



SHOW COMPANION ACTIVITY PACKET

# **ABOUT THE SHOW**

The story begins at the North Pole as Santa Claus and his Elves sing a Christmas Carol in his shop. Their song is interrupted by the arrival of Buddy the Elf, who, despite an **abundance** of enthusiasm, falls short in his toy-making abilities. Charlie, the boss, tells Buddy to take a break and asks Shawanda to pick up the extra slack. Unaware that Buddy is listening, they reveal that Buddy is, in fact, a human and not an elf. Buddy approaches Santa for confirmation and Santa reveals that Buddy, as an orphaned baby, had crawled into his toy sack and was accidentally taken back to the North Pole, where he was raised by the Elves. Handing Buddy a New York City snow globe, Santa explains that Buddy's father works in the Empire State Building, doesn't know about Buddy's existence and is on the "Naughty List" for his lack of Christmas spirit. Buddy sets off from the North Pole to New York City.

Upon arriving in Manhattan, Buddy is surrounded by the sights and sounds of the city: a as he sets off to meet his father. Meanwhile, Walter Hobbs and Sam are discussing the unfortunate situation with their latest title, "Jingles, The Jolly Christmas Puppy," from which the last two pages are missing. Secretary Deb shows in Walter's wife, Emily, and his twelve-year-old son, Michael, who want to go Christmas shopping. Suddenly, Buddy bursts in, excited to meet his father for the first time. Stunned with Buddy's **declaration** that he is Walter's son, Walter demands that the Security Guards escort Buddy out, dropping him at Macy's Christmas department.

At Macy's, a Saleswoman greets Buddy, and the Manager mistakes Buddy for a corporate employee who has been sent to check on the store. Buddy falls in love at first sight with Macy's elf, Jovie, and inspires other Macy's Employees to decorate with some Christmas Spirit. Jovie agrees to go on a date with Buddy just as Santa's Helper announces the arrival of Fake Santa. Children and parents line up, but just as a mother leads her child to see Santa, Buddy announces to everyone that it is not the real Santa. The two fight, and Buddy is escorted away by Policemen, who take him to the Hobbs' apartment, where Michael is trying to build a science project. Buddy agrees to help if Michael and Emily will write letters to Santa Claus. When Walter arrives home, Emily reveals that Buddy is, in fact, Walter's son, as the results of a DNA test have proven.

The next day, Walter takes Buddy with him to work. Office Staff, including Sarah, are bustling around as Mr. Greenway demands a Christmas book to replace "Jingles, The Jolly Christmas Puppy." Deb entertains Buddy, telling him the shredder makes snow. Later, Buddy takes Jovie to a **souvlaki** stand for their dinner date, where she confesses she's always wanted to see snow. Buddy promises to take her to Christmas Eve dinner at Tavern on the Green. Back at the office, Walter and Chadwick desperately try to come up with ideas for a new children's Christmas story. Matthews claims to have found a lost **manuscript** that could save their jobs. Buddy bursts in to tell Walter he's in love and, while Walter talks with colleagues, Buddy decides to make "snow" by putting the manuscript through the shredder. The manuscript destroyed, Walter explodes with anger and tells Buddy to get out of his life.

### ABOUT THE SHOW CONTINUED

Buddy realizes he forgot all about Jovie. She's been waiting for hours at Tavern on the Green. He arrives and apologizes, giving her the snow globe Santa gave him when he left the North Pole. Still upset, Jovie leaves.

Meanwhile, Michael and Emily see Santa out the window while reading Buddy's note. They go to Walter's office to tell him, but he's **preoccupied** with trying to think up a story for Mr. Greenway. Suddenly, Buddy returns and suggests his own story. Mr. Greenway loves the idea, but is rude to Michael and Buddy, demanding Walter work on Christmas Day. In response, Walter quits his job to finally spend time with his family.

When Michael tells Buddy about seeing Santa, everyone rushes to Central Park to help Santa gather the Christmas spirit he needs to make his now-broken sleigh fly. A large crowd gathers around Santa's broken sleigh, including New York One reporter, Charlotte Dennon. To prove to the crowd that it's actually Santa Claus, Buddy reveals what Darlene Lambert and Emma Van Brocklin received as gifts on past Christmases. Buddy urges everyone to get into the Christmas spirit, and Jovie arrives to help him. The New Yorkers sing, and Santa's sleigh rises into the air, as Christmas spirit is **restored**, and everyone gets what they want for Christmas!

### **Vocab Words**

#### **Abundance** noun

1. a very large quantity of something.

#### **Declaration** noun

1. a formal or explicit statement or announcement.

#### Souvlaki noun

1. a Greek dish of pieces of meat grilled on a skewer.

### **Manuscript** noun

- 1. a book, document, or piece of music written by hand rather than typed or printed.
- 2. an author's text that has not yet been published.

### **Preoccupied** adjective

1. engrossed in thought; distracted.

### **Restored** *verb*

- 1. return (someone or something) to a former condition, place, or position.
- 2. repair or renovate (a building, work of art, vehicle, etc.) so as to return it to its original condition.

## Questions from the Reading (Circle the best answer for each)

- 1. What is inside the snow globe that Santa Claus gives Buddy before he leaves?
- A. A Narwhal
- B. Candy Canes
- C. New York City
- D. A Picture of Mrs. Claus
- 2. Where does Buddy's real Father work?
- A. On the NYC Subway
- B. The Empire State Building
- C. The North Pole
- D. Chrysler Building
- 3. What is the name of the book with the missing pages?
- A. Buddy the Elf goes to NYC!
- B. Charlie, the Christmas Hedgehog
- C. Cotton Headed Ninny Muggins
- D. Jingles, The Jolly Christmas Puppy
- 4. Who does Buddy get mistaken as when he walks into Macy's?
- A. Corporate Employee
- B. A real Elf
- C. Santa Claus
- D. The owner of Macy's
- 5. Buddy promises to take Jovie to a famous restaurant in NYC named?
- A. Katz's Delicatessen
- B. Balthazar
- C. Tavern on the Green
- D. Elle's Stardust Diner

## **Math Problems**

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1. Buddy has a bag of RED and GREEN marbles. There are a total of 21 marbles! If 8 of the marbles are GREEN, how many RED ones are there?
2. Walter Hobbs works all the time. He once had 8 meetings in 1 day! If he works 8 hours a day, how much time does he have to spend in each meeting?
3. If Buddy and Jovie get married on December 25, 2021, what year will it be when they celebrate 25 years of marriage?
4. It costs \$2.75 for one ride on the New York City Subway Train. How much money would Buddy need if he had to take 5 trips on the train?
5. Mrs. Claus baked 3 trays of 36 gingerbread cookies total. After she decorated all 36 cookies, she evenly split the cookies into 4 bags. How many gingerbread cookies did Mrs. Claus place in each bag?
Word Jumble
1. HANTAANMT
2. CONNLLI ENNUTL
3. CASMY
4. WONS BOGLE
5. HARANLW

## **Word Search**

Paper Shredder - New York City - Naughty - Nice - Sleigh - Empire State Building - Sparkle - Jolly - Twinkle -Jingle - North Pole - Candy cane

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# **ANSWER KEY**

# Answer Key Reading Questions

1. C

2. B

3. D

4. A

5. C

## **Math Questions**

1. 13 RED Marbles

2.1 Hour

3. 2046

4. \$13.75

5.9

## **Word Jumble**

1. Manhattan

2. Lincoln Tunnel

3. Macys

4. Snow Globe

5. Narwhal

## **Word Search**

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### **State Standards Covered**

1.OA.1 Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart and comparing, with unknowns in all positions, e.g., by using objects, drawings, and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem.

RL.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

SL.1.2 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented in various media and other formats (e.g., orally). (After watching the production)

L.1.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 1 reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.