

Christmas Eve kerfuffle!

SCRIPT (AGES 5 - 9)



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FULL DETAILS

Running Time (including music): Approximately **35 minutes**.

Number of songs: **6**

Cast: 32 speaking parts (easily adaptable to approximately **20 - 50**).

The cast can also be expanded further with **non-speaking parts**; suggestions for expanding or reducing the cast are provided in your Play Pack. For further information, take a look at the cast list available on our website.

SCENE 1: WELCOME TO OUR SHOW!



Track 1: MEDLEY (OPTIONAL)

Time to get ready for the start of the show! The instrumental Medley welcomes the audience as the cast assemble, ready to begin the performance...

SCENE 2: THE HEAVENS

*The **Angels** enter and stand in a huddle on stage right, whispering conspiratorially.*

Narrator 1: Hold onto your hats, everyone! Something's happening high in the sky!

Narrator 2: Christmas is a busy time for the angels, and some of them get VERY excited...

***Angels 1 and 2** enter excitedly from stage left.*

Angel 1: *(Clapping hands with excitement)* Oooo, I'm VERY excited!

*The other **Angels** look across with surprise.*

All the Angels: Why?!

Angel 1: It's Christmas Eve!

Angel 2: *(Jumping up and down with excitement)* We LOVE Christmas Eve!

Angel 3: *(Sighing)* YOU haven't heard the news!

Angels 1 and 2: *(Confused)* What news...?

*Suddenly, an angel **Newspaper Seller** crosses the stage from one side to the other, holding up "The Angel News" with the headline, "CHILDREN FORGET THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS!"*

Newspaper Seller: Read all about it! Read all about it! Children forget the true meaning of Christmas!

***Angels 1 and 2** watch, open-mouthed in shock, as the **Newspaper Seller** exits.*

Angel 1: *(Horrified)* Oh, no!

Angel 2: *(Enthusiastically)* That's OK - we'll TEACH them the meaning of Christmas!

All the Angels: *(Doubtfully)* How...?!

The Angels think hard.

Narrator 3: One of the angels has a bright idea.

Angel 1: *(Excitedly)* I've had a bright idea!

All the Angels gather in a huddle, whispering about the plan, then clap their hands excitedly and rush off stage, leaving Angel 4 standing alone with arms folded and head shaking, clearly not convinced.

Angel 4: *(Smugly)* It'll NEVER work!

 **Track 2: ON OFF MUSIC**

Angel 4 exits, head still shaking.

SCENE 3: CHRISTMAS EVE AT HOME

A typical family home; Mum and Dad are decorating a Christmas tree, while the Children (Jed, Pogo, Scoot, Ziggy, Chip and Kat) are arguing over presents.

Narrator 4: It's Christmas Eve, and everyone's getting ready for the big day.

Narrator 5: But some people don't want to wait for their presents...

The Children begin a tug of war over a present.

Mum: *(Turning away from the tree)* Will you PLEASE stop arguing?!

Jed: *(Wailing, trying to wrestle a present from Pogo)* But this is MY present!

Pogo: *(Stamping feet)* No, it's not - it's MINE!

Dad: It's only Christmas Eve - you shouldn't open ANY presents until tomorrow!

Scoot: *(Smugly, rubbing tummy and licking lips)* It's too late - my present was chocolate, and I've already eaten it!

Kat: *(Folding arms grumpily)* That's not fair! I want MY presents!

Ziggy: *(Also folding arms)* Me too!

Chip: *(Also folding arms)* Christmas is all about presents, and we want them NOW!



Track 3: I WANT IT NOW!

Verse 1 I want a teddy and a football, I want a teddy and a football.
I've made a list, and I'll tell you again:
I want a teddy, I want a football,
And I want them now!

← Point index finger.
← On each "I want a..."
point to yourself.

Verse 2 I want a dolly and a jigsaw, I want a dolly and a jigsaw.
I've made a list, and I'll tell you again:
I want a dolly, I want a jigsaw,
I want a teddy, I want a football,
And I want them now!

Verse 3 I want a scooter and a train set, I want a scooter and a train set.
I've made a list, and I'll tell you again:
I want a scooter, I want a train set,
I want a dolly, I want a jigsaw,
I want a teddy, I want a football,
And I want them now!

Verse 4 I want a keyboard and a drum kit, I want a keyboard and a drum kit.
I've made a list, and I'll tell you again:
I want a keyboard, I want a drum kit,
I want a scooter, I want a train set,
I want a dolly, I want a jigsaw,
I want a teddy, I want a football,
And I want them now!

Verse 5 I want a TV and a laptop, I want a TV and a laptop.
I've made a list, and I'll tell you again:
I want a TV, I want a laptop,
I want a keyboard, I want a drum kit,
I want a scooter, I want a train set,
I want a dolly, I want a jigsaw,
I want a teddy, I want a football,
And I want them now!
And I want them now!

Now!

← Hands on hips.

Dad: *(Angrily)* I've had enough - you can all go to bed!

Mum: And think about the REAL meaning of Christmas!

*The **Children** put the presents back under the Christmas tree, then grumpily shuffle to one side of the stage and settle down to sleep. **Mum** and **Dad** exit to the other side of the stage, shaking their heads unhappily.*

SCENE 4: THE ANGELS

Jed, Pogo, Scoot, Ziggy, Chip and Kat are settling down to sleep.

Narrator 6: So the greedy children have been sent to bed, to think about the true meaning of Christmas...

Narrator 1: But they're not going to get much sleep tonight...

The Children fidget, unable to sleep.

Kat: *(Grumpily, to Ziggy)* Stop snoring!

Ziggy: I'm not snoring! I'm dreaming about presents...

All the Children: *(Longingly)* Ah, presents!

The Children lie back down dreamily to sleep.

Narrator 2: It seems the children just won't learn,
So now the angels take their turn...

 **Track 4: ON OFF MUSIC**

There's a bright light, and the Angels appear.

Narrator 3: The children wake up with a jump!

The Children don't move - they lie, still asleep, snoring loudly.

Narrator 3: *(Louder)* The children wake up with a JUMP!

The Children all jump awake, and are shocked to see the Angels on the other side of the stage.

Jed: *(Pointing to the angels)* Aargh! There are angels in the bedroom!

Scoot: *(To the Angels, shocked)* Who are YOU?!

Ziggy: And what are you doing here?!

Angel 2: We have an important message for you about the meaning of Christmas.

Chip: (*Smugly*) We already KNOW the meaning of Christmas -

All the Children: (*Excitedly*) PRESENTS!

The Children cheer.

Angel 4: (*Folding arms, smugly*) I told you it wouldn't work!

♪ **Track 5: ANGELS**

Verse 1 We are here tonight,
With our guiding light,
Bringing Christmas faith to you.
Listen as we say,
We will show the way,
Christmas will begin a-new.

← Circle arms upwards
and outwards, with
fingers fluttering.

← Cup hand to ear.

← Point to yourself.

Chorus See the light,
Shining bright,
See the way,
Start today.

Verse 2 High up in the sky,
Angels passing by,
Celebrating Christmas Day.
Listen as we sing,
Happy news we bring,
Of a baby born today.

← Point upwards to the
sky.

← Cup hand to ear.

← Raise open arms in a
welcoming gesture.

Chorus Repeat twice

Angel 5: *(To the Children)* You'll be meeting LOTS of people tonight. They'll be teaching you the TRUE meaning of Christmas.

Angel 6: *(Pointing off-stage)* Here come your first visitors now!

*Suddenly, a **Donkey** pops into view.*

Jed: *(Pointing to the Donkey)* Aargh! There's a donkey in the bedroom!

Scoot: *(To the Donkey, shocked)* Who are YOU?

Ziggy: And what are you doing here?!

Donkey: I'm looking for the road to Bethlehem.

Pogo: *(Thinking)* Bethlehem...? Is that near _____
[insert the name of a nearby town]?

Donkey: *(Importantly)* I have to take Mary and Joseph.

All the Children: *(Confused)* Who...?!

***Mary and Joseph** suddenly enter and wave cheerily at the **Children**.*

Mary and Joseph: Hello!

Joseph: *(To the Donkey)* Come on - we've got to get going.

Mary: Bethlehem's a VERY long way...

***Mary, Joseph** and the **Donkey** exit, waving goodbye. The **Children** look at each other, confused.*

Pogo: *(To the Angels)* What have THEY got to do with Christmas?!

Angel 1: *(Mysteriously)* Wait and see...!

Angel 3: And remember - there's more to Christmas than presents...



Track 6: ON OFF MUSIC

The Angels exit.

Ziggy: Rubbish! How can there be more to Christmas than presents?!

Narrator 4: The children won't believe the things that they have seen.

Narrator 5: They think the angels' tale was just a silly dream...

Kat: It was just a silly dream. Let's go back to sleep...

The Children settle back down to sleep. But Christmas Eve is far from over yet...!

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