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A CHRISTMAS CAROL By David van Belle, based on the novella by Charles Dickens

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL VIDEO SCAVENGER HUNT

 Count the Humbugs! How many times does any character say "humbug"? What do you think a humbug looks like? (draw)

- 2. Count the Merry Christmases! How many times does a character say "Merry Christmas"?
- 3. Charles Dickens invented the word 'scrooge' when naming Ebenezer Scrooge. It has come to mean 'a miserly person'. Can you think of some examples when Mr. Scrooge earns his name?

4. What is Mrs. Cratchit's first name?

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- 5. How many Cratchit children are there? Can you name them all?
- 6. How long does it take for Mr. Fezziwig to cry during his holiday speech?
- 7. Many actors play dual roles, where the same actor plays multiple characters. Can you spot them?

8. Ears open! Which Christmas carols can you hear? What is your favourite holiday song?

9. How long ago did Jacob Marley pass away when he visits Mr. Scrooge?

10. How many spirits visit Scrooge on Christmas Eve?

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- 11. What is the name of Ebenezer's sister?
- 12. What gift does Scrooge's sister give him?
- 13. Where was Ebenezer Scrooge's first job?
- 14. What colour is Belle's dress at the Fezziwig Christmas party? What do you like to wear to parties? (draw)

- 15. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's department store?
- 16. How are Fred and Ebenezer related?
- 17. How many presents are behind the Ghost of Christmas Present when we first meet him?



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DIG DEEPER THEATRE QUESTIONS

1. This is a film adaptation of our live production of *A Christmas Carol.* Would you prefer being an actor on film, or on stage? Why?

2. Artists working on a stage production or film set are often under a lot of pressure. What is one thing you do to calm your nerves when you feel anxious?

3. Our design team used a puppet for the Ghost Of Christmas Yet To Come. Why do you think that choice was made?

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4. If you could pick a different character to be a puppet on stage, which character would it be? Why?

- 5. A Christmas Carol usually takes place in the 1800's, but in our production the story has been adapted to be in the 1950's. Put on your adaptation hat, and form an outline for how you would change the story of A Christmas Carol.
 - What would you choose for the setting?
 - What time period would you choose?
 - Who/what would represent the character of Scrooge?
 - Who/what would represent the character of Tim?
 - What excites you about your adaptation?

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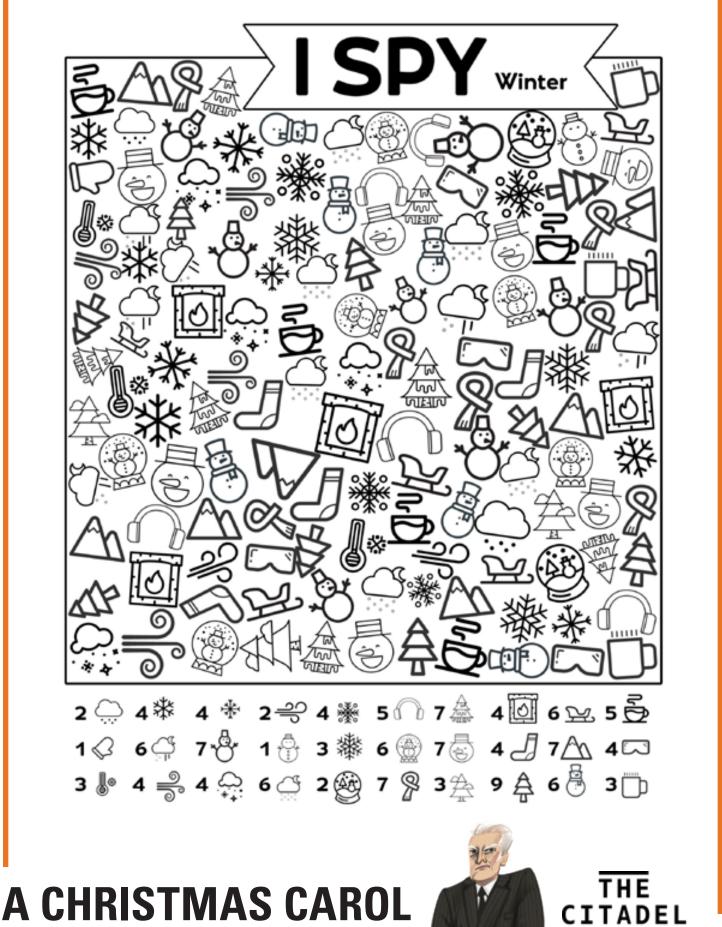
A Christmas Carol Word Search

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SANTA CLAUS	CHRISTMAS	FEZZIWIG
PRESENT	SCROOGE	COOKIES
STORE	MERRY	HUMBUG
MILK	DICKENS	GHOST
TOY	MARLEY	CANDY
	PRESENT STORE MILK	PRESENT SCROOGE STORE MERRY MILK DICKENS

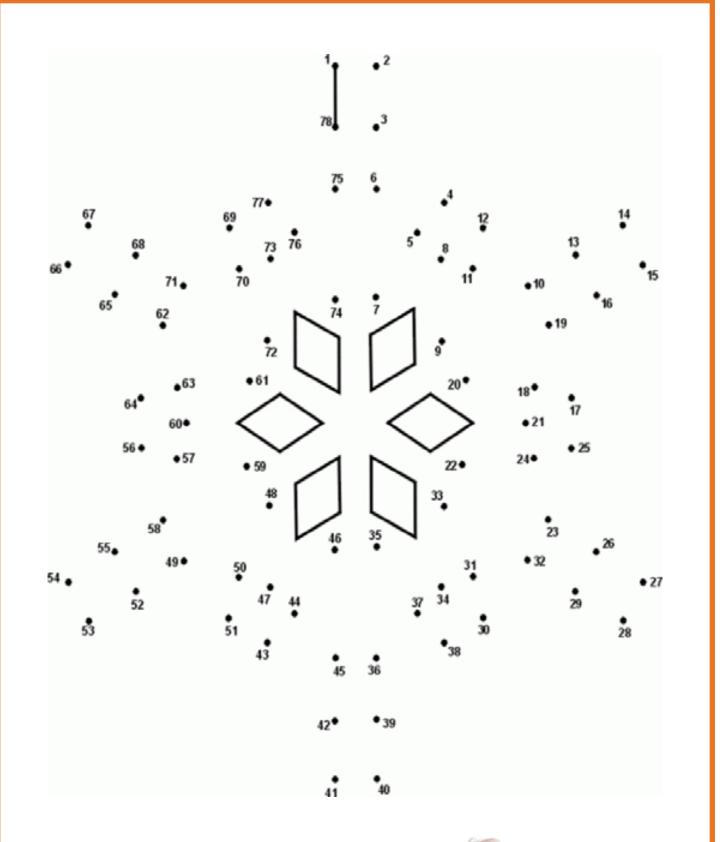
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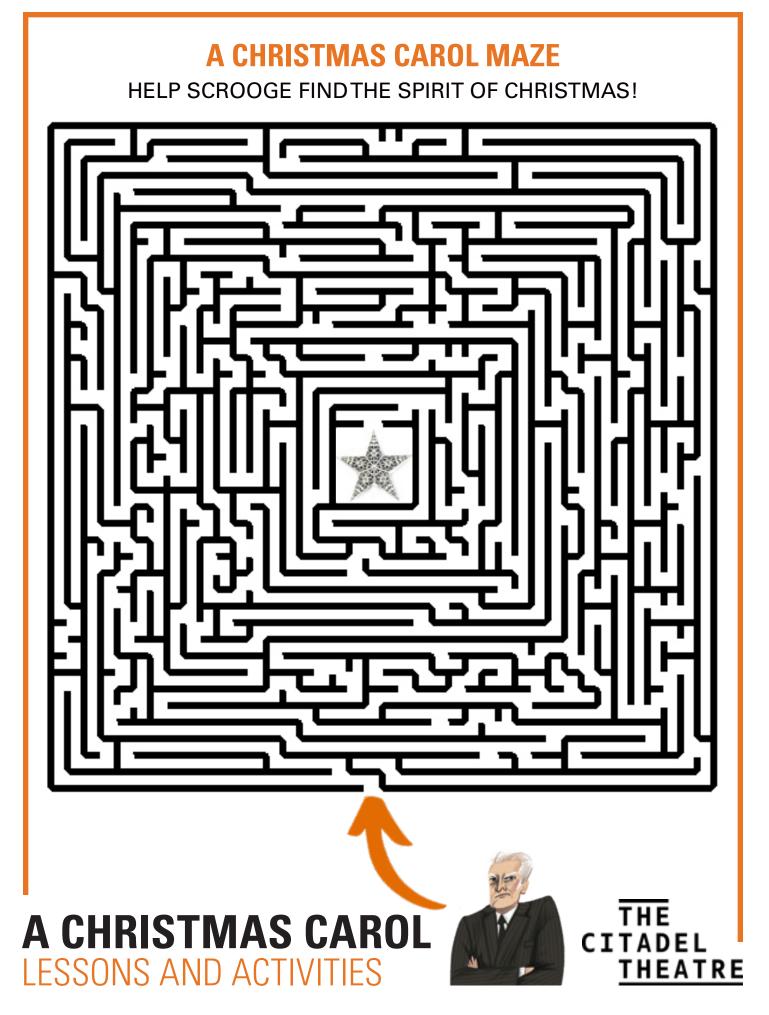


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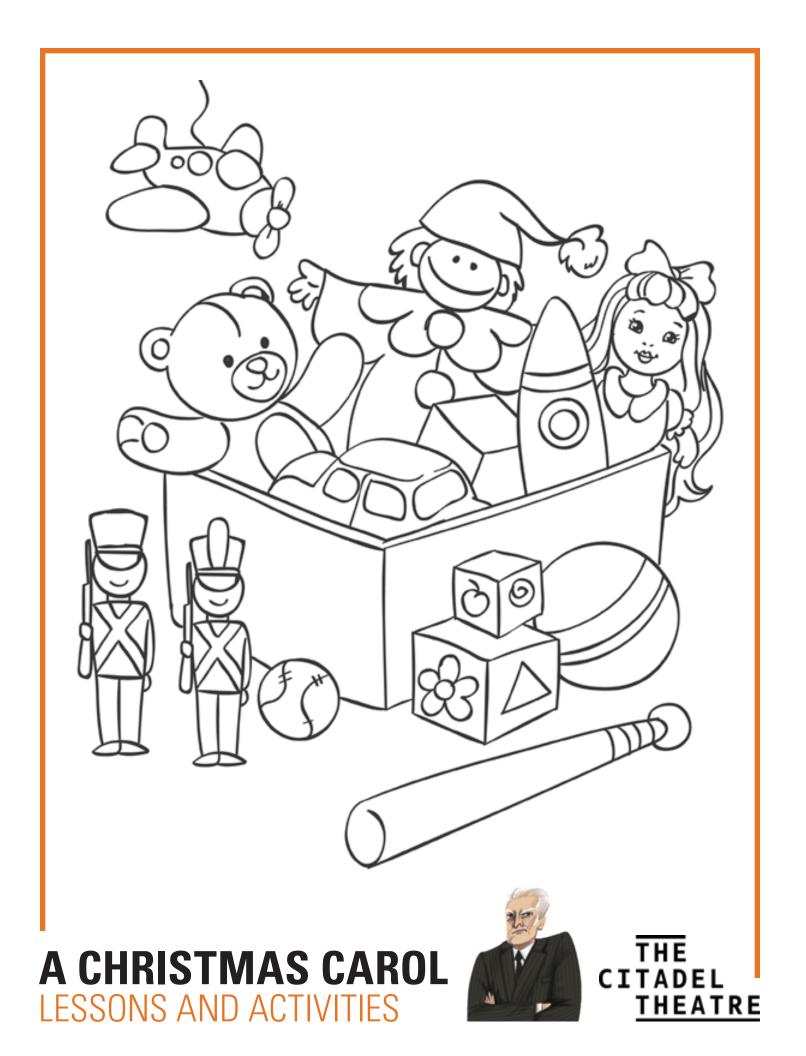














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ANSWER KEYS



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- 1. 12
- 2. 37 spoken "Merry Christmas", 7 sung "Merry Christmas"
- 3. To name only a few:
 - Fires an employee on Christmas Eve for not displaying nutcrackers in most profitable way.
 - Money is the most important part of the season
 - Disparages Fred for not marrying for money
 - Won't give Mrs. Cratchit a day off to spend Christmas with her family even though store is closed.
- 4. Emily
- 5. 5, Peter, Susan, Belinda, Nancy, and Tim. Fun Fact: the original work has 6 Cratchit children, the film is missing the eldest daughter, Martha.
- 6. 23 seconds
- 7. Examples:
 - Ghost of Christmas Present/Santa Claus
 - Mrs. Dilber/Salvation Army Bell Ringer
 - Belle/Party Guest
- 8. There are 11 total holiday songs. 9 in the play, 1 in the beginning narration, and 1 in the credits.
 - Carol of the Bells
 - It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year
 - Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
 - White Christmas
 - I'll Be Home for Christmas
 - I told Santa to Bring Me You
 - It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas
 - O Little Town of Bethlehem
 - I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas
 - Holly Jolly Christmas
 - O Christmas Tree
- 9. 7 years
- 10.3 (Or 4 if you count Jacob Marley)
- 11. Fanny
- 12. A star tree topper
- 13. Fezziwig's Department Store
- 14. Blue
- 15. Marley's Department Store
- 16. Fred is Ebenzer's nephew.
- 17. 30

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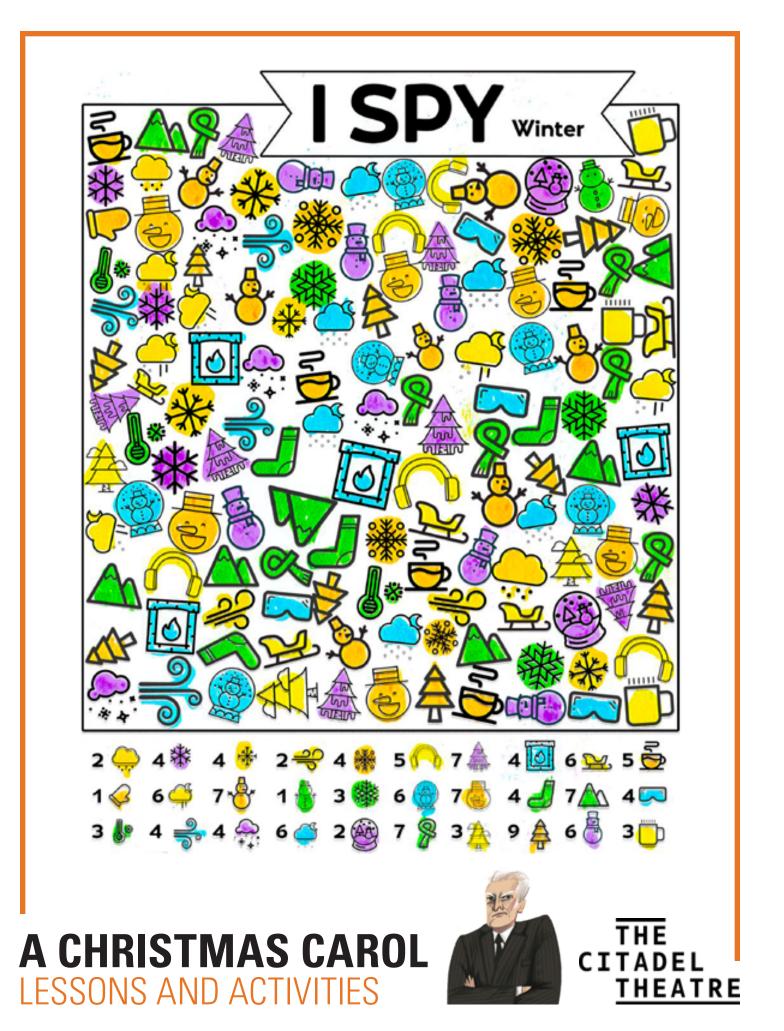


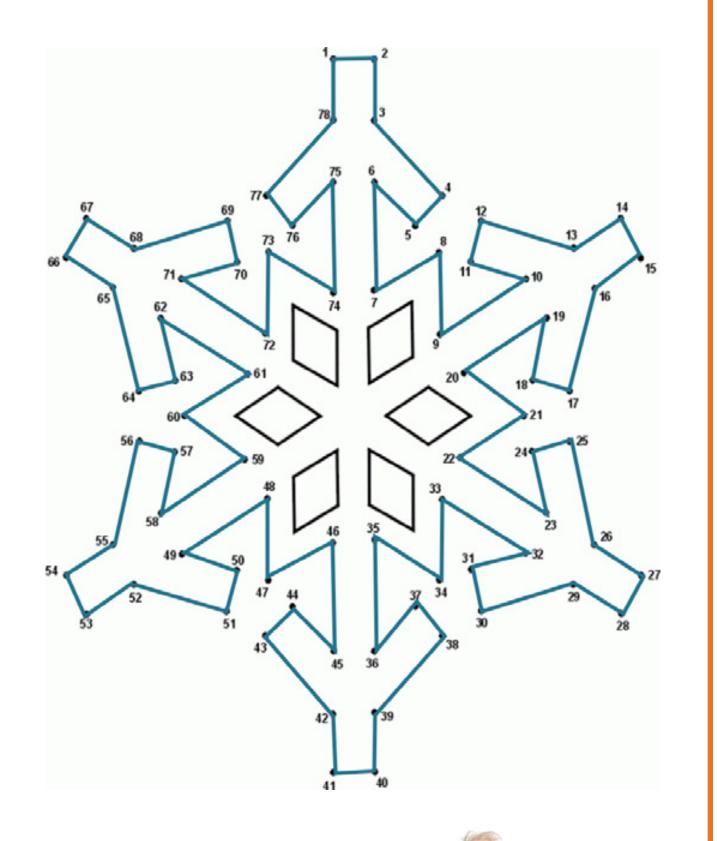
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CRATCHIT	PRESENT	SCROOGE	COOKIES
TURKEY	STORE	MERRY	HUMBUG
CAROL	MILK	DICKENS	GHOST
STAR	TOY	MARLEY	CANDY

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