

(PROPS: EACH READER MUST HAVE A CARDBOARD SIGN WHICH SAYS "TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC." THESE SIGNS MAY BE ATTACHED TO HOLDING STICKS, IF DESIRED. ASK READERS TO CREATE THEIR OWN SIGNS. EACH CAN BE DIFFERENT IN DESIGN AND COLOR. OPTIONAL: ONE OVERSIZED COLORFUL CARDBOARD CLOCK AND TWO OVERSIZED CARDBOARD TELEPHONE RECEIVERS.

(REFRESHMENTS: LARGE THERMOS OF REAL LEMONADE LABELLED WITH A COLORFUL "LEMONADE" SIGN AND ENOUGH CUPS FOR ALL READERS AND AUDIENCE MEMBERS).

**1/NARRATOR:**

One morning Freddy Teddy Bear looked at the calendar on his kitchen wall and said,

(FREDDY STANDS, PICKS UP CARDBOARD CLOCK FROM FLOOR, SHOWS IT TO AUDIENCE, AND LOOKS AT THE TIME, OR MIMES LOOKING AT THE KITCHEN WALL.

**2/FREDDY:**

"It's that time of year again. Time for the

(AS FOLLOWING LINE IS SPOKEN, ALL READERS EXCEPT FREDDY THRUST THEIR "TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC" SIGNS ABOVE THEIR HEADS. SIGNS ARE RETURNED TO FLOOR OR MUSIC STANDS, CLOCK IS RETURNED TO FLOOR, AND THE READING CONTINUES).

(SHOUTED WITH ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM):

**ALL:** TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC!"

(READER 3 STANDS. WHEN READER 3 MENTIONS THE KITCHEN TABLE, FREDDY SITS ON STOOL AND PRETENDS TO WRITE UPON HIS FOLDER).

**3/NARRATOR:** Freddy Teddy found a pencil and some paper. Then he sat down at the kitchen table to prepare the menu for the Teddy Bears' Picnic. Freddy Teddy wrote:

**2/FREDDY:** Hot dogs.

Buns.

Mustard.

**4/NARRATOR:** When he was finished, Freddy Teddy thought,

**2/FREDDY:** "There! That's all we need for the Teddy Bears' Picnic. I'll ask Betty Teddy Bear to bring the hot dogs and buns. I'll bring the mustard, and our Teddy Bears' Picnic will be complete. None of our other teddy bear friends will have to bring anything but themselves!"

(FREDDY PUTS CARDBOARD TELEPHONE TO EAR OR MIMES THE ACTION DURING THE FOLLOWING):

**5/NARRATOR:** Freddy Teddy picked up the phone and dialed Betty Teddy Bear's number. Freddy Teddy said,

(FREDDY SPEAKS THE FOLLOWING INTO TELEPHONE):

**2/FREDDY:** "Hi, Betty Teddy! It's that time of year again. Time for the

**ALL:** TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC!"

(AS ABOVE LINE IS SPOKEN, ALL READERS EXCEPT FREDDY THRUST THEIR "TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC" SIGNS ABOVE THEIR HEADS. SIGNS ARE RETURNED TO PROPER PLACES, AND THE READING CONTINUES).

**6/NARRATOR:** Betty Teddy said,

(BETTY PUTS CARDBOARD TELEPHONE TO EAR OR MIMES).

**3/BETTY:** "The Teddy Bears' Picnic? Tremendous! What shall I bring?"

(FREDDY AND BETTY CONTINUE TO TALK INTO TELEPHONES).

**1/NARRATOR:** Freddy Teddy checked his menu and answered,

**2/FREDDY:** "You bring the

hot dogs

And the

buns

**2/FREDDY:** I'll bring the

mustard,

**ALL:** TONS AND TONS!

**2/FREDDY:** Meet in the forest  
With the rest.  
A Teddy Bears' Picnic is

**ALL:** THE BEST!"

**3/BETTY:** "O.K. Thanks Freddy Teddy. I'll pass the word along to Teddy Teddy."

(FREDDY AND BETTY RETURN TELEPHONES TO FLOOR OR MIME HANGING UP PHONES).

**4/NARRATOR:** Betty Teddy hung up her phone and thought,

**3/BETTY:** "Now what was I supposed to bring? Oh yes! Freddy Teddy said, 'You bring the hot dogs and the buns.' Now I remember. I'm supposed to bring hot dogs and buns!"

(BETTY STANDS AND RUNS IN PLACE, THEN MIMES KNOCKING ON AN IMAGINARY WINDOW AS SHE FACES AUDIENCE).

**5/NARRATOR:** Then Betty Teddy ran next door and knocked on Teddy Teddy Bear's bedroom window. When Teddy Teddy opened his window, Betty Teddy said,

(TEDDY MIMES OPENING WINDOW, FACING AUDIENCE).

**3/BETTY:** "Hi, Teddy Teddy. I just talked to Freddy Teddy and it's that time of year again. Time for the

**ALL:** TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC!"

(AS ABOVE LINE IS READ, ALL READERS THRUST SIGNS ABOVE HEADS, AS BEFORE. SIGNS ARE RETURNED TO PROPER POSITIONS AND THE READING CONTINUES).

**6/NARRATOR:** Teddy Teddy said,

**4/TEDDY:** "The Teddy Bears' Picnic? Fantastic! What shall I bring?"

**1/NARRATOR:** Betty Teddy scratched the top of her teddy bear head and answered,

(BETTY SCRATCHES TOP OF HEAD).

**3/BETTY:** "I don't remember if you're supposed to bring anything or not! Let me think. Here is exactly what Freddy Teddy said:

'You bring the

**3/BETTY:** hot dogs

And the

buns.

I'll bring the

mustard,

**ALL:** TONS AND TONS!"

**3/BETTY:** But I've been thinking, it would also be nice to have:

Bags of corn chips,  
Chocolate cakes,  
Pots of baked beans,  
Paper plates.

Meet in the forest  
With the rest.  
A Teddy Bears' Picnic is

**ALL:** THE BEST!"

**4/TEDDY:** "O.K. Thanks Betty Teddy, I'll pass the word along to Letty Teddy."

(TEDDY MIMES CLOSING WINDOW AS BETTY SITS ON STOOL).

**2/NARRATOR:** Teddy Teddy closed his bedroom window and thought,

**4/TEDDY:** "Oh dear, I'm confused! Was I supposed to bring something to the Teddy Bears' Picnic? Yes! Betty said, 'You bring the hot dogs and the buns.' Now I remember. I'm supposed to bring hot dogs and buns!"

(TEDDY RUNS IN PLACE AS LETTY STANDS AND CLIMBS UPON STOOL).

**5/NARRATOR:** Then Teddy Teddy rushed across the street to find Letty Teddy Bear playing in her treehouse.

**6/NARRATOR:** As Letty Teddy jumped down from her treehouse ladder, Teddy Teddy said,

(LETTY JUMPS TO FLOOR FROM TOP OF STOOL, FACING AUDIENCE).

**4/TEDDY:** "Hi, Letty Teddy. I just talked to Betty Teddy who just talked to Freddy Teddy and it's that time of year again. Time for the

**ALL:** TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC!"

(ALL SIGNS UP AND DOWN AS BEFORE).

**1/NARRATOR:** Letty Teddy said,