

CAST PERFORMER

Ned
Farmer
Squirrel
Mouse
Robin
Cat 1
Cat 2
Cook 1
Cook 2
Cook 3
Cook 4
Shopkeeper

TOYS...

Clown
Ballerina
Toy soldier
Robot
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Santa
Rudolph
Reindeer 2
Reindeer 3
Reindeer 4
Reindeer 5
Reindeer 6
Child 1
Child 2
Mary
Joseph
Shepherd 1
Shepherd 2
Shepherd 3

CAST PERFORMER

Wise man 1
Wise man 2
Wise man 3
Angel 1
Angel 2
Angel 3
Angel 4
Angel 5
Angel 6
Angel 7
Angel 8
Child reader 1
Child reader 2
Child reader 3
Child reader 4
Child reader 5
Child reader 6
Child reader 7
Narrator 1
Narrator 2
Narrator 3
Narrator 4
Narrator 5
Narrator 6
Narrator 7
Narrator 8
Narrator 9
Narrator 10
Narrator 11
Narrator 12
Narrator 13
Narrator 14
Narrator 15

Script for the children's musical
NED'S CHRISTMAS DISCOVERY

(Squirrel, Robin, Mouse, Ned and optional daisies on stage.)

Narrator 1: Every day was much the same for Ned. *(Ned to wander around the stage.)* He lived quite happily in a large field with trees to shelter under when it rained, daisies to roll in during the summer and a warm shed for cold winter nights. But one day the farmer came to see him.

(Farmer enters stage.)

Farmer: We will soon need your help little Ned
I'm here to tell you why
Will you help out at Christmas please?
We really hope you'll try.

Narrator 2: Old Ned nodded his head and the farmer patted Ned's nose and gave him a carrot. But poor Ned had a problem now – he didn't know what Christmas was! *(Farmer off.)* As soon as the farmer had gone the other small animals that lived in the field with Ned gathered around him.

Ned: They need my help at Christmas
I'm as excited as can be.
If you know what Christmas is
Will you please tell me?

Squirrel: I think its eating nuts and food
That's what I like to do
If Christmas is filling up my tum *(Rub tummy)*
I think I'd enjoy it too.

Mouse: My cousin lives in a house in the town
He says it's all about toys
And books and dolls and other gifts
For all good girls and boys.

Robin: I've heard it's all about Santa Claus
Who rides through the sky on a sleigh
Pulled by reindeers galloping fast
To speed him on his way.

All: Oh really, little Robin
You do say some very odd things
Who ever heard of reindeers that fly?
They do not even have wings!

Ned: I wonder what they want ME for
I really want to know,
I'm going to search for Christmas
And then I'll let you know.

All animals: He wonders what they want him for
He really wants to know,
He's going to search for Christmas
And then he'll let us know.

SONG 1: ARE YOU READY LITTLE NEDDY?

Ned: Goodbye. *(Ned to walk around, cats enter stage.)*

Narrator 3: So Ned trotted off toward the town to find Christmas. Soon Ned found himself near a big house and there he met some cats.

Ned: Hello, they need my help at Christmas
I'm as excited as can be,
If you know what Christmas is
Will you please tell me?

Cat 1: Christmas is in my kitchen
I don't like it in there
It's hustle and bustle and lots of noise
And flour in your hair!

Cat 2: They trod on my tail three times
And now they've kicked me out,
I wouldn't go in there if I were you
If that's what Christmas is all about!

Ned: But they need my help at Christmas
They might be waiting for me
So I think I'll have a little look
I think I'd better see.

(Cats wave and leave stage.)

Narrator 4: So Ned said goodbye to the cat and went into the kitchen. *(Chefs on.)* It was true – it was very hot and steamy inside. Everyone was busy making puddings and pies and preparing all sorts of food for Christmas Day.

(Optional children dressed as food could enter.)

SONG 2: CHRISTMAS DINNER

(Chefs wave a rolling pin or wooden spoon at Ned as they see him in the open doorway and he hurries away. Optional food and chefs leave.)

Ned: Oh dear! Oh dear!
I didn't like that one bit.
If that's what Christmas is all about
I don't want anything to do with it.

(Robin on.)

Robin: Did you find out what Christmas is?
Is it in that place?
Did you see reindeers flying about
Very high up in space?

Narrator 5: Ned shook his head – He hadn't found out about Christmas, but he knew this much, that Christmas wasn't food! *(Robin off.)* He walked on sadly and arrived in the town just as all the shoppers were making their way home. *(Toys on stage.)* The shops looked warm and inviting and Ned couldn't resist looking inside.

SONG 3: WE ARE THE TOYS

Ned: They need my help at Christmas
I'm as excited as can be
If you know what Christmas is
Will you please tell me?

Clown: Some people say that Christmas
Is all about lots of toys
That people buy as presents
For all good girls and boys.

Ballerina: But we're the ones that no one wants
People bought all the Christmas toys
One thing is very certain
Christmas isn't toys.

(Shop keeper enters stage and talks to Ned.)

Shopkeeper: Come along young fellow
You don't belong here.
It's high time I was shutting up shop
I hope your home is near.

(Shopkeeper and toys leave stage.)