

The Holidays Are Coming!
A Shared Reading Script

SAMPLE PAGES

CH-31: The Holidays Are Coming!

(Or "Christmas is Coming!")

A Shared Reading Script Featuring
Choral Reading and Solo Reader Parts for Beginning Readers
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CAST: 2 Girl Solo Readers, 2 Boy Solo Readers,
Readers Chorus: unlimited number

READING PARTS FOR: Solo Readers, All Girls in Unison,
All Boys in Unison, All Chorus

NOTE: This Shared Reading script is based upon an old English Nursery Rhyme: "Christmas is Coming".

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat
Please to put a penny in the old man's hat;
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny then God bless you!

The words of the nursery rhyme "Christmas is Coming" are historically associated with the traditional English Christmas celebration and the serving of geese for the Christmas feast. The meaning that was conveyed to children through this rhyme was that during this festive period, each should give to charity, according to their means.

ESTABLISHING THE RHYTHM

To find the proper rhythm for this reading, first read-aloud and clap through the sections as you go. Each underlined word or word part falls directly on a beat. As you read, clap on each underlined word, keeping the rhythm steady. Be careful not to read too fast! This is a rehearsal technique and readers will not clap throughout the reading during performance.

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Girl Solo Reader 1: The holidays are coming.
(Or "Christmas is coming").

Boy Solo Reader 2: The turkey's getting fat.

Girl Solo Reader 3: Please put a penny

Boy Solo Reader 4: In the old man's hat.

ALL GIRLS: Please put a penny,
Any old penny,
Please put a penny
In the old man's hat!

ALL: Make the hat jingle,
Make the hat tingle,
Jingle, tingle, penny
In the old man's hat!

ALL BOYS: We haven't got a penny!

ALL GIRLS: Is this true?

ALL BOYS: We haven't got a penny!

Girl Solo Reader 1: Then a candy cane will do.

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ALL BOYS: Please put a candy,
 Any old candy,
 Please put a candy
 In the old man's hat!

ALL: Make the hat sweet,
 Give him a treat.
 Sweet, treat, sticky
 In the old man's hat!

ALL GIRLS: We haven't got a candy.

ALL BOYS: Is this true?

ALL GIRLS: We haven't got a candy.

Boy Solo Reader 2: Then a present will do.

ALL GIRLS: Please put a present,
 Any old present,
 Please put a present
 In the old man's hat!

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