Christmas Script – Family Production

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Adapted from the book by Theodor Seuss Geisel

Characters

(Write the names of each person alongside the character they are going to play)

The Grinch:
Who 1:
Who 2:
Cindy-Lou Who:

Costumes

The Grinch: Dress in green clothes and change into a Santa Claus suit and hat.

Who 1: Dress in brightly coloured clothes and colour your cheeks in with lipstick or blush to make two rosy circles. Carries a book as a prop to narrate the story.

Who 2: Dress in brightly coloured clothes and colour your cheeks in with lipstick or blush to make two rosy circles. Carries a book as a prop to narrate the story.

Cindy-Lou Who: Dress in pyjamas carrying a bear or toy as a prop.

Setting Suggestions

There will be two sets to stage the play. Divide the lounge room in half with a lounge or chairs. One side will be the Grinch’s cave and on the other will be inside the Who’s home. Throw a sheet over the lounge so it looks like a mountain. Also put a dark coloured blanket and cushions on the ground to make it look like a gloomy cave. Inside the Who’s home there should be a Christmas tree with presents underneath and stockings hanging. You can use socks if you don’t have stockings. Set up some chairs for the audience and you are ready to go.
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(The Grinch is in his cave looking angrily at the Whos in their homes. Cindy-Lou Who is sitting under the tree playing with her toy - looking excited. Who 1 and Who 2 start talking to the audience. Who 1 stands next to the cave and Who 2 stands next to the Who house)

**ALL:** Every Who down in Who-ville Liked Christmas a lot...

**Who 1:** But the Grinch, who lived just north of Who-ville, Did NOT!

**Who 2:** The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season! Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason.

**Who 1:** It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.

**Who 2:** It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight.

**Who 1:** But I think that the most likely reason of all...

**Who 1:** May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.

**Who 2:** But, whatever the reason, His heart or his shoes, He stood there on Christmas Eve, hating the Whos.

**Who 1:** Staring down from his cave with a sour, Grinchy frown at the warm lighted windows below in their town. For he knew every Who down in Who-ville beneath Was busy now, hanging a mistletoe wreath.

**Grinch:** And they're hanging their stockings!

**Who 2:** he snarled with a sneer,

**Grinch:** Tomorrow is Christmas! It's practically here!

**Who 2:** Then he growled, with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming,

**Grinch:** I MUST find some way to stop Christmas from coming!

**Who 1:** For, tomorrow, he knew ... All the Who girls and boys would wake bright and early. They’d rush for their toys! And then!

**Who 2:** Oh, the noise! Oh, the Noise! Noise! Noise! Noise!

**Who 1:** That's one thing he hated!
Who 2: The NOISE! NOISE! NOISE! NOISE!

Who 1: Then the Whos, young and old, would sit down to a feast.

Who 2: And they’d feast!

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Who 1: They would feast on Who-pudding, and rare Who-roast beast

Who 2: Which was something the Grinch couldn’t stand in the least!

Who 1: And THEN They’d do something He liked least of all!

Who 1: Every Who down in Who-ville, the tall and the small, Would stand close together, with Christmas bells ringing. They’d stand hand-in-hand.

Who 2: And the Whos would start singing!

Who 2: They’d sing!

Who 2: And they’d sing!

Who 2: And they’d SING!

Who 2: SING!

Who 2: SING!

Who 2: SING!

Who 1: And the more the Grinch thought of this Who-Christmas-Sing, the more
the Grinch thought ...

**Grinch:** I must stop this whole thing! Why, for fifty-three years I've put up with it now! I MUST stop this Christmas from coming! ...But HOW?

**Who 2:** Then he got an idea!

**Who 1:** An awful idea!

**ALL:** THE GRINCH GOT A WONDERFUL, AWFUL IDEA!

**Grinch:** I know just what to do!

**Who 2:** The Grinch laughed in his throat.

(The Grinch grabs his Santa Claus hat and coat. While Cindy-Lou Who is getting into bed.)

**Who 1:** And he made a quick Santy Claus hat and a coat.

**Who 2:** And he chuckled, and clucked,

**Grinch:** What a great Grinchy trick! With this coat and this hat, I look just like Saint Nick! All I need is a reindeer...

**Who 2:** The Grinch looked around. But, since reindeer are scarce, there was none to be found.

**Who 1:** Did that stop the old Grinch...?

**Grinch:** No!

**Who 1:** The Grinch simply said

**Grinch:** If I can't find a reindeer, I'll make one instead!

**Who 2:** So he called his dog, Max.

**Who 2:** Then he took some red thread. And he tied a big horn on the top of his head.

**Who 1:** THEN He loaded some bags
**Who 1:** And some old empty sacks

**Who 1:** On a ramshackle sleigh

**Who 1:** And he hitched up old Max.

**Who 2:** Then the Grinch said

**Grinch:** Giddap!

*(The Grinch holds the imaginary reigns and gallops past the mountain until he arrives outside the Who house and peeks inside)*

**Who 2:** And the sleigh started down toward the homes where the Whos lay a-snooze in their town.

**Who 1:** All their windows were dark. Quiet snow filled the air.

**Who 2:** All the Whos were all dreaming sweet dreams without care

**Who 1:** When he came to the first little house on the square.

**Grinch:** This is stop number one

**Who 1:** The old Grinchy Claus hissed

**Who 1:** And he climbed to the roof, empty bags in his fist.

**Who 2:** Then he slid down the chimney. A rather tight pinch.

**Who 2:** But, if Santa could do it

**Who 1:** then so could the Grinch

**Who 1:** He got stuck only once, for a moment or two.

**Who 1:** Then he stuck his head out of the fireplace flue where the little Who stockings all hung in a row.

**Grinch:** These stockings

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Who 2: he grinned

Grinch: are the first things to go!

Who 2: Then he slithered and slunk, with a smile most unpleasant,

Who 2: Around the whole room, and he took every present!

Who 1: Pop guns!

Who 2: And bicycles!

Who 1: Roller skates!

Who 2: Drums!

Who 1: Checkerboards!

Who 2: Tricycles!

Who 1: Popcorn!

Who 2: And plums!

Who 1: And he stuffed them in bags.

Who 2: Then the Grinch, very nimbly, Stuffed all the bags, one by one, up the chimbley!

Who 2: Then he slunk to the icebox.

Who 2: He took the Whos' feast!

Who 2: He took the Who-pudding!

Who 2: He took the roast beast!

Who 1: He cleaned out that icebox as quick as a flash.

Who 1: Why, that Grinch even took their last can of Who-hash!
Who 1: Then he stuffed all the food up the chimney with glee.

Grinch: And NOW!

Who 2: grinned the Grinch

Grinch: I will stuff up the tree!

Who 2: And the Grinch grabbed the tree, and he started to shove

(Cindy-Lou Who comes walking up behind the Grinch rubbing her eyes)

Who 2: When he heard a small sound like the coo of a dove.

Who 1: He turned around fast, and he saw a small Who!

Who 1: Little Cindy-Lou Who

Who 1: who was not more than two.

Who 2: The Grinch had been caught by this tiny Who daughter who'd got out of bed for a cup of cold water.

Who 1: She stared at the Grinch and said

Cindy-Lou Who: Santy Claus, why? Why are you taking our Christmas tree? WHY?

Who 2: But, you know, that old Grinch was so smart and so slick. He thought up a lie,

Who 2: he thought it up quick!

Grinch: Why, my sweet little tot

Who 1: the fake Santy Claus lied

Grinch: There's a light on this tree that won't light on one side. So I'm taking it home to my workshop, my dear. I'll fix it up there. Then I'll bring it back here.

Who 1: And his fib fooled the child.
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Who 1: Then he patted her head and he got her a drink and he sent her to bed.

Who 2: And when Cindy-Lou Who went to bed with her cup, HE went to the chimney and stuffed the tree up!

Who 1: Then the last thing he took was the log for their fire!

Who 1: Then he went up the chimney, himself, the old liar.

Who 2: On their walls he left nothing but hooks and some wire.

Who 2:: And the one speck of food that he left in the house was a crumb that was even too small for a mouse.

(The Grinch runs sneakily around the town from side to side. Then picks up his stolen goods and rides the sleigh back up the mountain)

Who 1: Then He did the same thing to the other Whos’ houses.

Who 2: Leaving crumbs much too small For the other Whos’ mouses!

Who 1: It was quarter past dawn...

Who 2: All the Whos, still a-bed,

Who 1: All the Whos, still a-snooze

Who 2: When he packed up his sled

Who 1: Packed it up with their presents!

Who 1: The ribbons!

Who 1: The wrappings!

Who 1: The tags!

Who 1: And the tinsel!

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Who 2: The trimmings!

Who 2: The trappings!

Who 2: Three thousand feet up!

Who 1: Up the side of Mt. Crumpit

Who 1: He rode with his load to the tiptop to dump it!

Grinch: Pooh-Pooh to the Whos!

Who 2: he was grinch-ish-ly humming

Grinch: They’re finding out now that no Christmas is coming! They’re just waking up! I know just what they’ll do! Their mouths will hang open a minute or two then the Whos down in Who-ville will all cry Boo-Hoo! That’s a noise

Who 2: grinned the Grinch

(As the Grinch listens for the sad sounds in Whoville all the Whos are gathered together, holding hands they start singing ‘We wish you a Merry Christmas’)

Grinch: That I simply MUST hear!

Who 1: So he paused. And the Grinch put his hand to his ear. And he did hear a sound rising over the snow.

Who 2: It started in low.

Who 1: Then it started to grow...

Who 2: But the sound wasn’t sad!

Who 1: Why, this sound sounded merry!

Who 2: It couldn’t be so!

Who 1: But it WAS merry!

ALL: VERY!
Who 2: He stared down at Who-ville!

Who 2: The Grinch popped his eyes!

Who 2: Then he shook!

Who 1: What he saw was a shocking surprise!

Who 2: Every Who down in Who-ville, the tall and the small, was singing!

Who 1: Without any presents at all!

Who 2: He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! It came!

Who 2: Somehow or other, it came just the same!

Who 1: And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow,

Who 1: Stood puzzling and puzzling

**Grinch:** How could it be so? It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!

Who 2: And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.

Who 2: Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!

**Grinch:** Maybe Christmas

Who 1: he thought

**Grinch:** doesn’t come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!

Who 2: And what happened then...?

Who 1: Well...in Who-ville they say that the Grinch’s small heart Grew three sizes that day!

Who 2: And the minute his heart didn’t feel quite so tight, he whizzed with his
load through the bright morning light

Who 2: And he brought back the toys!

Who 1: And the food for the feast!

Who 2: And he...

Who 1: HE HIMSELF...!

Who 2: The Grinch carved the roast beast!