

Plays

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Plays which accommodate
one to three classes.

BOOK 1



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Santa's Christmas



Age group: 9 – 12 year olds
Running time: 30 minutes
Class numbers: 20 – 30 students

Santa's Christmas

Script

* * * *Curtain opens* * * *

Enter SANTA from right of stage ringing bell cheerfully.

SANTA: Ho! Ho! Ho! MERR- EE Christmas! MERR- EE Christmas everyone. *(Looking at audience)* I love this time of the year. I have a lot of work to do, but I love it, and meeting the people like I am today is my favourite thing.

PRINCESSES enter from right of stage.

Ho! Ho! Hello PRINCESSES. How beautiful you look today.

PRINCESS 1: *(Unravelling a long piece of paper)* Hello SANTA. Thank you. Would you like to hear our wish list for Christmas?

PRINCESS 2: Yes SANTA. We've been waiting all year for Christmas to come.

PRINCESS 3: And we haven't been very naughty this year, have we girls?

SANTA: *(Alarmed)* Not VERY naughty? Why what have you done?

PRINCESS 1: Well SANTA, I put a whoopy cushion under the Queen ...

PRINCESS 2: *(Giggling)* And it was at an official occasion ...

PRINCESS 3: *(Giggling even more)* And the loud speaker was on ...

PRINCESS 1: And she made a loud noise and everyone sniggered ...

PRINCESS 2: And the Queen was very angry ...

PRINCESS 3: Because she never does anything improper, ever.

Mother's Little Helpers



Age group: 7 – 10 year olds

Running time: 15 -20 minutes

Class numbers: 20-30 students

Mother's Little Helpers

Script

* * * *Curtain opens* * * *

All the HELPERS skip happily onto the stage from different sides and take up their positions behind their own table A, B, C, D or E.

ALL HELPERS:

(Recite together)

We're mummy's little helpers
We're out to do our best,
We never ever miss a chance
To give our mums a rest.
They say they love us very much
Because we are so good.
We are so kind and thoughtful -
We're the best kids in the West!

HELPER A1: Mummy spends lots of time caring for her pot plants.

HELPER A2: Playtime with us never has a chance.

HELPER A3: Let's give her a hand!

HELPER As move to the front of the table and with their backs to the audience, they pick up the plants and put them on the table. They take the clippers and watering cans and "demolish" the plants. Flowers and leaves can be seen flying into the air and onto the floor. When the plants are clipped down to one or two stems, they put down their tools and reposition themselves behind the table - smiling proudly.

A Special Class of Dogs



Age group: 7 – 12 year olds
Running time: 30 minutes
Class numbers: 20 – 30 students

A Special Class of Dogs

Script

* * * *Curtain opens* * * *

MISS LITTLE is sitting marking at a desk at the front of the empty classroom. Enter the school Principal – MR STARK.

- MR STARK:** (Agitated) MISS LITTLE! Your STUDENTS have just arrived back from the excursion.
- MISS LITTLE:** From the Magician Show? Good. I hope they enjoyed themselves.
- MR STARK:** Yes I think so. But there's a slight problem.
- MISS LITTLE:** Oh?
- MR STARK:** The HYPNOTIST included them in his act and he had them all thinking that they were dogs. They were running round barking and licking people and doing all sorts of doggy things.
- MISS LITTLE:** (Laughing) That must have been funny.
- MR STARK:** Yes, it was very funny. But it's not funny anymore MISS LITTLE. One of them jumped up on to the HYPNOTIST and he fell back and hit his head on a pole. It knocked him unconscious.
- MISS LITTLE:** Good Lord. Is he alright?
- MR STARK:** No he's not. They've taken him to hospital.
- MISS LITTLE:** Oh dear! Are the STUDENTS alright?
- MR STARK:** They're not alright MISS LITTLE. They still think they are dogs!
- MISS LITTLE:** They really think they are dogs?

FOUR HORSES - A TRIBUTE



Age group: 10 – 12 year olds

Running time: 45 minutes

Class numbers: 20 - 60 students

PHAR LAP: Yep! Same.

ELSIE: But I'm not famous at all! Why am I here?

PHAR LAP: Hmmm! That is strange. *(Has a bright idea)* ELSIE! You weren't that little filly they gave me as a stable mate were you?

ELSIE: *(Indignant)* No, I was not! I'm far too busy to be anybody's stable mate. I haven't left the cattle station in northern New South Wales in my entire life.

BLACK BEAUTY: ELSIE. Are you sure you were never in a book?

ELSIE: *(Crossly)* No, I was not. I'm a real horse. I've had to work all my life.

PALEFACE ADIOS: Well, all I know is you're a very pretty little filly – a bit thick about the withers but very pretty. They've probably brought you in to calm my nerves. I can get a bit flighty you know.

ELSIE: I beg your pardon! I am a stock horse, you pampered vain celebrity! I'm not here for any purpose to do with you. I'm not famous. I've never been in a book or in a race. They've made a mistake. They've mistaken me for someone else.

PALEFACE ADIOS: Hee! Hee! To love a filly with spirit.

BLACK BEAUTY: She's right, you know. I bet they've mistaken her for my friend Flicka. She was in a book *and* in a movie.

PHAR LAP: Or Makybe Diva. She won the Melbourne Cup three times – the only one to do it. And she was brown too. *(Wavering)* But I can't think how they'd possibly mistake Makybe Diva for little ELSIE...

ELSIE drops her head despondently.

PALEFACE ADIOS: Stop it you two. Can't you see you're upsetting her? There, there, ELSIE. We're really pleased to make your acquaintance. You're the only Australian stock horse I've ever met. What about if you show me around after the show?