



**SANTA'S
LITTLE HELPERS**
The Musical

**STAGING THE
PRODUCTION**

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SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS SYNOPSIS

The Wicked Witch of the North Pole steals Santa's little helpers two weeks before Christmas. He is beside himself with worry.

His good friend, the Good Fairy, offers to help find some replacements that are good, kind and thoughtful. That night, when she is in pantomime in Wimbledon, she invites some of the children from the audience up onto the stage and meets Miranda, who is one of seven children. When the Good Fairy asks her if her father is in the audience, Miranda tells her that he died two years ago.

So touched is the fairy by this child that she follows the family home and when the children are in bed she waits to test their mother, Molly, to see if she is good, kind and thoughtful. Whilst she is waiting she discovers that Molly has just lost her job and is very worried about how she'll be able to make her children's Christmas a happy one.

The Good Fairy pretends to be a hungry, old woman. Molly invites her in, feeds her and offers her a place to sleep for the night. The Good Fairy is very impressed and tells Molly about Santa's missing helpers. Molly agrees to help. The Good Fairy sprinkles magic dust in the family's eyes and sends them off in a magic sleigh to the North Pole, giving them three wishes in case they run into any trouble on their way.

The family set off through the night-sky and encounter pirates, a fire-breathing dragon, and snow fairies before they finally arrive at the North Pole.

Santa is pleased to see them but the Wicked Witch arrives and tries to steal them away as well. Fortunately Molly has one wish left, and the Witch is destroyed.

Santa gets his helpers back and between them all they manage to get everything ready for Christmas.

The family return home to enjoy a happy Christmas, remembering nothing of their adventure, and Molly gets her old job back.

CHARACTER PARTS

SPEAKING PARTS	NUMBER OF WORDS	SCENES THEY APPEAR IN	GROUP OR SOLO SONGS
Narrator (Split part into 2)	458	All scenes	
Father Christmas	256	1 & 7	What am I going to do, boo hoo?
Good Fairy	298	1,3 & 7	Three Wishes
<u>The Family</u>			Get into Bed A Dragon without its fire
Molly	461	2-7	I don't have a job this Christmas
Child 1	80	2-7	
Child 2	69	2-7	
Child 3	80	2-7	
Child 4	65	2-7	
Child 5	50	2-7	
Child 6	45	2-7	
Child 7	53	2-7	
Sue	70	2	
Captain	164	4	The Choice is yours!
Pirates	53	4	ditto
Santa's Little helpers	39	7	I wanted to be Santa's Helper
Snow Fairies	27	5	Snow Fairy DANCE
Dragon	64	5	A dragon without its fire
Witch	162	1 & 7	It is not an easy job to be a very good witch.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTION. COSTUMES AND MAKE-UP

Character	Description
Narrator (Split part into 2)	Story teller
Father Christmas	Very unhappy in first scene because his helpers are stolen. Happy at the end because he gets them back again
Good Fairy	Worried about Father Christmas. She finds the family and gives them 3 wishes to help them.
<u>The Family</u> Molly and her 7 children	Molly, a good, kind person. On her own with 7 children and no job.
Sue	Molly's caring neighbour. She is very worried about Molly.
Captain	Evil captain captures the family and makes them walk the plank.
Pirates	Evil. They copy everything the Captain says.
Snow Fairies	Friendly. They see the sleigh flying over and dance for the family.
Snowpeople	Friendly - They wave at the family.
Dragon	Fire breathing Dragon is very unhappy because no-one likes him. He finds friends in the family.
Witch	Evil – she captures the helpers and wants the family as well.
Santa's Little helpers	Captured hard-working helpers that love Father Christmas.

Costumes and make-up

Father Christmas outfit - rosy cheeks

Witch outfit - green face

Good Fairy outfit - bright eye makeup, glitter on cheeks.

Molly and Sue - adult clothes and light make-up

Children - best clothes of their choice - no make-up.

Dragon - Green leotard & leggings + dragon ears on head band - green face.

Pirates - stripey tops, cut off trousers, head scarves and patches - scars on faces.

Snow fairies - glittery white costumes with wings - white glittery faces

Snowpeople - white tunics, scarves, hats and white faces.

Santa's little helpers - bobble hats and beards, matching tops & waistcoats, bright trousers - rosy cheeks.

Choir: Red or green Tee Shirts

Reindeer antlers or Christmas Tree head-dresses

Check that children are not allergic to make-up!

AUDITIONS

You can use the excerpt below, or select your own.

Read the story to the children first. Give them a couple of chances to read through the lines.

For those who cannot read well, give them a simple line to repeat so that they can feel included.

Pick those children whose voices can be heard at the back of the hall for your speaking parts.

Father C: You horrible person. What am I going to do without my helpers?
Where have you taken them, Wicked Witch of the North Pole?

Wicked W: Never you mind Father Christmas. Let's just say that I've got a little job for them to do. You don't know where they are and you'll never find them. So, Happy Christmas Santa Claus. Ha ha ha ha.

SONGS and MUSIC

PHOTOCOPIABLE SONG SHEET

CD WITH:

- SONG VOCALS FOR PRACTICE
- SONG BACKING TRACKS FOR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE
- LINK-UP MUSIC

MUSICAL SCORE

SONGS In order of appearance:

What am I gonna do? Boo hoo? - Father Christmas

Get into bed! - The children

I don't have a job this Christmas - Molly

I've got three wishes - The Good Fairy

The Sleigh Song - The Choir

Pirate Entry Music

The choice is yours! - The Pirates

The Snow Song - The Choir

Snow Fairies music - Little Fairies Dance

A dragon without its fire - Dragon and the Children

It is not an easy job to be a very good witch - Witch

I wanted to be Santa's helper - Santa's Helpers

Songs can be solos or backed by choir.

All stage performers that are singing need to have a simple routine for each song so that they don't look wooden

DANCE

The choice is yours! – The Pirates, in formation acting out the words of the song with lots of arm movements

Snow Fairies Dance music – Simple ballet Children doing synchronised simple ballet steps will look good.

A dragon without its fire – Dragon and the Children dancing together.

I wanted to be Santa's helper – Santa's Helpers acting out the words of the song. Pair the helpers up and synchronise their movements

SCENERY and PROPS

Christmas backdrop with hardboard painted props to depict scene changes.

The magic sleigh – hardboard painted one side only with handles on other side for children to hold onto.

Scene One: Santa's Grotto

Grotto prop. Sacks of toys scattered about.
Work table with toys on it.

Scene Two: Smith Household

Fireplace prop dressed for Christmas. Couch + cushions
Tray with 7 mugs on it. Big Envelope with letter inside.

Scene Three: The Good Fairy arrives

Blanket or cover. Tray with soup bowl and bread on it.
Sleigh + Map

Scene Four: Pirates

Pirate ship (Hardboard painted one side with handles.)
Plank. Sleigh

Scene Five: Snowride

Snow covered Christmas trees (Could be dressed-up children).

Scene Six: Santa's Grotto

Grotto Prop, Chair. Worktable with toys. Sacks. Miniature toy
witch Christmas wrapped in box with bow on and labelled
"Wicked Witch of the North Pole"

Scene Seven: Back Home again on Christmas Day

Fireplace prop. Christmas tree with presents. Big Envelope
with letter from boss.