



## Cast



**Narrator**  
1



**Narrator**  
2



**Shoemaker**



**Shoemaker's**  
**Wife**



**Elves**  
*(2 children,  
non-speaking)*

Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.

*(The shoemaker and his wife want to know who is helping them make the shoes.)*

**Narrator 1:** The shoemaker called his wife.

**Shoemaker:** We must find the person who is making these beautiful shoes.

*(The shoemaker cuts leather for four pairs of shoes.)*

**Narrator 2:** The shoemaker worked hard. He cut the leather for four pairs of shoes. But that night the shoemaker and his wife didn't go to bed. They waited and watched.

*(The shoemaker and his wife hide.)*

*(The elves come into the shop carrying green bags.)*

**Narrator 1:** At twelve o'clock, the door opened. Two little elves in old clothes came into the shop. They jumped on the table and opened their little, green bags.

*(The elves make four pairs of shoes.)*

**Narrator 2:** The elves worked all night. In the morning, there were four pairs of beautiful shoes. Then, they took their bags and left the shop.

*(The elves leave.)*

*(The shoemaker and his wife enter the shop.)*

**Shoemaker:** The elves are helping us, but how can we help them?

*(The shoemaker's wife has an idea.)*

**Shoemaker's Wife:**

I know!

*(The shoemaker and his wife make little clothes.)*

**Narrator 1:** The shoemaker and his wife worked hard. They made two pairs of little green shoes and some little green clothes. Then, they made little green hats.

*(They leave the clothes out and wait for the elves.)*

**Narrator 2:** That night, they left the little green shoes, hats, and clothes in the shop. They waited for the elves.

*(The elves come in to the shop.)*

**Narrator 1:** At twelve o'clock, the door of the shop opened and the elves came in.

*(The elves see the clothes and put them on.)*

**Narrator 2:** When they saw the little, green shoes, the little, green clothes, and the little, green hats, the elves were very surprised. They liked their new clothes very much.

**Narrator 1:** The little elves came every night to help the shoemaker and his wife. And the shoemaker and his wife made lots of little clothes for the elves.

**Narrator 2:** The shoemaker and his wife, and the two little elves all lived happily for many years.

