

ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS

SCRIPT SAMPLE

SYNOPSIS

Teddy is asleep under a big Christmas tree. He wakes up and finds himself in a brightly decorated sitting room, surrounded by brightly wrapped presents. Teddy has never seen Christmas before. He is brand new and doesn't understand all the things he can see.

The Christmas fairy from the top of the tree comes down to explain what Christmas is all about... and a little about herself.

Song: Oh, little Christmas fairy – fairy dancers – all sing

Teddy wonders why there are mince pies on the mantelpiece above the fireplace. The Mince Pies explain that they have been left out for Father Christmas to eat.

Song: Mince Pie March – five mince pies dancers – all sing

The Fairy tells the disappointed Mince Pies that Father Christmas has already been and must have forgotten to eat them.

Before Teddy can ask more about Father Christmas, he hears children singing a Christmas carol outside. Fairy tells him that Christmas is a celebration of when a special baby called Jesus was born.

Song: While all the world was sleeping - nativity characters build tableau – all sing

Outside Teddy hears jingle bells from up on the roof. Father Christmas and his reindeer appear.

Song: Father Christmas – Father Christmas & reindeer dance - all sing

Being so busy delivering his Christmas toys, Father Christmas forgot to eat his mince pies and has come back for them! Teddy wishes he was a Christmas toy.

Song: I wish I was a Christmas toy – toys dance – all sing

Teddy is delighted to find out that he *is* one of Father Christmas' special toys. And now that Teddy knows all about Christmas, he enjoys dancing and singing with his new found friends in his new home.

Song: All About Christmas - all dance and sing

CHARACTERS & COSTUMES

NB: Where it is stated 'any number' below, this can mean from one child upwards, depending on the size of your nursery group. Also, costume ideas are suggestions only.

Narrator: an adult or older child (good reader) – dress as a Christmas character of your choice, or wear a bow tie or Father Christmas hat

Teddy: main character, simple speaking part (confident child actor) – teddy ears on headband, yellow or brown T-shirt or leggings, bow and gift tag around neck

Fairy: main character, simple speaking part (confident child actor) – gold tutu-style dress, tights, ballet-style shoes, gold tinsel headdress, gold wand with large gold star on the end

Other fairies: If you have a large cast, you can cast up to 7 more optional fairies, to dance alongside the main Fairy character during the song 'Oh, little Christmas fairy' - tinsel and matching coloured star shaped wands in red, blue, yellow, pink, orange, green and silver as in the song verse.

Father Christmas: main character, simple speaking part (confident child actor) – red hat and outfit, black boots, beard!

Reindeer: dancers, choral speakers (minimum of two) – reindeer antlers, brown T-shirts or leggings, one reindeer with red nose

Five Mince Pies: dancers, choral speakers – large mince pie shaped hats (card or fabric), brown T-shirts or leggings

Carol Singers: confident singers, play instruments (any number) – coats, lanterns, woolly hats

Toys: dancers (three toys, any kind eg. rabbit, doll, another teddy etc.)

Nativity characters: non-speaking parts

Mary and Joseph

Donkey (plus **other animals**, if required)

Star

Shepherds (any number)

Three Kings

Angels (any number)

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SCENERY – The Sitting Room

Teddy sits just in front of a large Christmas tree positioned centre stage. He is asleep. (Ideally Teddy should sit on a little stool in front of the tree so that he can be seen. An adult should move it to one side of the tree after he gets up.)

Narrator: It was Christmas Eve. Teddy was fast asleep underneath the Christmas tree. Everything was quiet, everything was still... until Teddy woke up!

Teddy jumps up, stretches and yawns loudly.

Narrator: Teddy looked around him. *(Teddy looks around and scratches his head.)* On the floor, all around him, were lots of presents.

Teddy: *(Teddy picks up a present.)* What's this? *(He puts it down.)*

Narrator: Teddy didn't know where he was.

Teddy: *(walks up and down the stage, looking around him, then stops and shrugs to audience)* Where am I?

Narrator: He'd never seen this room before.

Teddy: *(shakes his head)* I've never seen this room before.

Narrator: At the top of the Christmas tree stood a fairy. She'd been watching Teddy.

Fairy: *(from behind the tree, out of sight)* Hello, Teddy! *(Teddy looks up at the tree.)*

Narrator: The fairy flew down from the tree. *(She tiptoes out from behind the tree towards Teddy and stops next to him.)* Teddy had never met a Christmas fairy.

Teddy: Who are you?

Fairy: I'm the Christmas fairy.

Narrator: Christmas fairy told Teddy all about herself.

Teddy returns to his seated position. Fairy and other optional fairies dance to the song.

Song: Oh, little Christmas fairy

**Oh, little Christmas fairy,
What do you do all day?
I wave my wand,
And then I fly away!
Whoosh! And whee!
And then I fly away!**

(She and the other fairies wave their wands from side to side to 'Whoosh' and 'whee', then 'flutter' round on the spot.)

**Oh, little Christmas fairy,
What do you do all day?
I tap my toes,
And then I fly away!
Tap tapetty tap! Tap tapetty tap!
And then I fly away!**

(She and the other fairies do a little tap dance, tapping and pointing their toes, then 'flutter' round on the spot.)

**Oh, little Christmas fairy,
What do you do all day?
I paint the tree,
And then I fly away!
Red... blue... yellow... pink...
Orange... green... silver... and gold!
I paint the tree,
And then I fly away!**

If you have just one fairy, she can walk over to the tree and touch her wand to the different coloured baubles on the tree.

If you have eight fairies, they can all crouch down and 'pop' up one by one waving their coloured wand as their colour is spoken.

On the final 'And then I fly away', the other fairies run off back to their seated positions at the side of the stage, leaving the main Fairy character standing by the tree.

Narrator: So, now Teddy knew all about the Christmas fairy. She was clever!

Fairy: I *am* clever!

Fairy returns to her seated position next to the tree.

Narrator: Teddy looked over to the fireplace and saw some mince pies on the mantelpiece.

Five Mince Pie characters stand up in front of the fireplace. Teddy approaches them and stands next to them.

Narrator: He was feeling hungry so he took one.

Teddy grabs the arm of one of the Mince Pies.

Teddy: Yummy!

Narrator: But the mince pies said...

Mince Pies: *(together)* Don't eat us! We're for Father Christmas!

Teddy lets go of the Mince Pie and sits back in his seated position.

Narrator: Before Teddy could ask who Father Christmas was, the Mince Pies started to march.

Song: Mince Pie March

The Mince Pies march around in a little circle, following each other. (Very young children may find it difficult to march in a circle. An easier alternative is to march on the spot in a row.)

**Five mince pies,
Very, very tasty,
Made with flaky pastry,
Very, very tasty.
Marching round a plate,
In the middle of the night,
Waiting for Father Christmas,
To come and take a bite!**

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Narrator: Fairy told Teddy how people sing special songs called carols at Christmas. And she told him all about a time long ago when a special baby called Jesus was born.

The nativity characters walk to the centre of the stage, during their own verse of the song. A complete tableau is assembled by the end of the song.

Song: While all the world was sleeping

Mary and Joseph walk slowly on stage, rocking a 'baby'.

**A special baby called Jesus,
A special baby was born,
Mary and Joseph rocked him
While all the world was sleeping.**

The donkey and other animals walk slowly on stage during the second verse and come to stand next to Mary and Joseph.

**A special baby called Jesus,
A special baby was born,
The animals stood and watched him
While all the world was sleeping.**

The shepherds (with lambs) walk slowly on stage during the third verse. The shepherds bow their heads and kneel either side of Mary and Joseph.

**A special baby called Jesus,
A special baby was born,
Shepherds brought their lambs
While all the world was sleeping.**

The kings walk slowly on stage with their gifts during the fourth verse. The kings bow deeply to the baby. They take positions either side of Mary and Joseph.

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