

Is Santa Smarter?

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Here is a Christmas musical/revue featuring your school's fifth graders on a game show with Santa as a celebrity contestant. This is a Christmas concert all in one easy step. It is very flexible and will work with any combination of students, from as simple as one class, to a multi-class and multi-grade grouping. Your whole school could even have fun with this script and score, and your audience will equally enjoy the show!

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Cast of Characters

Elf 1

Elf 2

Elf 3

Accountant Elf

Santa Claus

Tommy Tinsel (Host)

Sam

Sara

Robert

Megan

Jordan

Ryder

Choir



Is Santa Smarter?

Scene 1: Santa's workshop. The elves are looking at a calendar on the wall. If this can be done in front of the curtains, it will be easier to change to game show set.

Elf 1: Wow! Look at that calendar! It's only 4 weeks until Christmas!

Elf 2: I can't wait. I just love Christmas. I love the singing ...

Elf 3: the presents...

Elf 2: the turkey...

Elf 3: the presents...

Elf 2: the Christmas tree...

Elf 3: the presents...

Elf 2: the cookies....

Elf 3: the presents...

Elf 2: the concerts....

Elf 3: the presents...

Elf 1: *(turns and stares at Elf 3)* Presents? Is that all you think about? Christmas is the very best time of the year!

Choir sings: Christmas is a Time to Sing

Christmas is a time to sing! La la la!
Christmas is a time to sing! La la la!
Christmas is a time to sing together!
Christmas is a time to sing! La la la!

Christmas is a time to play! *(play instruments)*
Christmas is a time to play! *(play instruments)*
Christmas is a time to play together!
Christmas is a time to play! *(play instruments)*

Christmas is a time to dance! Cha cha cha!
Christmas is a time to dance! Cha cha cha!
Christmas is a time to dance together!
Christmas is a time to dance! Cha cha cha!

Christmas is a time to clap! *(clap clap clap)*
Christmas is a time to clap! *(clap clap clap)*
Christmas is a time to clap together!
Christmas is a time to clap! *(clap clap clap)*

Christmas is a time to laugh! Ho ho!
Christmas is a time to laugh! Ho ho!
Christmas is a time to laugh together!
Christmas is a time to laugh! Ho ho!

Christmas is a time to sing! La la la!
Christmas is a time to sing! La la la!
Christmas is a time to sing together!
Christmas is a time to sing! La la la!

(Santa and Accountant Elf enter.)

Santa: Only four weeks until Christmas and toy production is well ahead of schedule.

Accountant Elf: Production is coming along really well, but my budget calculations are not looking so good.

Santa: What's the problem? I thought we had the toy costs all under control this year.

Accountant Elf: It's the big spike in gas prices! It's going to be too expensive to drive the sleigh around the world. According to my budget, you can only drive the sleigh as far as *(looks at his clipboard)* Oslo, Norway. *(Substitute the name of your town.)*

Santa: Oh dear. What can we do?

Accountant Elf: Maybe we could make the naughty list bigger. Then we wouldn't have to deliver so many presents. I saw quite a few students at _____ School *(Fill in the name of your school.)* that were goofing off today. *(Class shouts no, don't do it, etc.)*

Santa: No, I don't think that's a good idea. We are just going to have to find the money for the gas.

Elf 1: We could have a bake sale. I love bake sales.

Elf 2: We could have a sleigh wash! Oh, maybe not. Everybody else in this neighborhood drives skidoos.

Elf 3: Why don't we enter one of those game shows on TV? They are giving away money for just about anything.

Elf 1: I'm not going to eat bugs.

Elf 2: Some of the questions on those shows are really hard. I don't think I would get them right. It wouldn't be good for my elf-esteem!

Elf 3: There's one show with easy questions and they have lots of helpers too! It's that show where they have kids from an elementary school helping the contestants.

Elf 1: That's a good idea. I'll go on that show. Oh...but who would paint the wagons?

Elf 2: I'll go on the show. Oh...but who would sew on buttons?

Elf 3: I'd go on the show, but I have to test all the video games. We're all way too busy.

(All the elves look at Santa.)

Accountant Elf: Santa, you're the only one with some extra time. If I can get you accepted as a celebrity contestant would you go on the show? I'll go give them a call right now. *(Accountant Elf pulls a cell phone out of his pocket, dials and pretends to discuss.)*

Santa: Oh, I know I'm not smart enough to win any money.

Elf 1: Please Santa, you've got to try!

Elf 2: You'll get lots of help from the kids!

Elf 3: We'll all cheer you on!

Accountant Elf: *(closes cell phone)* It's set! They're very excited to have you as a celebrity guest. You're on the next flight out, and you'll be on the show this week!

Santa: Accountant Elf, you'll be in charge while I'm gone. Keep the production on schedule, and keep all those elves working hard.

Accountant Elf: The elves will all be working hard...well, almost all of the elves. We just can't keep Elvis on the job. All he wants to do is sing.

Santa: Do you think you could ask him to sing some Christmas songs? At least that would keep everybody in the Christmas spirit.

Accountant Elf: I'll try Santa. Oh, look! There's Elvis taking a singing break now.

Choir sings: Elvis the Elf

Christmas time is coming.
And Santa will be here.
The elves are working overtime
To bring us Christmas cheer.
But there's just one elf doesn't want to do a thing.
There's just one elf all he wants to do is sing.
He's Elvis Elf, all the work he'll miss,
He's Elvis Elf and he sings like this.

Rock and roll Christmas, rock and roll blues.
Rock and roll Christmas gonna bring you good news.
Now there's just one style, is it Mozart or Bach?
There's just one style, no it's gotta be rock.
It's Christmas time at the old North Pole.
It's Christmas time, gotta rock and roll.

And it's one for old Santa!
Two for the snow!
Three for the sleigh now go elves go,
But don't you step on my dancing shoes.
Well I know I should be working but I refuse
'Cause I'm singing my Christmas rock and roll blues.

And it's one for old Santa!
Two for the snow!
Three for the sleigh now go elves go,
But don't you step on my dancing shoes.
Well I know I should be working but I refuse
'Cause I'm singing my Christmas rock and roll blues.

(Repeat verse 1 and chorus)

Scene 2: Game show set, with a sign reading "Kids in School are Smarter!" There is a podium for the host of the show, and a podium and tall stool for Santa. There are six desks for the children who "help" the contestant with his answers. The elves sit down in the first row of the audience, and cheer on Santa. They have signs that say "Go Santa Go!", etc.

Tommy Tinsel: *(enters to applause and cheers)* Welcome ladies and gentlemen to the nation's favorite game show "Kids in School are Smarter!" My name is Tommy Tinsel, and I'm the host of the show. Yes, this is the show where contestants test their skills against a team of kids from a school. *(Class cheers.)* We have a fabulous class tonight from _____ School. Our students tonight are from the _____ grade. We have Sam, Sara, Robert, Megan, Jordan, and Ryder. Let's hear it for our contestants! *(Insert the names of your school, grade and students.) (applause and cheers as they enter)* Tonight we have a special celebrity guest. He's just flown in from the North Pole! Please welcome...Santa Claus!

Santa: *(enters to applause and cheers)* Ho ho ho! *(Santa waves)*

Tommy Tinsel: Welcome Santa Claus! You know, Santa, we all love Christmas because it's the time of year we all get sooo Santamental! *(class groans)* We're happy that you could join us as a celebrity guest. Have you seen the show?

Santa: I think I've seen it once or twice.

Tommy Tinsel: Let me explain how this works. We have six questions. The first question is worth \$25,000, the second \$50,000, then \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000 and finally one million dollars! (*class cheers*)

Santa: Wow! A million dollars! We could certainly make good use of one million dollars! The gas prices are so high that without the million dollars, we might not be able to deliver all of our toys this year. (*class gasps*)

Tommy Tinsel: That would be terrible! No toys for Christmas! Hey everybody...what did Santa say when his toys misbehaved?

Class: I don't know! What did Santa say when his toys misbehaved?

Tommy Tinsel: You don't have to answer the questions all by yourself. You have the class to help! There are a few ways the class can help you with the questions. (*Host points to a chart that lists the various "helps".*) If you're not sure of an answer, you can PEEK at their answers. You can COPY a classmate's answer. If you answer a question....

SAMPLE ONLY - Samples of the songs follow
 The piano/vocal score is given for all the songs as well as a vocal reproducible.
 In addition, the lyrics only for the songs are included in the script.

1. Christmas is a Time - piano/vocal

D. Gagne arr. C. Cassils

Christ-mas is a time to sing! La la la! Christ-mas is a time to

6 sing! La la la! Christ-mas is a time to sing to-geth-er! Christ-mas is a time to sing! La la la! Fine

2. Elvis the Elf - vocal

D. Gagne

4 $\frac{4}{4}$

Christ - mas time is com - ing. _____ And San - ta will be here. _____ The

7

elves are work - ing o - ver - time to bring us Christ - mas cheer. But there's

9

just one elf does - n't want to do a thing. _____ There's

11

just one elf all he wants to do is sing. _____ He's El - vis Elf, all the

14

work he'll miss, _____ he's El - vis Elf and he sings like this. _____ And it's

17

one for old San - ta! Two for the snow! Three for the sleigh now

20

go elves go, _____ but don't you _____ step on my danc - ing shoes. _____

24

Well I know I should be work - ing but I re - fuse _____ 'cause I'm

Sample Page

5. Christmas in Hawaii - piano/vocal

Hawaiian Swing ♩ = 120

C. Cassils

1

We're dream-ing of snow, and for-ty be -

6

low! We're read-y for Christ - mas, ___ Christ-mas with you, ___ yoo hoo hoo.

11

___ We're wear-ing a smile, in hol-i-day style! We're read-y for

16

Christ - mas, ___ Christ-mas with you, ___ yoo hoo hoo. ___ It's Christ-mas in Ha-wai -

Sample Page

7. S-A-N-T-A - piano/vocal

mf

C. Cassils

Christ-mas! Christ-mas! It's a Hear the

f *mf*

hol - i - day sight! — Christ-mas! Let's be mer - ry and bright! I said,
car - ol - ers sing! — Christ-mas! Let the jin - gle bells ring! — I said,

Christ-mas! There's no time to be blue! — I'm gon-na have a hap-py time with you! —
Christ-mas! Make your own mu-sic too! — I'm gon-na have a hap-py time with you! —

1st time repeat Verse 1
2nd time repeat Verse 2

'Cause we're gon - na see S - A - N - T - A, — We're gon - na see

6. Snowman Stomp - vocal

D. Gagne and C. Cassils

3
white balls: tap tap tap tap tap bounce catch

You start with a snow-ball, you pack it up tight. —

Detailed description: This block contains the first musical staff, measures 1 through 8. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). A rehearsal mark '3' is placed above the first measure. The melody starts with a whole note rest, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a series of eighth notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The staff concludes with a series of rhythmic marks: 'x' marks for white balls and 'o' marks for bounces, corresponding to the 'tap tap tap tap tap bounce catch' instruction above.

9
white balls: tap tap tap tap tap bounce catch

Roll it a-round un - til you get it right.

Detailed description: This block contains the second musical staff, measures 9 through 12. It continues the melody from the previous staff. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The staff ends with rhythmic marks for 'white balls' and 'bounce catch'.

13
stick group begins - tap sticks

Rocks for eyes and some sticks for arms. — Your

Detailed description: This block contains the third musical staff, measures 13 through 16. The melody continues: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The staff concludes with rhythmic marks for 'stick group begins - tap sticks'.

17

snow - man is read - y to stomp! — Let's stomp!

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth musical staff, measures 17 through 20. The melody continues: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The staff ends with rhythmic marks for 'stomp!' and 'Let's stomp!'.

brooms: hit R, toss L R, lift up hit R, toss L R, lift up hit R, toss L R, lift up hit R, toss L R, lift up

19

Detailed description: This block contains the fifth musical staff, measures 19 through 22. It features a series of rhythmic marks: 'x' marks for broom hits and 'o' marks for broom tosses, corresponding to the instruction 'brooms: hit R, toss L R, lift up hit R, toss L R, lift up hit R, toss L R, lift up hit R, toss L R, lift up'.

23
brooms continue

balls: tap tap tap tap tap bounce catch tap tap tap tap tap bounce catch

Detailed description: This block contains the sixth musical staff, measures 23 through 26. It features a series of rhythmic marks: 'x' marks for broom hits and 'o' marks for broom tosses, corresponding to the instruction 'brooms continue'. Below this staff, there is a seventh staff with rhythmic marks for 'balls: tap tap tap tap tap bounce catch tap tap tap tap tap bounce catch'.

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Each song will be a hit with the students AND the parents. The collection includes piano/vocal scores, vocal reproducible scores, reproducible script with lyrics and performance/accompaniment CD. Unbelievable value! Denise Gagne and Craig Cassils have teamed up to create a musical that will a huge hit! #12 \$40

1. Christmas is a Time to Sing

* an easy opener for a preK-Grade 2 class.

2. Elvis the Elf

* dress the students like rock stars and let them rock and roll

3. Christmas Tree Tango

* Who says your students won't want to be the tree in the Christmas play? These Christmas trees are going to tango!

4. Teddy Bear Twist

* Make teddy bear headbands, and teach your teddy bears to do the twist!

5. Christmas in Hawaii

* Visit your local "dollar" store to stock up on Hawaiiin leis. Your students can hula as they sing about Christmas on the beach.

6. Snowman Stomp

* You'll need brooms, rhythm sticks and volleyballs (aka-snowballs) to perform this stomp selection.

7. S-A-N-T-A

* Hold up the letters or create letters with body shapes. A fun piece with a great rock accompaniment in the style of the Village People.

8. Christmas Time is Here

* This is the closing number for the musical.

This musical will be easy to stage and a ton of fun for your school!

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