

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

Adapted by Sarah Meservy from the classic story

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Note: This script is written with students divided into character groups. However, when put into practice, my students ALL wanted to do ALL the actions, so we ended up dissolving the groups. I strongly recommend assigning specific actions for every line. Arrange students so everyone can be seen. There are no individual actors, characters are played by groups acting in unison.

CHARACTERS/GROUPS

SANTA (right)

RUDOLPH (center)

OTHER REINDEER (left)

STORYTELLER (played by Teacher)

STORYTELLER: Santa Claus is round and jolly. (SANTA holds hands out as though around a big belly) He wears a red suit, and likes to laugh.

SANTA: Ho ho ho!

STORYTELLER: Santa travels in a sleigh. Who pulls Santa's sleigh?

EVERYONE: Reindeer!

STORYTELLER: Reindeer have tall antlers (OTHER REINDEER and RUDOLPH hold hands up as antlers), and warm fur (rub their arms as though petting their fur) Their noses are fuzzy and brown. (touch nose) But Santa's reindeer are not ordinary reindeer. (shake head) These were magic reindeer that can fly!

OTHER REINDEER (holding arms out, superman style): Whoosh! Whee!

STORYTELLER: Rudolph was different from the other reindeer. His nose was red and shiny!

RUDOLPH (hold hand in front of nose, opening and closing fingers to represent a flashing light.): SHING! SHING! SHING!

STORYTELLER: The other reindeer laughed at Rudolph.

OTHER REINDEER (pointing): Ha ha ha!

STORYTELLER: Rudolph was embarrassed.

RUDOLPH: (Cries and hides nose)

STORYTELLER: On Christmas Eve, Santa got his sleigh ready to go.

SANTA: Ho ho ho! Here we go!

STORYTELLER: But there was a problem! It was so foggy that the reindeer couldn't see which way to go.

OTHER REINDEER: I can't see! Oh no! Oh no!

STORYTELLER: Santa didn't know what to do! But then he saw a bright red light.

SANTA & OTHER REINDEER: (hand above eyes like visor) Wow! What's that?

STORYTELLER: It was Rudolph's nose!

RUDOLPH (hold hand in front of nose, opening and closing fingers to represent a flashing light): SHING! SHING! SHING!

STORYTELLER: Santa and the reindeer asked Rudolph for help.

SANTA & OTHER REINDEER (clasping hands in pleading gesture): Please Rudolph, help us!

STORYTELLER: Rudolph was afraid. (RUDOLPH puts hands on cheeks and widens eyes) He'd never pulled Santa's sleigh before. But he decided to be brave. (RUDOLPH places fists on hips, puffs chest out)

EVERYONE: OK, let's go! (fist pump)

STORYTELLER: Rudolph guided the other reindeer with his red nose.

RUDOLPH (hold hand in front of nose, opening and closing fingers to represent a flashing light.): SHING! SHING! SHING!

STORYTELLER: Together they pulled Santa's sleigh.

OTHER REINDEER (holding arms out, superman style): Whoosh! Whee!

STORYTELLER: Santa delivered presents to all the boys and girls in time for Christmas morning.

EVERYONE: Yay!

(EVERYONE sings *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*)

END OF PLAY