

## November RT Audience Participation

### A TRIP TO THE TOY SHOP

Narrator:

Say boys, we've had a special invitation from old Santa himself to come up and visit his toy shop at the North Pole. However, he told me that we must make our trip through as quietly as possible so as not to disturb the elves or the toys but the toys really come to life when they see visitors so if any of them spot us, we may have to pretend we're one of them and also the elves get very nervous when they have to pretend we're one of them and also the elves get very nervous when they see people around so when I tell you to do something so as not to give our visit away to the elves or toys you just follow me and do as I do and we'll make it through without too much disturbance. So listen and watch closely.

Come let's follow Santa,

(Narrator motions for everyone to do as he does. Everyone pretends to be walking while standing still)

On a trip through his toy shop.

But since the Hour's late, we can't take the time to stop.

(Everyone holds finger to lips and hump over pretending to sneak by)

SHHHHH, the Jack-in-box, in his box is sound asleep.

So come on quietly, and past him we will creep.

Look there's the dancing ballerina (points with finger ahead)

Standing on one toe.

Oh, no, she saw us, so around and around we must go.

(Hold one hand over head and go around and around several times).

Boy now that ordeal is over, let's continue on our way,

(Start walking in place) we want to see some more, but very long we cannot stay.

Look over there to the right,

(Shade eyes with hand, point to right)

Back in that corner dark,

I think that I can see, ever so small a spark.

(Pretends to quietly sneak up on something).

Oh, it's an elf I see,

Building a Rudolph toy,

Oh, oh, he sees us,

Pretend you're not a boy

(Cup hand over nose to simulate Rudolph's large nose while saying blink, blink, blink) Wheew that was a close call,

(Wipes brow with hand)

But we fooled him I guess,

We'd better follow Santa

(Start walking in place)

Before we get into a mess. (continue walking)

Oh, Santa has stopped again,

(Stop walking and hold up hand in halt sign)

I wonder what he sees,

Oh, oh, I think I'm going to sneeze! (hold finger across under nose while saying AAAAA CHOOOO!)

Oh, my goodness that did it,

Come we better run

(All start running in place)

We better get out of here,

Or it won't be such fun!

Come on and blink your nose (all do as before while running in place)

As past the Rudolphs we run,

Just to make the elf,

Think that we are one.

There's the ballerina,

Dancing on her toe,

Let's twirl around once (all twirl as before only once around then continue running)

So past here we can go.

Oh, oh, here's the Jack-in-the-box,

Let's get down low and crouch (get down low and sneak quietly by)

Here he comes out with a B-O-I-N-G!

(All shout boing as they spring up high in air and then back down in chair)

Now we're back home on the couch! (Sit exhausted with hands at sides of chair)

## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD STORY

Split group into the following groups, who say the indicated phrase when that word is mentioned in the story.

**Tree:** Sparkle, Sparkle

**Christmas:** Merry, Merry

**Candle:** Flicker, Flicker

**Santa Claus:** Ho, Ho, Ho!

**Ornaments:** Glitter, Glitter

**Family:** God bless us every one!

**Star:** Twinkle, Twinkle

Most countries around the world celebrate **CHRISTMAS**, but their customs are all different. **CHRISTMAS** is also known as Yule, Noel, and the Nativity.

**SANTA CLAUS** visits children in many lands. He is known by several different names. He is called St. Nicholas in Germany, England and the Netherlands. In Italy, **SANTA CLAUS** is called Befana. In France, he is Petite Noel. He is called St. Basil in Greece. **SANTA CLAUS** is Nisse in Norway; Hoteiosho in Japan; San Nikolas in Russia; Papa Noel in Brazil; Dun Che Lao Ren in China; and in Switzerland, he is called Chriskindlo. The legend that **SANTA CLAUS** comes through the chimney comes from the early Norsemen. The Norse are responsible also for our custom of burning the Yule Log.

In many countries, the **FAMILY** makes their own **ORNAMENTS** for the **CHRISTMAS TREE**. In Poland, the **ORNAMENTS** are made from paper. In Finland, they make **ORNAMENTS** from reed, straw, and wood. In Sweden, They are made from straw and balsa wood. The Norwegians make **ORNAMENTS** which are made from wood shavings.

A lighted **CANDLE** in the window is a custom in Ireland, Denmark, Austria and Germany. Many years ago, **CANDLES** were used to light the **CHRISTMAS TREE**, but now electric lights are used because they are safer.

In Alaska, a large **STAR** is carried through the streets on **CHRISTMAS** Eve while carols are being sung.

The custom of carrying the **STAR** is also found in Poland, Rumania and the Ukraine.

Carolers in these countries carry a transparent **STAR** with **CHRISTMAS** scenes on it. The **STAR** has a light inside which shines through the paper.

In all countries, **CHRISTMAS** is a special **FAMILY** time, celebrating the birth of Jesus. In most places, gifts are exchanged on **CHRISTMAS**. Gift-giving represents the gift which the Wise Men brought to the baby Jesus on the first **CHRISTMAS**.