

Playstage

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THE CHRISTMAS ALPHABET



A play in rhyme for younger children
with carols and Christmas songs

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CAST (See Production Notes at the end of the play re. costumes)

Advent Calendar

Mince pies (2-4)

Bells (3)

North Pole Elf

Candy

Nuts (2-4)

Cake

Nutcracker

Chestnut

Ox

Candle

Oranges (2)

Card

Ornaments (3)

Carrot

Poinsettias (2)

Carol singers (3)

Queen

Decorations (2)

Robin

Elves (2-4)

Reindeer

Fairy

Shepherds (2)

Jack Frost

Sheep (2)

Figgy Pudding

Santa

Cream Jug

Tree

Gingerbread people (3)

Holly

Ivy

Icicle

Joseph

Running time approximately 30 minutes.

Kings (3)

Light (Star)

Could be 40 or could be up to 63 speaking parts. Large cast. Ideal for two or more classes.

Mary

Mistletoe

MUSIC

All the songs in this play are well-known carols or Christmas songs. They can be sourced on YouTube and we give the link, where possible, so that you can access them for rehearsal purposes. We also give links to modestly priced backing tracks should you require them.

1/ DECK THE HALLS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIFqnEoctI4>

Backing track: <https://www.karaoke-version.com/mp3-backingtrack/children-s-chorus/deck-the-halls.html>

2/ GIVE US SOME FIGGY PUDDING (2 middle verses of We Wish You A Merry Christmas)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis>

Backing track: <https://www.karaoke-version.com/free/christmas-carol/we-wish-you-a-merry-christmas.html>

3/ THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

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

Backing track: <https://www.karaoke-version.com/free/christmas-carol/the-holly-and-the-ivy.html>

4/ WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBwL3y-Wlms>

Backing track: <https://www.karaoke-version.com/mp3-backingtrack/children-s-chorus/we-three-kings.html>

5/ WHEN THE RED RED ROBIN COMES BOB BOB BOBBIN ALONG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbq0TFUAjYk>

Backing track: <https://www.karaoke-version.com/mp3-backingtrack/dean-martin/when-the-red-red-robin-comes-bob-bob-bobbin-along.html>

6/ RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjL031bE9FA>

Backing track: <https://www.karaoke-version.com/mp3-backingtrack/jazzy-christmas/rudolph-the-red-nosed-reindeer.html>

7/ WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS (backing track as for Figgy Pudding)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-OF7KGyDis>

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The action is in one continuous scene. The stage starts off completely bare except for a few plinths and benches dotted around, so that the characters can come on stage and be on different levels. On the side of the stage, facing the audience, is an easel or flipchart (or you could have an interactive whiteboard) to display the letters of the alphabet. Each character, when they have finished speaking, should put their letter to the back of the pile (or you could have one child who stands by the easel and does this all the time). ADVENT CALENDAR enters (see Production Notes)

ADVENT CALENDAR

A is for Advent, that starts off the season

We open our calendar doors for a reason

(Opens a door on his/her costume, or a calendar being carried. Smiles and says...)

Chocolate! *(and pops the chocolate in his/her mouth and goes to a position on the stage.)*

(The letter changes to B. Sound of sleigh bells offstage. BELLS come on. One child can carry sleigh bells, one child can be dressed as a big bell, another child can carry a handbell.)

BELL 1

B is for bells that ring loud and clear

BELL 2

To tell everybody that Christmas is here *(briefly rings the handbell)*

BELL 3

And then there are bells attached to reindeer *(shakes the sleigh bells)*

ALL BELLS

That tell everybody that Santa is here!

(The BELLS go to a position on stage. The letter changes to C. A whole gaggle of children come rushing on stage, all wearing Christmas jumpers and carrying objects. As they mention each object, they raise it up)

ALL Cs

C is for Christmas!

CANDY

And candies...

CAKE

And cake...

CHESTNUT

Chestnuts...

CANDLE

And candles...

CARD

And cards that you make!

CARROT

Don't forget carrots for Santa's reindeer!

(Enter old-fashioned CAROL SINGERS)

CAROLLERS

And C is for carols, that fill us with cheer.

(EVERYONE on stage (and off?) sings the carol)

DECK THE HALLS

Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

'Tis the season to be jolly

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
 Don we now our gay apparel
 Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la

Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.
 See the blazing Yule before us.
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
 Strike the harp and join the chorus.
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
 Follow me in merry measure.
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
 While I tell of Yule-tide treasure.
 Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

(All the Cs and CAROLLERS go to their place on the stage. The letter changes to D)

DECORATION 1 *(entering with garlands)*

D is for decorate, a custom of old

DECORATION 2

People hang garlands, all shiny and bold

DECORATION 1

Houses are decorated, and every shop

DECORATION 2

Street and malls, from bottom to top.

(DECORATIONS take their place on the stage. Letter changes to E)

ADVENT CALENDAR

Now we've reached E and what would that spell?

If you know now, then give us a yell.

ELVES (*shouting offstage*)

ELVES! (*A group of ELVES come onstage, with little hammers and saws and some wooden toys*)

ELF 1

Elves are the answer, making the toys,
That Santa delivers, to girls and to boys.

ELF 2

We work very hard, our deadlines to keep
That when Christmas comes, we just want to sleep!

(The ELVES go to their places on the stage, curl up and pretend to sleep. The letter changes to F.)

FAIRY (*entering*)

F is for Fairy, on top of the tree.

You won't find a fairy as pretty as me! (*She does a twirl, then curtseys and goes to her place*).

JACK FROST (*entering*)

And F is for Frost, as white as can be

Scattered on rooftops and gardens by me! (*JACK FROST laughs and spreads some handfuls of white glitter around the stage before taking his place*).

CAROLLERS

Wait! Wait! There is one more thing!

F for figgy pudding! Now let's all sing!

(EVERYONE sings)

NOW GIVE US SOME FIGGY PUDDING (We wish you a Merry Christmas)

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer

We won't go until we get some;

We won't go until we get some;

We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here

(FIGGY PUDDING rushes in)

FIGGY PUDDING

I'm here, I'm here! There's no need to scream!

(Looking around) Oh dear! I forgot something! Where is my cream?

(CREAM JUG enters)

CREAM JUG

I'm here as well. So, don't lose your dish!

I'm always right there, to be poured as you wish.