

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Study Guide

Pre Performance Activities

About the Show...

Mr. Twinkle wants to open a shoe shop, but there is one problem. He doesn't know how to make shoes! Join us in this fun filled musical as Mr. Twinkle meets some very magical elves and learns a lesson or two! Based on the well known fairy tale, *The Elves and the Shoemaker* is packed with sing-alongs, lots of audience participation and is sure to delight young and old alike!

Talk About the Theatre...

1. Discuss going to a live show with your class.
2. Why is going to the theatre different than watching TV?
3. Since there are other people seated all around us, how should we behave in the theatre? Why?

Song List...

Get ready for the sing-a-longs by practicing the following holiday tunes!

Jingle Bells
Deck The Halls
This Little Light of Mine
Frosty the Snowman
Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer
The Hokey Pokey
Jingle Bell Rock

Vocabulary List...

Choose the appropriate vocab. words for you class:

Twinkle	Please	Be
Shoe	Winter	So
Story	Dream	Happy
Nice	Gift	With
Land	Window	Feet
Shop	Grand	Hand
How	Bed	Yes
Art	Cut	Size
Lace	String	Try
Wife	Pair	One
Cottage	Learn	All
Sing	Glad	Bad

Vocabulary Activities...

1. Ask the students to find rhyming words in the list.
2. Ask the students to make sentences with the list.
3. For older classes, ask the students to use the vocabulary list to write their own story.
4. Have a spelling bee with the list.
5. Put the list in alphabetical order.
6. Make a word search with the list.

Read...

Read the fairy tale, *The Elves and the Shoemaker* to your class.

Post Performance Activities

Discussion Questions...

1. What were the names of the elves?
Nate and Natalie
2. What is a cobbler?
A person that makes shoes
3. Why couldn't Mr. Twinkle make shoes?
Because he didn't know how
4. What was Mrs. Twinkle's name?
Maryanne
5. What was Mr. Twinkle's dream?
To be a shoemaker
6. What kind of shoes did Nate and Natalie make for Mr. Twinkle?
Super Duper High Top Holiday Sneakers
7. What didn't Mrs. Twinkle believe?
That elves made the shoes
8. What did Mrs. Twinkle make for the elves?
New clothes
9. What happened to Mr. Twinkle's shop when the elves didn't come back?
He went out of business
10. Why did his shop go of business?
Because the elves were doing the work for him he still didn't know how to make shoes.
11. What was the gift that Nate and Natalie gave Mr. Twinkle?
A book
12. Why was the book such a wonderful present?
Because now Mr. Twinkle could make shoes and didn't have to depend on the elves anymore

Activities...

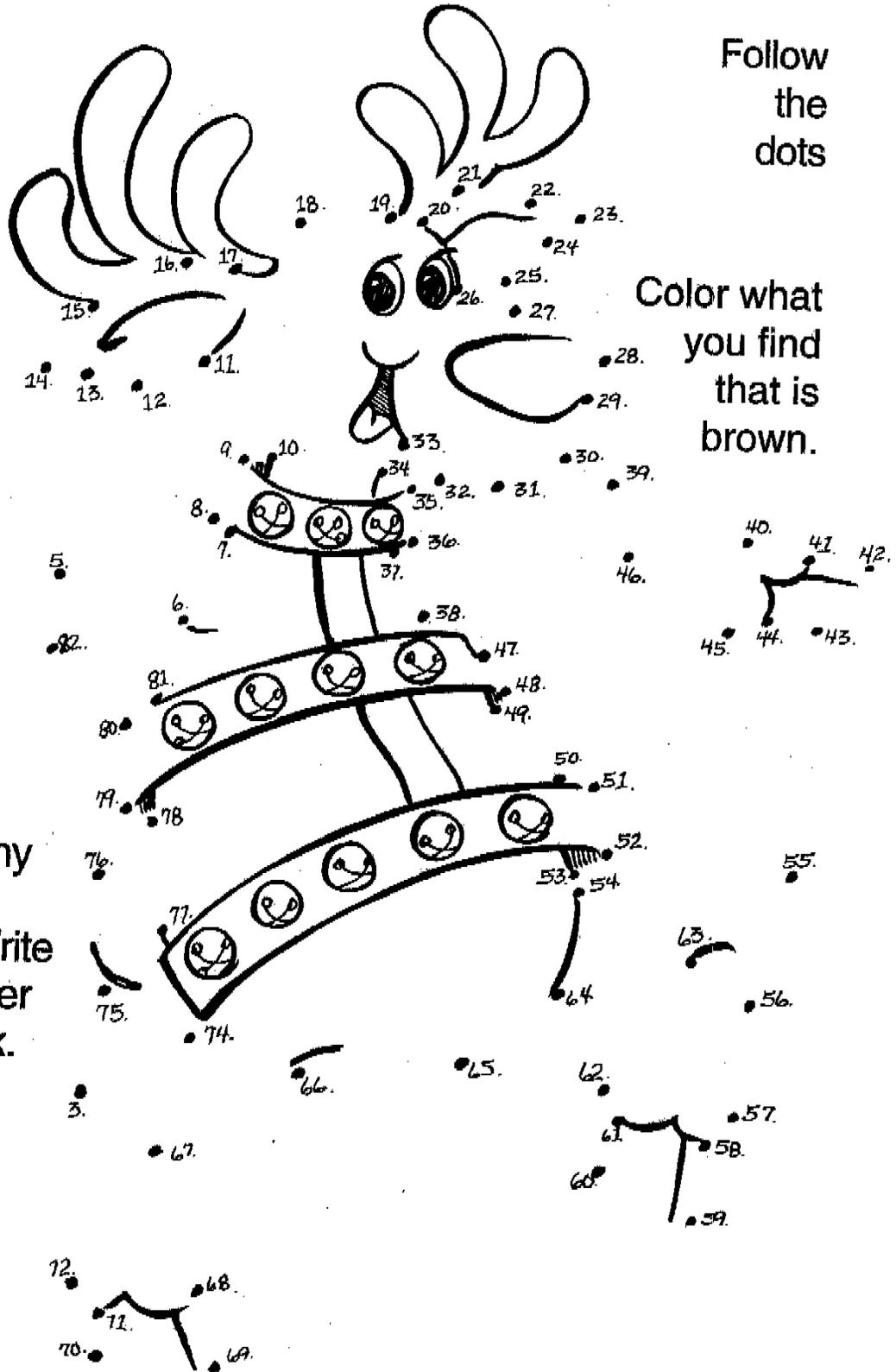
1. Go to the library and find a book on "how to do something" such as an art book or a craft book and see what new ideas you can find!
2. Draw a picture of your favorite scene or character in the show.
3. Recreate a scene in the show. For instance, the scene where Mr. Twinkle goes to sleep and the elves arrive for the first time, or the scene where Mr. And Mrs. Twinkle discover the elves.
4. Have a holiday party using new craft and recipe ideas from books that tell "How" to do something. Have fun!

Fun Pages...

Have fun with the following coloring and activity pages!

Follow
the
dots

Color what
you find
that is
brown.



How many
bells are
there? Write
the answer
in the box.

Answer: 12



Count the
snowmen.
Circle the
two that
are alike.

