

The First Christmas That Did Not Come

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The three-scene play was acted out by the Grade Four class in front of the parents in December 1972.

Act 1 Scene 1

The elves are making toys.

Mistletoe: Why are we making toys?

Bingo: Yes, why are we making toys? Santa Claus?

Santa: Didn't you know there was a newborn king?

Dingle: What is the newborn King's name?

Santa: His name is Jesus.

Jingle: I never knew there was a newborn King.

Bingo: What is his father's name?

Mary: He has two fathers: God and Joseph.

Mistletoe: Who is God?

Mary: He made people. Adam and Eve are the first people on Earth.

Santa just came walking in from his bedroom.

Santa: We make toys to celebrate his birthday.

Dingle: Is there a special name for his birthday?

Mistletoe just interrupted.

Mistletoe: Is he a famous person?

Santa: Yes, he is famous. He is a really good person.

Mary: Did I hear you ask a question Dingle without somebody answering it?

Dingle: Yes, you did.

Mary: What is it?

Dingle: Is there a special name for Jesus' birthday?

Santa: Yes, there is, Dingle.

Mary: The special name for his birthday is called Christmas.

Dingle: So, we must be taking these toys to children to celebrate Christmas?

Santa: In a week, we take the toys over the mountain to the good little children.

Mary: There are trains, boats, dolls and games and every toy you can think of.

Jingle: How are we going to get the toys to the children?

Santa: Oh, that is a problem.

Mary: Oh, I know ... Reindeer.

Dingle: Oh, that's a good idea.

Bingo: Where are we going to get the reindeer?

Mary: That is a good question.

Santa: I know where you can get reindeer... In the woods.

Mistletoe: Let's start making toys or we will be late.

Bingo: Let's have supper. It's late.

Act 1 Scene 2

They start packing and get ready to go.

Bingo: Are we going too Santa Claus?

Santa: No because you have to make toys ready.

Dingle: Oh.

Santa: I know what you can do. Dingle get Jingle and Mistletoe and get the reindeer.

Dingle: OK. Jingle! Mistletoe!

Mistletoe: What do you want?

Dingle: Santa asked us to get some reindeer.

When they came back, they had three reindeer.

Santa: Oh, good you got the reindeer.

Short Intermission

Act 2 Scene 3

Santa: Get the sleigh, Dingle.

Dingle: OK, Santa. May I get Bingo and Jingle to help me?

Santa: Yes.

Dingo: Bingo, Jingle, help me get the sleigh.

Bingo: OK.

Jingle: OK.

Bingo: Where is the sleigh, Santa?

Santa: It is in the garage.

Bingo: I never knew it was there.

Santa: Attach the reindeer to the sleigh Jingle.

Jingle: OK, Santa Claus. I will do that.

Santa: I am going now.

Dingle: Santa, you forgot the presents.

Santa: Oh. Thank you Dingle for reminding me.

Jingle: I just went in and got the presents Santa.

Santa: Oh. Thank you Jingle.

Jingle: I will get Mary.

Santa: Bye Mistletoe and Dingle and Bingo and Jingle. Goodbye.

Mary: I will see you Christmas Morning.

Santa: Go Vixen, go Comet, go Dancer.

Then he was out of sight. Christmas was late because of all the questions, but it is important to learn the story of Christmas. It was the first Christmas that did not come ON TIME.