

Christmas Recipe

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CHORUS ACTIONS
appear in boxed text
throughout the script.

A CHRISTMAS RECIPE (instrumental) (© Track 16)

[Enter CAT, speaking while moving to D/Stage Centre.]

CAT *(waving)* Miaow! Hello!

ALL Hello cat!

[Enter DOG, speaking while moving to join CAT.]

DOG *(waving)* Woof, woof! Woof! Hello!

ALL Hello dog!

CAT Have you seen the cook?

ALL No!

DOG Are you sure you haven't seen her?

ALL Quite sure!

CAT / DOG That's a pity!

ALL Why?

CAT / DOG 'Cos we like helping her to cook!

CHILD *(calling from position in choir)* Why don't you call her?

CAT / DOG What did you say?

CHILD *(louder, hand next to mouth)* Why don't you call her!

CAT / DOG Good idea! *(calls)* Cook? Cook?

ALL *(shouting)* Cook! Where are you?

[Enter COOK, with huge wooden spoon.]

COOK (crossly, as she enters) What is it? What's the matter?
ALL It's December!
COOK (joining CAT & DOG) I know it's December! What about it?
DOG / CAT We're feeling all Christmassy!
COOK (crossly) Well what do you want me to do about it?
DOG / CAT We want you to cook a special recipe!
COOK Which special recipe?
ALL (pointing to the recipe) The Christmas recipe!
COOK Oh that recipe! The recipe for a perfect Christmas!

A CHRISTMAS RECIPE

(© Track 1 / 16)

Clap on the beat

→ MAKE IT! (clap) BAKE IT! (clap)
TASTE IT! (clap) BASTE IT! (clap)

Stirring action

→ MIX IT! (clap) FIX IT! (clap)
A CHRISTMAS RECIPE! (repeat)

Rub tummies
Open out hands

→ LET'S COOK UP A CHRISTMAS TREAT
TO SHOW WHAT CHRISTMAS DAY'S ABOUT.
SOMETHING REALLY NICE AND SWEET.
IS THERE SOMETHING WE LEFT OUT?

Clap as before

→ MAKE IT! (clap) BAKE IT! (clap)
TASTE IT! (clap) BASTE IT! (clap)
MIX IT! (clap) FIX IT! (clap)
A CHRISTMAS RECIPE! (repeat)



Rub tummy



Open out hands

[CAT & DOG move to recipe. CAT picks up pointer.]

COOK Let's see then... Will this make it the best Christmas ever?
Let's have a look at the recipe. (goes to join CAT & DOG)
ALL (reading recipe as CAT uses pointer) Pour in a good measure of
Father Christmas!
COOK Well that sounds like a good start. Where is he, I wonder?

FATHER C'MAS (offstage) Ho! Ho! Ho!

ALL Here he comes!

[As music starts, FATHER CHRISTMAS & ELVES enter and busy themselves making toys, filling a big sack.]

WONDERFUL FATHER CHRISTMAS (© Track 2 / 17)

Open arms wide	→	WONDERFUL FATHER CHRISTMAS! WONDERFUL FATHER CHRISTMAS! LOTS OF TOYS FOR THE GIRLS AND BOYS, WHAT A KIND MAN YOU MUST BE!
Hand to heart	→	WONDERFUL FATHER CHRISTMAS! WONDERFUL FATHER CHRISTMAS!
Pleading hands Point at toys	→	IF I'M GOOD DO YOU THINK YOU COULD BRING A FEW OF THOSE TOYS TO ME?
Hands together by chin, sleeping	→	OH I'LL NEVER GET TO SLEEP, WON'T GET TO SLEEP AT ALL.
Tap side of head	→	OH I'LL NEVER GET TO SLEEP, I KNOW WHO'S COMING TO CALL!



[FATHER CHRISTMAS heaves sack on to his shoulder during last verse.]

Pleading hands Point at toys	→	WONDERFUL FATHER CHRISTMAS! WONDERFUL FATHER CHRISTMAS! IF I'M GOOD DO YOU THINK YOU COULD BRING A FEW OF THOSE TOYS TO ME? A FEW OF THOSE TOYS TO ME? PLEASE?
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FATHER C'MAS (standing with his back to COOK) Bye, bye! See you next year!

ELVES Bye bye, everyone!

[FATHER CHRISTMAS and ELVES make as if leaving, but COOK jumps in front of them to stop them.]

COOK (loudly, hand up) Wait! We need some Father Christmas flavour!

FATHER C'MAS (turning, very puzzled) Father Christmas flavour?

COOK Yes! It's for our Christmas recipe!

[DOG goes to get bathroom scales from wings and returns.]

CAT (points to recipe) Look, it says 'a good measure' of Father Christmas!

DOG (placing scales centrally) Jump on the scales please, Mr. Christmas!

[CAT & FATHER CHRISTMAS go to Centre. ELVES group behind FATHER CHRISTMAS.]

FATHER C'MAS *(getting onto scales)* Are you sure these scales are right? It must be all the mince pies people keep giving me.

[CAT & DOG peer at scales, and put hands to mouth in wide-eyed shock.]

ALL How much does he weigh? How much does he weigh?

CAT & DOG *(folding arms)* Well... *(nodding knowingly)* Let's just say it'll be a very good measure of Father Christmas!

ALL Hooray!

[COOK moves to bowl. DOG moves the scales out of the way; he and CAT move back to recipe.]

COOK Come and get stirred in, Father Christmas!

[FATHER CHRISTMAS looks horrified.]

ALL Don't worry, it won't hurt!

[COOK drags reluctant FATHER CHRISTMAS to bowl.]

INCIDENTAL - STIRRING MUSIC (© Track 3 / 18)

[ELVES giggle as FATHER CHRISTMAS does a twirl 'inside' the bowl and then jumps out.]

FATHER C'MAS Is that enough?

COOK Let me see... *(sniffing the bowl)* Mmm! That'll do nicely. Thanks!

FATHER C'MAS Ho, ho ho! Goodbye everyone!

ELVES Byeeee!

[FATHER CHRISTMAS and ELVES exit, waving.]

ALL Goodbye Father Christmas!

COOK *(moving back to Centre)* Now, what's next?

ALL *(reading recipe as CAT uses pointer)* Add plenty of presents!

DOG Presents? *(thumbs up, nodding)* That's a very good idea!

[PRESENTS march on, and march around in formation during the song. After the middle section, COOK draws a couple of PRESENTS into the bowl, stirs them around and off they go again. On the final 'Hip, hip, hoorays' they line up ready to take a bow, and then leave during applause.]