

## A GREAT CHRISTMAS

Divide the group into nine smaller groups and assign each group one of the words listed below. Read the story. After each of the words is read pause for the group to make the appropriate response.

SANTA CLAUS	(Hold belly and laugh) "HO, HO, HO."
PRESENTS	(Spread arms and shout) "A new bike."
GREETING CARDS	(Throw up hands and say) "Hang 'em on the wall."
MOM AND DAD	(Scold with finger) "You'd better be good."
HOLIDAY DINNER	(Shrug shoulders, hold up hands saying) "Where's the beef?"
ANGELS	Do "Twilight Zone" theme while flapping arms
DECORATIONS	Sing "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly!"
CHRISTMAS	All sounds and parts at the same time

My favourite holiday is CHRISTMAS. I enjoy sending GREETING CARDS, I enjoy a big HOLIDAY DINNER, I enjoy the SNOW, but most of all, I enjoy SANTA CLAUS bringing me lots of PRESENTS.

The house is filled with DECORATIONS. My favourite are silver ANGELS. I help MOM AND DAD open the GREETING CARDS, fix the HOLIDAY DINNER, shovel SNOW, wrap PRESENTS, put up DECORATIONS, and polish the silver ANGELS. After we are finished, I leave out milk and cookies for SANTA CLAUS while MOM AND DAD clean up I can hardly wait until CHRISTMAS morning.

I race to the tree. I see SANTA CLAUS has left me lots of PRESENTS, with little GREETING CARDS on them. He's put some new DECORATIONS on the tree, including some new silver ANGELS, and he has sprinkled the branches with SNOW. Of course, he has left some lovely grown-up gifts for MOM AND DAD.

So we sit down to eat our HOLIDAY DINNER. I turn on the radio and Frank Sinatra is singing "Hark the herald ANGELS Sing"! MOM AND DAD and I say grace and eat our HOLIDAY DINNER while the DECORATIONS twinkle all over the house. After dinner we look at the GREETING CARDS one more time, and then go out for an afternoon stroll in the falling SNOW.

I tell you, that SANTA CLAUS is quite a guy. He sure knows how to turn out a great CHRISTMAS.