

LAKE MELVILLE SCHOOL
Northwest River

presents

"REMEMBERING CHRISTMAS"

CAST

Robert -----
Old Man -----
Caroline -----
Thomas -----
Elizabeth -----
Matthew -----
Father -----
Mother -----
Grandmother -----
Grandfather -----
Santa -----

Hilary Baikie
Bonnie Mclean
Leanne Michelin
Dana Blake
Connie Powell
Samantha Butt
David Vaters
Wendy Allen
Melanie Blake
Darrin Flowers
Lorne Saunders

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Scene 1 - old man is sitting in rocking chair looking at photograph album, chuckling as he does so. After awhile he looks up and sees everyone.

Old Man: Oh, hi there. (Pause.) Christmas sure has changed since I was a boy. Long ago we didn't have all those expensive presents we have today. I remember one Christmas when I wanted a wooden toboggan. I know it doesn't sound like much now, but it meant the world to me then (chuckle, chuckle). It was two days away from Christmas morning and my brothers and sisters: Thomas, Matthew, Caroline, Elizabeth and me, Robert were decorating the Christmas tree. We were all talking about what we wanted for Christmas...

(Curtains open. Children are decorating the tree. Knock comes on door.)

Children: Come in.

Enter Grandma & Grandpa.

Hi, Grandma! Hi, Grandpa!

Grandparents: Hi, children, We've come to stay for Christmas. (They go to help decorate.)

Thomas: Hey, Elizabeth! What do you want for Christmas?

Elizabeth: Well...I want a new rag doll with some clothes and some marbles.

Caroline: Me, too.

Robert: I want a wooden toboggan. You know, the one in the catalogue.

Matthew: I doubt if you're going to get that!

Robert: Why not?

Caroline: You know as well as we do they cost a lot of money.

Robert: Well, there's always a chance.

(Mother comes in.)

Mother: (Goes to hug Grandma and Grandpa.) Hi, Mom & Dad. We're really glad you're here. (Turns to children.) Are you finished decorating yet?

Elizabeth: Yes, Mother, we're finished.

Mother: Good, you're father will be home from work soon.

Caroline: Goody! When is he bringing home the presents?

Mother: Tomorrow, but in the meantime, put away the leftover decorations.

Children: Yes, mother.

(Everyone exit. Curtain closes.)

Old Man: Oh yeah, I remember that particular Christmas quite well. We were all very excited about what we would get for Christmas.

Scene 2 - next morning in kitchen.

Matthew: Did Santa come yet?

Mother: No, honey, Santa won't be here until tomorrow morning.

Father: Children, did you have a good sleep last night?

Elizabeth: I had a weird dream last night. I dreamt that a giant mouse was in my bed.

Father: What a strange coincidence. When your mother was making Elizabeth's bed this morning, there was a mouse in her bed, but luckily it was dead. Does anyone have any idea where it came from?

(Looks straight at Robert.)

Elizabeth: Uhhhhgggg!

Father: Do you have any ideas, Robert?

Robert: Well. I....ahhh....I confess. I did it! I put the mouse in her bed!

Mother: Well, you have to apologize to your sister.

Robert: Ahhh...Mother!

Mother: Robert!

Robert: Okay, okay! (Pause.) Elizabeth, I'm sorry I put the dead mouse in your bed.

Elizabeth: That's okay.

Father: Now, I want you to know that Santa only brings toys to good little boys & girls.

matthew: Yes, daddy. We've all been trying so hard to be good.

Father: Well, I must be going. I have a lot of work to do before the day is done. (Heads for the door.) Bye, Emily. Bye, children.

Mother: I have a lot of work to do, too. I have to take Grandma and Grandpa to Aunt Molly's for a cup of tea. So children, be good and stay out of trouble.

Mother, Grandma, and Grandpa exits.

Robert: Hey, I have a good idea! Why don't we stay up late to see what Santa brought us.

Caroline: That's a great idea. We can see what we're getting before we get it.

Elizabeth: I'm not sure we should. I mean, I don't think Mother and Father would like it.

Robert: Aww, Elizabeth, don't be such a spoilsport! Anyway, who said we had to tell Mother and Father.

Elizabeth: You mean go behind their backs? No way!

(Children start arguing.)

Robert: (Walks to front of stage.) Now I can see if I get that toboggan!

End of Scene 2.

Old Man: Elizabeth still wouldn't agree with us. So we decided to go ahead without her. We decided to go outside and make our plan so Ma and Pa and Elizabeth wouldn't hear us. We certainly didn't want that to happen. Later that day.....

Scene 3 - Children are outside playing in the snow.

Robert: I guess we're going ahead with our plan with or without Elizabeth. But we'd better be careful because she might rat on us.

(They huddle together and start whispering. Elizabeth walks out.)

Elizabeth: What's up, guys? What are you talking about?

Children: Ah...ah...nothing.

Elizabeth: I heard you. Let me in on it.

Thomas: Did you change your mind?

Elizabeth: Well - I - I ...I guess so.

Matthew: Are you absolutely, positively sure?

Elizabeth: Yes, I'm absolutely, positively sure, I think.

Robert: You're not going to rat on us?

Elizabeth: No, I guess not.

Children: Come here, then.

(They huddle together and start making plans. Curtain closes.)

Old Man: Well, she finally agreed to go along with us. I was afraid she'd change her mind and rat on us. I still didn't trust her for some reason. Late that night...

Scene 4 - Curtains open. It's late at night. Children come in lead by Caroline. She looks around and motions for others to follow her. They sneak on stage and go to tree to wait for Santa.

Matthew: (Looking around.) This is spooky. I wonder if Santa's watching us?

Elizabeth: I have to go to the outhouse.

Caroline: You can't. You'll wake Ma and Pa.

Elizabeth: But I have to. It's urgent. I'm busting.

Caroline: Go, then! Go! But don't make a sound.

(Elizabeth exits.)

Children sit around waiting for Elizabeth to return. After a while, Matthew gets really tired and falls asleep. The others try to stay awake but soon follow suit.

Santa comes in and is taken aback to see children asleep. He checks to see if they're asleep and then proceeds to put the gifts under the tree. He motions to audience to be quiet and then walks on.

Then Mother and Father walk in and are also taken aback to see children asleep. They walk around to see if they're asleep. They get angry and decide to take the gifts, except for Elizabeth's out from under the tree and replace them with lumps of coal. They then go back to bed.

Curtain closes.

Old Man: It turns out that we all fell asleep. We didn't find out what happened to Elizabeth until next morning.

Scene 5 - It's early in the morning. Mother and Father go around waking up children.

Mother & Father: Wake up, children. Wake up. What are you doing down here? You're supposed to be in your beds. It's Christmas morning and Santa's been here.

Robert: (Groggily.) What? We must have fallen asleep in the middle of the night. Well, anyway, let's open presents.

(They all head towards presents.)

(Father holds up his hand.)

Father: No presents until you explain what you were doing down here.

Caroline: We...ahh...we...uh...came down for a late snack, right?

Robert: Well...ahh...Thomas will explain.

Mother: (Sternly.) Thomas?

Thomas: Well, we, ah, wanted to see what we would get for Christmas so ROBERT suggested that we stay up late to see what Santa brought us. Elizabeth wouldn't go along with us but we convinced her. (Takes a deep breath.) So, that's the story. (Looks around.) By the way, where is Elizabeth?

Elizabeth walks in.

Elizabeth: Did I hear someone mention my name?

Thomas: We certainly did! You went to the outhouse and didn't come back. What happened to you?

Elizabeth: Well, I didn't want to get in trouble.

Caroline: Why didn't you think of that in the first place?

Elizabeth: I changed my mind.

(Children mimic her.)

Mother: We'll talk about this later. For now, it's Christmas morning and let's open your presents!

Children: Yeah. (All dive into presents.)

Father: Hey, now! Settle down!

Elizabeth: I got it! I got it! I got my doll and marbles.

Robert: What's this?

Children all look at each other in amazement as they pick up their lumps of coal.

Matthew: (Goes to Grandma.) Nanny, this bar doesn't taste so good.

Nanny: (Bending down.) What's wrong with it?

Matthew: It's black and it tastes like coal.

Nanny: Just a minute. I have to go outside. Come with me, Grandpa. (They go outside. The children start blaming Robert.)

Grandma and Grandpa comes back in.

Grandma: Hey, kids, look what we have here.

Children: Yeah!

Robert: I got it! I got it!

Matthew: Mmm. This chocolate bar is better than all the other presents. (He turns to audience and his face is covered with chocolate.)

Mother: Well, children, do you promise not to do that again?

Children: Yes, mother, we promise.

Father: And remember, next time you may not get presents.

(Children freeze.)

Old Man: (Gets up and walks across stage.) It all turned out all right. I got my toboggan and we were not in too much trouble for sneaking out. When I look back now, I think it was the best Christmas ever!

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