

K-3 Christmas Concert Ideas

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1. Christmas Counting

We're going to have a party, cause
Christmas has begun,
What will you be bringing, to give us Christmas fun? *(2 children on stage introduce the skit)*

One Christmas tree, that's what I'll bring,
With tinsel, lights, and everything! *(1 Child enters with tree)*

Two green wreaths to hang on the door,
With mistletoe, and holly, and ribbons, and more. *(2 children with wreaths enter. Hang up.)*

Three toy drums, boom, boom, boom, boom!
Oh too noisy! There's not enough room! *(3 children with drums enter . They should bang them loudly)*

Four Christmas cards from far away,
Say hello to us today. *(4 children dressed as cards enter)*

Five little presents, wrapped in blue,
Four for me, and one for you. *(1 child enters carrying 5 presents)*

Six Christmas songs to sing together,
Doesn't matter what the weather. *(All on stage - and off - sing Jingle Bells)*

Seven candy canes, all white and red,
Better brush your teeth, before you go to bed. *(1 child enters carrying 7 candy canes)*

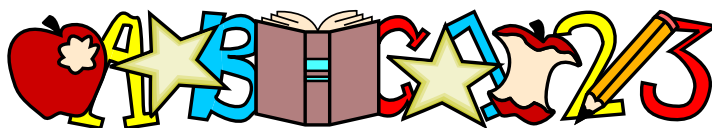
Eight reindeer pull a sleigh through the snow,
I think one has a red, red nose. *(8 children wearing antlers enter. one has a red nose)*

Nine Christmas stockings, hanging in a row,
Fill them up before you go! *(1 child enters carrying stockings, hang them on prepared hooks or hold)*

Ten Christmas cookies, yum, yum. yum,
Better eat some, before they're gone! *(All children who are left, enter with cookies on a plate)*

We're having a party, 'cause Christmas has begun,
Thank you for bringing, so much Christmas fun. *(Everyone)*

Optional: Sing 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'



2. The Christmas ABC's:

A is for angel on top of the tree,
B is for bell that is ringing for me.

C is for candles, burning they glow,
D is for donkey, who brought them you know.

E is for elves, so merry and bright,
F is for fireplace, he'll come down at night.

G is for gingerbread H is for house,
Where everyone's sleeping as quiet as a mouse.

I is for icicles, shining in the sun,
J is for jingle bells, singing is fun.

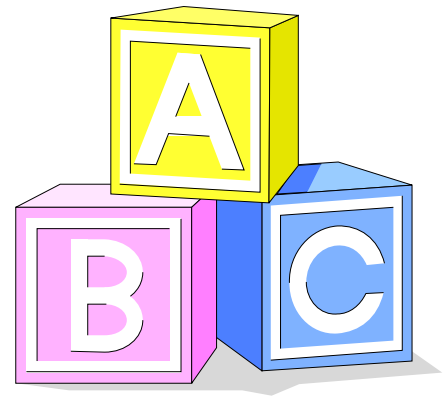
K is for Kings who came from afar,
Following the Christmas star.

L is for lights on the green Christmas tree,
M is for mistletoe - but you won't kiss me!

(ending is not given)

*Included in this selection are directions for making
an oversize alphabet on your computer.*

*The Christmas alphabet song follows.
The piano/vocal music is included in the guide.*



Christmas ABC's

Unison with Piano

by D. Gagne

1

nison

A B C D E F G I can't sleep so I'll take a peek

Piano

Detailed description: This system contains the first six measures of the piece. The vocal line (labeled 'nison') begins with a whole rest for two measures, then sings the letters 'A B C D E F G' on a half note, followed by the lyrics 'I can't sleep so I'll take a peek' on a half note. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords and eighth notes.

7

H I J K Here comes San - ta with his sleigh, L M N O P and Q,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 7 through 12. The vocal line continues with 'H I J K' on a half note, followed by 'Here comes San - ta with his sleigh,' on a half note, and 'L M N O P and Q,' on a half note. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

13

Won - der what he brought for you? R S T U and V Won der what he brought for me?

Detailed description: This system contains measures 13 through 18. The vocal line sings 'Won - der what he brought for you?' on a half note, 'R S T U and V' on a half note, and 'Won der what he brought for me?' on a half note. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

19

W X Y and Z, Guess (I'll it's be time to sneak back to bed. see) just wait and

Detailed description: This system contains measures 19 through 24. The vocal line sings 'W X Y and Z,' on a half note, 'Guess (I'll it's be time to sneak back to bed. see) just wait and' on a half note. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns.

Exit going sh... and tiptoeing

3. Please Santa, Give me a Break

I went to visit Santa at the shopping mall in town
I stood in line and then sat on his knee
He asked me what I wanted for a special toy this year
And then he gave a candy cane to me

And he said “Ho Ho Ho, have you been good?
Have you been good all year?
Have you done the things you should?
That is what old Santa wants to hear!”

I said, “There is a reason for everything I’ve done, I just
need a little time to tell you why
Santa, if you skip my house on Christmas Eve this year,
Santa, I will surely start to cry!

I didn’t know you weren’t supposed to feed the dog a steak
I really didn’t mean to eat ALL of the chocolate cake
I hid my sister’s Barbie dolls, colored pictures on the walls
Please believe me Santa - I just made a mistake



Sorry - we can't give the entire book, or no one would buy it! (Remember - public performance rights are only given to the school when the play is purchased)

The teacher guide also includes:

- * choreography suggestions*
- * costume ideas*
- * piano/vocal scores for many songs*

(Piano accompaniments are interesting, but not too difficult.)

The CD for this play is recorded with a full performance, and then with accompaniments only. The accompaniments are fully orchestrated. (not just piano)



4. The Elves & The Shoemaker:

A READER'S THEATRE PRESENTATION FOR GRADE 2-3

CHARACTERS:

NARRATOR

SHOEMAKER

SHOEMAKER'S WIFE

CUSTOMER

CHORUS

Optional: Have the class read the narrators part instead of having a solo voice.

Narrator: Once upon a time there was a shoemaker who worked very hard. But he could not earn enough to live on. At last, all he had in the world was not just enough leather to make one pair of shoes. He cut these out at night, and meant to rise early the next morning to make them up.

Wife: Dear husband, it is time for bed.

Shoemaker: Yes, we can do no more today.

Narrator: In the morning he said his prayers, and sat down to work, when, to his great wonder, there stood the shoes, already made, upon the table.

Shoemaker: Dear wife, come and look at these shoes. These shoes are perfectly made!

Wife: But husband, when did you make them? I did not hear you get up!

Shoemaker: That is true. They were here on the bench when I got up this morning!

Narrator: The shoemaker placed the shoes in the window and soon a customer came in to buy them.

Customer: How much would you like for these wonderful shoes? I'll gladly pay 10 guilders for shoes made as well as these.

This is a sample of this selection. In the guide, the complete readers theatre is given. There is a shoemakers song and dance as well.

5. The Christmas Turkey Dance

Formation: Children form a single circle. Face into the centre of the circle

Gonna eat my Turkey,	gobble motion 4 times with hands
gonna eat my Turkey	flap elbows
Gonna gobble it up,	twist down
Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum!	4 claps

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Face the person in front of you. Extend arms like turkey wings, and slowly flap up and down, while you step the beat.

Got to get away, got to go real fast
Don't want Christmas Eve, to be my very last

Turn and go in the opposite direction:

Got to get away, far away from here
I don't want to be the reason for your Christmas cheer!

Dance repeats

This is a sample of this selection. The piano/vocal score is included in the K-3 guide.

This is the bird dance or chicken dance with Christmas words. This is a big hit with parents and is really easy for your students to learn. Invite audience participation - on the last repeat of the verse/chorus, invite the audience to join in!

6. No Cookies for Santa:

A one act play for grade 2-3

Setting: *Santa's house. The Elfettes and Mrs Claus are having a cookie baking party. They are dressed in elf costumes with aprons. Mrs. Claus is in a red dress with a ruffled cap and an apron.*

Elfette 1: I really like our cookie baking party!

Elfette 2: It's a lot more fun baking our cookies together than doing it by myself.

Elfette 3: We've certainly made enough.

Elfette 4: At last count we'd made 12 thousand cookies. That's a thousand cookies each!

Mrs. Claus: That might last Santa 2 or 3 days. He loves his cookies.

Elfette 1: What are you going to do this Christmas Eve when Santa delivers his toys?

Mrs. Claus: I guess I'll be staying home and watching videos. I sure wish I could go along. Every year Santa goes on his round the world trip, and there's never enough room for me to go along.

Elfette 2: I'm sure if Santa would pack more efficiently he could make room for you.

Elfette 3: He could make smaller toys. Those boys and girls don't need all those huge boxes. They open this gigantic box and there is just a little toy inside.

Elfette 4: Why don't you insist that he take you along? What could you do to convince him?

Mrs. Claus: I keep leaving travel brochures on the coffee table. But he doesn't seem to notice.

Elfette 1: What would make Santa notice?

(Elfettes all pause and think)

This is a just a sample of this selection. The complete play with 3 songs is given in the guide. This play is suitable for a grade 2-3 class to perform. The girls sing "No More Cookies for Santa" in a style similar to "No More Angels in Heaven" from "Joseph". The boys (elves) sing "We Just Love Our Cookies" with an accompaniment like the song "We Will We Will Rock You". The play ends with a "Christmas Greeting" song. The play is about 10-15 minutes long.

7. The Bells on the Sleigh *a simple song with Christmas rhythm instruments for K-2
8. Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells *another song with rhythm instruments for K-2
9. One Little, Two Little, Three Little Snowflakes * This song uses simple props to feature 3 groups of children - the snowflakes, candy canes and reindeer. Stand up when it's your turn!
This is very cute in a concert for K-2!
10. If you can't Wait for Christmas clap your hands! * This is a simple action song for Christmas.
This song is a good Kindergarten opener for a concert.
11. He'll be coming' down the Chimney when he comes * This action song is always one of the children's favorites. Suitable for K-3.
12. And SANTA is his name * This action song helps your emergent readers as well as providing you with a really cute performance piece for Kindergarten or Grade 1.
13. Santa's Coming * Piggyback songs are easy to learn for K-1 classes.
14. Up on a House-top * An old favorite with lots of actions. Actions are given.
15. Ribbon Dance * Streamers create a beautiful effect to the music of "Trepak" from the Nutcracker. This is simple enough for Grade 1, but interesting enough for grade 4 and 5!
16. Christmas Finger plays * 6 poems with actions for K-1 For the teacher who is not comfortable singing with her students, a finger play can be an entertaining Christmas concert item.
17. Jingle Bells *We all know the song. In the K-3 Christmas Idea book a simple dance and a game are given.
18. Jolly Old St Nicholas * An old favorite with lots of actions. Actions are given.
19. The Friendly Beasts
20. The Christmas Story * The Nativity is given in a very simple form for Catholic and Christian schools. The Nativity includes readings and a selection of traditional carols to accompany the Christmas story.
21. We Wish You a Merry Christmas * This is everyone's favorite song to end a concert with!

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Categorical Index

Poems & Choral Speech:

1. Christmas Counting: A counting poem for Christmas giving each child in your class a part in the skit. Time: 3-5 minutes
2. The Christmas ABC's: A poem with all the letters of the alphabet. Give each child a letter (or 2 if you have a small class) and turn the letter around at it's part in the poem. The poem is followed by a short ABC song. Time: 3-5 minutes.
3. Please Santa, Give Me A Break: A choral speech explaining to Santa all the 'accidents' that have happened this year.
16. Christmas Finger plays - 6 poems with actions for K-1

Reader's Theatre:

4. The Elves & The Shoemakers: A reader's theatre presentation with a song and dance for a Grade 2-3 class to perform. 5-8 minutes long.

Dance:

5. The Christmas Turkey Dance: You loved the Bird Dance. Now some familiar actions are used in a Merry Christmas Dance and song about the turkey that didn't want to be eaten for Christmas Dinner.
15. A Christmas Ribbon Dance: A choreographed ribbon dance set to Tchaikovsky's "Trepak" from the Nutcracker.

One Act Play:

6. No Cookies For Santa: A one act play for one class to perform. Mrs. Claus wants to go along with Santa on his Round the World trip, but there isn't enough room. Santa won't get any more cookies until he figures out a way to take his wife along. Mrs. Claus and the Elfettes sing the first song; Santa and the Elves rap and sing the second song, and all join in a traditional Christmas Greeting song. Time: 5-8 minutes.

Songs with Rhythm Instruments:

7. The Bells on the Sleigh : A song with a familiar tune featuring groups of rhythm instruments playing along.
8. Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells: A song with a familiar tune featuring groups of rhythm instruments playing along.

Action Songs:

9. If you can't Wait for Christmas clap your hands!: An action song with a familiar tune about how hard it is waiting for Christmas to come!
10. He'll be coming' down the Chimney when he comes: An action song to a familiar tune
11. And SANTA is his name: An action song to a familiar tune

Songs with Props:

12. One Little, Two Little, Three Little Snowflakes: A song with a familiar tune featuring art work and costumes your students make themselves.
13. Santa's Coming: What is Santa bringing? Your students can make and show the audience what Santa will bring.
19. Jesus Our Brother: Patterns for making animals are included with this traditional children's Christmas Song.

Christmas Songs:

14. Up on the Housetop - actions are given
17. Jingle Bells - Song, Dance and Game
18. Jolly Old St Nicholas
21. We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

The Nativity:

20. The Christmas Story: A simplified version of the Christmas Story for a young class to present the Nativity Scene. Excerpts from O Little Town of Bethlehem, Away in A Manger, While Shepherds Watched and Joy to the World are included with piano accompaniments.

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