

Christmas Recipe

(A Feast Fit For A King)

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1. Pour in a good measure of Father Christmas
 2. Add plenty of presents
 3. Put in a few little festive birds
 4. Sprinkle on some snow
 5. Dont forget the donkey!
 6. Stir in some shepherds and angels
 7. Stars may be added at this point, and wise men should begin to simmer
 8. whatever you do, don't forget the vital ingredient!

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Director's Notes

Cast List – in order of appearance

Cook	Main Part (could be shared)
Cat	Main Part
Dog	Main Part
Santa Claus	
Elves	
Presents	
Robins	
Snowflakes	
Mary	
Joseph	
Donkey	
Shepherds	
Sheep	
Angels	
Wise Men	
Stars (including Star of Bethlehem)	



Props

Chef's hat and apron. An oversize wooden spoon and mixing bowl.
Pointer for Cat & Dog to use. Doll to be Baby Jesus. Manger.

Staging Suggestions

The recipe itself could form a backdrop, particularly if it was decorated with Christmas illustrations around the edges. Alternatively, the recipe could be placed to one side, on a wall or on an easel.

Children forming the choir are seated to each side of the main performing area, and those involved in scenes return to this base position after their turn. The exception is Cook, who stays at one side of the stage throughout, behind a massive mixing bowl, waist high, and large enough to stand behind. From the donkey song onwards, a few children from each song/dance remain to build a crib scene upstage.

Director's Overview

INSTR.	A CHRISTMAS RECIPE	◉ Track 16
It is the time of year for the cook to prepare his or her special Christmas recipe.		
SONG	A CHRISTMAS RECIPE	◉ Track 1 / 16
The first ingredient is added. During the song Father Christmas and his elves prepare toys for delivery, putting them in a big sack. After the song, Cook tells Father Christmas to jump in the bowl. He jumps in, gets stirred about, then Cook sends him to sit down with the choir.		
SONG	WONDERFUL FATHER CHRISTMAS	◉ Track 2 / 17
Presents come marching in, ready to be opened on Christmas Day. After the song, a couple of presents get 'stirred in' to the bowl, then go and rejoin the choir.		
INCID.	STIRRING MUSIC	◉ Track 3 / 18
SONG	HERE COME THE PRESENTS	◉ Track 4 / 19
Some robins dance in, and one or two are 'stirred in' before going to join the choir.		
SONG	WE WANT SOME ROBINS	◉ Track 5 / 20
Cook tastes the recipe, but it's not finished yet. Cook needs some helpers to stir the ingredients.		
INCID.	STIRRING MUSIC	◉ Track 6 / 21
SONG	A CHRISTMAS RECIPE	◉ Track 7 / 22
It feels more like Christmas when there's some snow. Some snowflakes dance through the mixing bowl on the way back to their places in the choir.		
SONG	SNOWFLAKE SERENADE	◉ Track 8 / 23
The next ingredient in the recipe is a donkey. What's a donkey got to do with Christmas? Joseph, Mary and the donkey enter and travel around, passing through the mixing bowl before standing upstage at the end of the song.		
SONG	DON'T FORGET THE DONKEY	◉ Track 9 / 24
INCID.	STIRRING MUSIC	◉ Track 10 / 25
The cook tests the mixture, but there are still more ingredients to add. During the song, shepherds and angels pass through the bowl, before joining Mary and Joseph upstage.		
SONG	BAA-BAA-BANANAS!	◉ Track 11 / 26
The Cook gives the mixture a good stir before asking for some stars. They too are 'stirred in'.		
SONG	THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE SKY	◉ Track 12 / 27
The Cook thinks the mixture is complete, but there's a vital ingredient missing. It's Jesus! Mary lifts the baby from the manger and holds him as everyone sings.		
SONG	A GIFT CALLED LOVE	◉ Track 13 / 28
SONG	A CHRISTMAS RECIPE (reprise)	◉ Track 14 / 29
SONG	AWAY IN A MANGER (OPTIONAL)	◉ Track 15 / 30

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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)



[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?