acts Up  
Karen Barss  
Mrs. Boxwood offers Martha a part in Alice in Wonderland, and Martha is thrilled at her new chance to become a star of the stage. But when Martha finds out what she’s cast as, she’s horrified.  
**Vocabulary**  
(E) character(s), motivat(e)(ation), portray(s), psychology, instinct(ual)  
(I) part, actors, play, line(s), show
Ronald Is In

When Ronald finds a book on psychology, he becomes the expert on everyone’s “problems.” Is his cure worse than the complaint?

Vocabulary
(E) attitude, diagnose(is)(ed)(ing), emulate(ing), mimic(ing)
(I) mental, borrow, worried, used book(s), yogurt

310 Myth Me?

On a rainy, boring day, the gang does what everybody does on a rainy day: act out Greek myths! And, as always, they are really better with dogs!

Vocabulary
(E) myth, legend, moral, reflection, fate
(I) point, ending, setting, over, greek

TD’s Myth Take

TD isn’t satisfied with any Greek myth, so he decides to write his own version. With the help of Martha and Truman, he puts on a performance that exceeds everyone’s expectations…

Vocabulary
(E) version, alter, revis(e)(ing), adaptation, dramatize
(I) change, fix, perfect, plot, nymph

311 The Dog Did It

Martha shares the Great Oral History of Dogs with Helen, TD, and Truman. According to Martha, dogs gave humans lots of stuff: fire, philosophy, physics, art, and even language. Could this explain why Shakespeare’s hero is named Hamlet?

Vocabulary
(E) primitive, civilization, prehistor(y)(ic), ancient, philosopher, origin
(I) stone(s), fire, cave(man)(boy)(girl)(dog)(kids), history

Martha Out West

The gang has borrowed a video camera from the library so they can film their very own Wild West production. They each tell their version, featuring with pioneers, outlaws, and… strawberry milkshakes?

Vocabulary
(E) pioneer, frontier, found(ed), outlaw, property
(I) west(ern), mayor, sheriff, town, settle(r)(d)

312 Patrol Dog Martha

Martha wishes she could help solve crimes like Rascal the police dog, and she’s in luck! Officer O’Reilly lets Martha fill in while Rascal is away. Out patrolling, Martha smells a rat. Can she convince them that there’s something rotten in the rutabaga?

Vocabulary
(E) patrol, citation, smuggle, security
(I) officer, police, freeze, beat, cop
The Crooning Crook Caper

Helen wishes she could be a kid detective just like her favorite book character, Curious Crystal. When Helen and Martha find a business card for “The Whistler” with “You’ve been warned” written on the back, they think their career as super sleuths has begun.

Vocabulary
(E) caper, detective, camouflage, pursue(u), stakeout
(I) footprint, monocle, criminal, notebook, handwriting

Martha’s Slumber Party of the Weird

The gang is camping out. The tent is pitched, they’ve played a hundred hands of Go Fish, and they’ve even eaten all the s’mores — but they still aren’t tired. When TD suggests they tell science fiction stories, no one expects this story to end as it does: to be continued!

Vocabulary
(E) science fiction, data, unpredictable, foresee(able), unforeseen, feline(s)
(I) gather(ing), mysterious, peculiar, vine

Return to Martha’s Slumber Party of the Weird

A shadow on the outside of the tent inspires still more stories. With humans shrinking to the size of ants, and ants growing to the size of humans, everyone has something to contribute.

Vocabulary
(E) miniature(ize), enormous, magnify(ing), improbable, scientist
(I) ray, puny, huge, giant, mini

Wagstaff Races

Wagstaff City’s environmental club is having a “Go Green Go-Cart Race,” fueled by alternative energy. Using sun, wind, and pond scum, the gang gathers at the starting line. Who will win the trophy — and most importantly, how?

Vocabulary
(E) energy, solar, alternative, convert, generate
(I) cart, (re)use, green, power, parts

The Missing Metal Mystery

Who’s been stealing things from the local junkyard? When Detective TD announces the identity of his main suspect, everyone is shocked.

Vocabulary
(E) waste, pollut(e)(ing)(tion), landfill, biodegradable
(I) aluminum, copper, metal(s), trophy, sleepwalking

The Long Rotten Summer

For TD, summer always goes by too quickly, so he decides to spend this summer in the only place where the days never end: school. But is sitting alone in an empty classroom the best place to way to spend summer?

Vocabulary
(E) moment(s), endless, infinite, eternal, interrupt
(I) minute, hour, day, tomorrow, never, forever
The Case of the Shattered Vase

Helen shouldn’t have watched that scary movie right before she went to sleep. Now she’s sure there’s something under her bed! Martha helps her understand that things are not always what they seem.

Vocabulary
(E) instant, perception, transpire(d), occur(ed), review(ing)
(I) crash, touch(ing), second, events, vase