

# WINTER SONGS

DIVIDE THE GROUP INTO FOUR SMALLER GROUPS AND ASSIGN EACH GROUP ONE OF THE WORDS LISTED BELOW. READ THE STORY. AFTER EACH OF THE WORDS IS READ PAUSE FOR THE GROUP TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

**SANTA** "JOLLY OLD SAINT NICHOLAS"  
**WINTER** "DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW"  
**SLEIGH** "SLEIGH BELLS RING, ARE YOU LISTENING"  
**REINDEER** "RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER"

ONCE UPON A TUNE, ON A COLD, DARK **WINTER**\_\_ NIGHT, **SANTA**\_\_ SAT IN HIS WORKSHOP TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO. HIS **SLEIGH**\_\_ HAD A BROKEN RUNNER, HIS ELVES WERE BEHIND SCHEDULE ON TOY PRODUCTION, HIS **REINDEER**\_\_ WERE SUFFERING FROM LACK OF EXERCISE AND THEY WERE WEAK, AND HE, **SANTA**\_\_, HAD A COLD. WITH CHRISTMAS ONLY DAYS AWAY, AND THE **WINTER**\_\_ WEATHER COLD, AND SNOWY, **SANTA**\_\_ WAS SO DEPRESSED. RUDOLPH, HIS MOST FAMOUS **REINDEER**\_\_, WAS UNABLE TO GET HIS NOSE RECHARGED, SO THAT IT BARELY GLOWED AT ALL.

IN A PRACTICE RUN, THE **SLEIGH**\_\_ WITH THE BROKEN RUNNER SCARCELY GOT OFF THE GROUND. WITH THE TOYS TO MAKE, THE ELVES WERE STOPPING EARLY TO WATCH THE POWER RANGERS. "GOODNESS ME!" CRIED **SANTA**\_\_. "HOW WILL I EVER GET EVERYTHING COMPLETE BY CHRISTMAS EVE?"

OUT OF THE COLD **WINTER**\_\_ NIGHT, TRUDGED A COLD, HUNGRY OLD MAN. "**SANTA**\_\_," CRIED THE COLD, OLD, HUNGRY MAN. "IF YOU WILL GIVE ME A HOT MEAL AND A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP, I'LL FIX YOUR **SLEIGH**\_\_, CURE YOUR **REINDEER**\_\_, FIX RUDOLPH'S NOSE AND GET THE ELVES TO WORK FASTER." **SANTA**\_\_ QUICKLY AGREED. AFTER THEY HAD EATEN AND A NICE NIGHT'S SLEEP, THE OLD MAN WENT TO WORK.

FIRST, HE PLUGGED THE NOSE OF RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED **REINDEER**\_\_ INTO THE TELEVISION SET. THIS CHARGED RUDOLPH'S NOSE SO THAT IT GLOWED MORE BRIGHTLY THAN EVER, AND IT ALSO BLEW A FUSE ON THE TV SET. THIS ENABLED THE ELVES TO WORK LATER, SINCE THEY COULDN'T WATCH THE POWER RANGERS. THEY QUICKLY CAUGHT UP TO SCHEDULE. IN THE MEANTIME, THE OLD MAN USED PARTS OF THE TV SET CHASSIS TO FIX THE RUNNER ON THE **SLEIGH**\_\_. THE **REINDEER**\_\_, NOT ABLE TO WATCH TV, BEGAN TO RUN IN THE SNOW, AND QUICKLY REGAINED THEIR STRENGTH. **SANTA**\_\_ SLEPT BETTER AND GOT RID OF HIS COLD.

BECAUSE AN OLD MAN KNOW THE TRUE VALUE OF THE TV, EVERYTHING WAS READY AND ON DECEMBER 24TH **SANTA**\_\_ HITCHED HIS **REINDEER**\_\_ TO THE **SLEIGH**\_\_ AND RODE OFF INTO THE **WINTER**\_\_ SKY!