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

LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES
A CHRISTMAS CAROL VIDEO SCAVENGER HUNT

1. 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?
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?
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?
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?
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?
A Christmas Carol Word Search

IBSZBEOPXYUGALGHOSTP
CMJLODVEWSVCTTGPEMSJ
FJPRESIENTPAACIEBOOVX
VERIMHDLAZTNHRBJTLUE
LNZTDQPIRKBDTQAMKTTX
QUWZSLSJCCAYHAWTOOTH
EQWHITHSMKDXCICYFP
NNHFNWLSCKEQYUELPHYG
STAPUSIHPHSNRMRMAJIA
PJGMDTZGOTRCSCUFFEUT
WZRACISSSTARIRIRXFRSBS
ESYRRHWPHCNJGRL
FGCLABQDYURCUTOKYDTY
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CTRYKIOUKBOMXRHAEGUM
QROJERVVMUOIRKWPSEQYF
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TRRIEWJSVAIKTGDADKMS
NTDVBBMUPAESIIVAQYTO
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NUTCRACKER SANTA CLAUS CHRISTMAS FEZZIWIG
CRATCHIT PRESENT SCROOGE COOKIES
TURKEY STORE MERRY HUMBUG
CAROL MILK DICKENS GHOST
STAR TOY MARLEY CANDY

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ANSWER KEYS
SCAVENGER HUNT ANSWER KEY

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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CRATCHIT  PRESENT  SCROOGE  COOKIES
TURKEY  STORE  MERRY  HUMBUG
CAROL  MILK  DICKENS  GHOST
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