

Create your own epic traditional Christmas story

Things they can do on their own

Ages: 7+ | Activity type: Unsupervised | Prep time: 5 mins | Activity time: 1+ hours | Cost and materials: £££

Write your own

Christmas story

Materials: Paper, pens, coloured pencils



Write or draw a Christmas story of your own and see how it might look as a movie storyboard!

By using the steps below, you can write a movie script or create a storyboard that you could cast a range of Christmas characters in. Choose a lead character like Rudolph, an Elf or even Santa himself – or create a new one of your own. Then write a story by answering the questions below.

- 1: Where does the story begin?**
Try describing them at home or somewhere comfortable.
- 2: What does your main character need?**
Maybe they've lost something or something breaks.
- 3: Where do they need to go to get the thing they need?**
Maybe it's far away or in a difficult to reach place.
- 4: What difficulties do they have getting to the place?**
There could be physical things blocking the way or other characters stopping them.
- 5: Where do they end up finding the thing they need?**
Maybe it was hidden away somewhere or they found it in a different place.
- 6: What do they have to do to get the thing they need?**
They might need to spend some money or strike a bargain with someone.
- 7: How do they feel now they've found what they need?**
Are they happy, tired or filled with Christmas cheer?
- 8: What happens when they get home?**
Maybe there's someone there to meet them, or something new that happens when they fix a broken item.

Once you've got answers to the steps above, you could write it out as a story or show how it might look as a movie. To create a film strip you could fold a sheet of paper twice in half to get 8 panels. Then you can use each one of the panels to draw how the scenes in the film might look.

Design an attention-grabbing

Movie poster

Materials: Paper, pens, coloured pencils

Make a poster for your movie!

Once you've created your story and either written or drawn it out, you could create a poster or a book cover for the story.

When creating your poster, think about:

- **The title of your story**
- **The hero and how they might look**
- **What's the main message of your film or story?**