

Where has all the Snow gone ?

Song : Snowflakes falling.

Narrator 1 All the children, in the village of Snowville, were happy, knowing that the snow would return again, in only a couple of days time.

Narrator 2 With the return of snow, it would mean that they could get their sleighs out and race through the countryside.

Narrator 3 But this year, life was different, the snow did not arrive on December 20th. It didn't even arrive on the 21st, nor the 22nd. So the children of the village got together to see if they could find out where their snow had gone.

(Children all come on together, as if leaving school.)

Child 1 Come on, we need to find out where the snow has gone.

Child 2 I know, I can't believe it's two days late already. It's never ever late.

Child 3 We need snow, otherwise we can't go out on sleighs.

Child 4 Come on then, but where should we go first ?

Child 1 I think the top of the mountain first, to see if we can see the snow clouds.

Child 5 We need to go and get some food and drink for the journey, and then meet back here.

Child 2 That's settled then. Meet back here at 10 tomorrow morning.

(The children all leave the stage.)

Narrator 1 The children all went off back to their houses, not knowing the real reason for the lack of snow that year.

Narrator 2 For up in a cottage, at the top of the mountain, there was a family, who thought they were helping the village, by stopping the snow.

Narrator 3 After a good night's sleep, the children of the village met back up at the village fountain.

(Children come back on, a few at a time.)

Child 6 Come on then we need to set off, if we are to be back before nightfall.

(Children start to walk around the floor.)

Narrator 4 As the children climbed up the hill, the temperature became colder and colder.

(Children stop and put their coats on.)

Child 1 We need to keep going, even though the temperature is getting colder, and the mountain is getting steeper.

Child 2 *(Pointing)* Look over there, it's a small house.

Child 4 And it's covered in snow, they might be able to help us.

Child 3 We should take a look, and ask them if they know where the snow has gone.
(Children move towards house, and one child knocks.)

Snowman1 Hello, and how may I help you ?
(Children all jump backwards, and hide behind each other.)

Snowman1 Sorry I did not mean to scare you.

Child 4 But you're a talking, walking snowman.

Snowman1 You are quite correct, but what are you doing up here ?

Child 7 We are here to find where the snow has gone.

Snowman1 Snow, why would you want snow ? It's wet and slushy and stops you from being able to move around easily in the village.

Child 8 But without snow, we can't use our sleighs and race around the fields.

Snowman1 I am so sorry. Maybe you better come in, so I can explain.
(The children follow the Snowman in.)

Snowman1 This is my family. We are the ones who make the snowflakes. We need to make each one different, so it takes so much work. So when we heard the large people complaining all about the snow.

Snowman2 We decided only to make a little snow to coat the top of the mountain and leave your village snow free.

Snowman3 But if you would like to help, I am sure that we could have enough snow ready for tomorrow.

Child 8 OK then.
(Children sit down with Snowman family and start to make snowflakes.)

Snowman4 There we are, we should now have enough snow for the whole of the village.

Child 9 Thank you. We will all go home and wait until the morning.

Narrator 4 That night the children all slept well, but could not wait to look outside in the morning.

Song : Snowflakes falling

(Snow family come in and start to drop snowflakes over the floor.)

(Children wake up and see the snow on the floor and start to dance around and sing Jingle Bells.)

This might an occasion where the children could use their rainsticks / bells.

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

By James Pierpoint.

Snowflakes Falling

(Tune : Are you sleeping ?)

Snowflakes falling,
Snowflakes falling,
From the sky.
From the sky.
Tiny gentle snowflakes,
Tiny gentle snowflakes
Winter's here.
Winter's here !

By Stuart Leacy.

Character List and preparation

| <i>Name of the character</i> | <i>Beaver's Name</i> |
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| Child 1 | |
| Child 2 | |
| Child 3 | |
| Child 4 | |
| Child 5 | |
| Child 6 | |
| Child 7 | |
| Child 8 | |
| Child 9 | |
| Snowman 1 | |
| Snowman 2 | |
| Snowman 3 | |
| Snowman 4 | |
| Narrator 1 | |
| Narrator 2 | |
| Narrator 3 | |
| Narrator 4 | |

Costumes

Children who are playing the Snowman family could wear all white.

Children need to have coats, maybe hats and gloves.

Scenery

This could be quite simple, and maybe only needs a picture of a house.

Props

Need some paper, and also some paper snowflakes. These could be made by folding and cutting paper.

Music

Jingle Bells. There is a few version of this on the internet or on CD's.

A great copy is on www.activityvillage.co.uk/jingle_bells_karaoke.htm