

Playstage

Junior

www.schoolplaysandpantos.com



A STAR GOES MISSING!



The family can't finish decorating the tree because the star has gone missing. Time to call the Christmas Fairy for help!



Written by
Lindsey Varley

A STAR GOES MISSING

This play could be suited to all year groups in KS1 or just one class.

Cast in order of appearance.

CHOIR – singing but also each child takes a line of Narration.

MOTHER

FATHER

3 CHILDREN

CHRISTMAS FAIRY

Fairies: SPARKLE

DIAMOND

TWINKLE

GLITTER

NORMAN the ELF

Another ELF (non-speaking)

FATHER CHRISTMAS

RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER

MARY BERRY

SNOWFLAKES (at least 4)

ICICLES (non-speaking)

Speaking parts – 18 characters, 26 Narration lines. Unlimited non-speaking but singing and dancing and choir.

Running time maximum 30 minutes.

MUSIC

Backing tracks can be purchased and downloaded for a modest fee from various sources, as shown below. Or, you could source the original artist's recording from amongst parents/grandparents and just have the children sing along to it, as many schools do. Amazon sell very cheap downloadable MP3 tracks for hundreds of thousands of songs. These can be purchased, downloaded on to a computer and then burnt on to a CD for performance. Songs can be trimmed to whatever length required. Free sound effects sources are given below. Videos of the songs below can be found on You Tube for rehearsal purposes in class.

SUGGESTED SONGS AND SOUND EFFECTS

1/ WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS (Glee)

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=we+need+a+little+christmas+glee

2/ OH CHRISTMAS TREE (Traditional)

https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=Oh+Christmas+Tree+mp3

3/ WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR (Disney, Jiminy Cricket)

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=when+you+wish+upon+a+star

4/ RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER (Traditional)

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=rudolph+the+red+nosed+reindeer+song

5/ WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS (Traditional)

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=we+wish+you+a+merry+christmas+song

6/ LITTLE SNOWFLAKE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbbKjDjMDok>

7/ LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! (Various)

https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dpopular&field-keywords=Let+it+snow+mp3&rh=n%3A229816%2Ck%3ALet+it+snow+mp3

8/ DECK THE HALLS (Traditional)

https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=Deck+the+Halls+mp3

A STAR IS MISSING

The choir are all seated on benches at the back, side or front of the stage. The children on these benches sing all the songs and also each child has a chance to be a narrator. Each child stands to say their line and sits down again when they've finished. There is a decorated Christmas tree (minus a star) centre stage.

SONG 1. WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Haul out the holly

Put up the tree before my spirit falls again

Fill up the stocking

I may be rushing things, but deck the halls again now

For we need a little Christmas

Right this very minute

Candles in the window

Carols at the spinet

Yes, we need a little Christmas

Right this very minute

It hasn't snowed a single flurry

But Santa, dear, we're in a hurry

So climb down the chimney

Turn on the brightest string of light I've ever seen

Slice up the fruitcake

It's time we hung some tinsel on that evergreen bough

For I've grown a little leaner

Grown a little colder

Grown a little sadder

Grown a little older

And I need a little angel
Sitting on my shoulder
Need a little Christmas now

For we need a little music
Need a little laughter
Need a little singing
Ringing through the rafter

And we need a little snappy
"Happy ever after"
Need a little Christmas now!

MOTHER, FATHER & 3 CHILDREN come onto the stage. They finish decorating the Christmas tree but then they freeze in position as soon as Narrator 1 speaks.

NARRATOR 1

It was the night before Christmas

NARRATOR 2

And all through the house

NARRATOR 3

Not a creature was stirring

NARRATOR 4

Not even a mouse

NARRATOR 5

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care

NARRATOR 6

In case that Saint Nicolas soon would be there.

(Family unfreeze)

MOTHER

Nearly done, children. All we need now is to put the star on the top of the tree.

FATHER

Oh dear! (*looking in box of decorations*). I can't seem to find the star.

CHILD 1

Oh no! We can't have a tree without a star!

CHILD 2

Christmas won't be the same without the star on the tree!

CHILD 3

What are we going to do?

MOTHER

Don't worry children, I'll make a telephone call to the Christmas Fairy and see if she can help.

(MOTHER gets out her phone and calls CHRISTMAS FAIRY who comes onto the opposite side of the stage on the phone)

MOTHER

Hello, is this the Christmas Fairy?

CHRISTMAS FAIRY

It is, yes. How can I help you?

MOTHER

We're having a problem. The star from our Christmas tree has gone missing.

CHRISTMAS FAIRY

Oh no! You can't have Christmas without a star on your tree. Leave it to me and I'll see what I can do.

(CHRISTMAS FAIRY exits)

MOTHER

Thank you. (*puts the phone away and turns to speak to FATHER & CHILDREN.*) The Christmas Fairy said she would help, so go to bed, children, and we'll see what happens by morning.

CHILD 1

But it's Christmas in the morning!

CHILD 2

I hope the Christmas Fairy can find the star in time.

FATHER

Off to bed now

(they exit)

SONG 2. OH CHRISTMAS TREE

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, of all the trees most lovely

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, of all the trees most lovely

Each year you bring to me delight, meaning in the Christmas night

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, of all the trees most lovely

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, with faithful leaves unchanging

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, with faithful leaves unchanging

Your boughs are green, in summers glow and do not fade in winters snow

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, with faithful leaves unchanging

Each year you bring to me delight, meaning in the Christmas night

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, of all the trees most lovely

(CHRISTMAS FAIRY enters and looks at the tree.)

CHRISTMAS FAIRY

Oh dear, oh dear. I'm going to have to see what I can do *(thinking)*. I'm going to need some help. *(She calls out)* I need some Fairies and Elves here – as quick you can!

(SPARKLE, DIAMOND, TWINKLE and GLITTER enter)

CHRISTMAS FAIRY

(Pointing with her wand) Ah, Sparkle, Diamond, Twinkle and Glitter ... *(looking around)* where are the elves??

NORMAN *(running in, out of breath)*

Sorry I'm late, Christmas Fairy, but I'm the only Elf available. The others are too busy loading the sleigh.

SPARKLE

Oh, Norman! You're always late!

DIAMOND

Better late than never.

TWINKLE

(Rolling eyes) Better never late!

CHRISTMAS FAIRY

Fairies, Norman, thank you for coming. We have a mission. A star has gone missing from this family's tree and we are going to help find it. Sparkle, Diamond, Twinkle, Glitter and Norman, I want you to go out and look for the five points of the star and bring them back so we can put them together and on this tree in time for Christmas.

TWINKLE

(Looking at the others) We can do that, can't we?

GLITTER

Of course we can!

NORMAN

But ... but ...

ALL FAIRIES

Come on Norman, let's go

(They exit)

CHRISTMAS FAIRY *(to the children on the benches)*

You know..the star on top of a Christmas tree is very important. And do you know why?

ALL THE CHILDREN

No.

CHRISTMAS FAIRY

Because you need a star to wish on!

(ALL children on benches stand up to sing)

SONG 3. WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR

When you wish upon a star

Makes no difference who you are

Anything your heart desires

Will come to you.

