



Cast



Narrator 1



Clara



Sugarplum Fairy



Narrator 2



Toymaker



Nutcracker

Non-speaking



People at the party



Mouse

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.

(Clara is at home. There is a party going on.)

Narrator 1:

It was Christmas, and there was a party at Clara's house.

(Clara opens the door to the toymaker.)

Clara:

Hello!

(Clara welcomes him in.)

Clara:

Great! My favorite friend is here!

(Clara shows the toymaker the tree.)

Clara:

Look at our beautiful Christmas tree!

Toymaker:

I made this present for you.

Clara:

Thank you.

Narrator 2:

After the party, Clara sat with her present under the Christmas tree.

Narrator 1:

Her eyes were soon closed.

(The clock strikes midnight.)

Narrator 2: The noise of the clock woke Clara up.
It was midnight.

(The nutcracker is standing up in the box.)

Clara: Oh, a nutcracker! What a nice present. But why am I so small?

(A mouse is behind Clara, waiting to catch her.)

Nutcracker: Clara, that mouse wants to catch you!

Narrator 1: Clara threw a ball of paper at the mouse.

Nutcracker: Well done. Now, let's go.

(They get into the nutcracker's sleigh.)

Narrator 2: The Nutcracker's sleigh flew above the houses and trees.

Clara: Look at the snow. Let's stop and play!

(Clara plays in the snow.)

Clara: It's beautiful. I love snow!

Nutcracker: Are you hungry now?

Clara: Oh, yes!

Nutcracker: We can eat in Candy Land.

Narrator 1: Soon Clara could see many beautiful colors below the sleigh.

Nutcracker: Look, it's all candy, chocolate, and cake.

(The Sugarplum Fairy arrives.)

Nutcracker: Meet my friend, the Sugarplum Fairy.

Clara: What a nice dress! Is it candy?

(The Sugarplum Fairy holds out her dress.)

**Sugarplum
Fairy:**

Yes, my dress is candy. Let's sit and eat.

(The table is full of sweet treats.)

Narrator 2: They ate lots of candy, chocolate, and cake.

**Sugarplum
Fairy:**

Would you like an apple?

Clara: Yes, please!

**Sugarplum
Fairy:**

Now, let's dance and sing.

Narrator 1: They all danced and sang.

Nutcracker: Thank you. We must go home now.

Narrator 2: Clara woke up under the Christmas tree.

Clara: Oh, I'm big again. Was it only a dream?

Narrator 1: Then, she saw the Nutcracker next to her.
There was snow under his feet, and he wore a
warm coat . . .