



# Joey Mob Program Planner

**Attendance:**

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Attendees / Total

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| <b>Theme</b> | Christmas -others | <b>Meeting</b> | Indoor | <b>Date</b> |  |
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| Time | Activity                               | Leader | Equipment Required etc.  |
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| 4:45 | Coming in activity- Santa's Sleigh     |        | 3m rope tied to a beanbag  |
| 5:00 | Ceremony- Opening Parade               |        | Flag   |
| 5:05 | Craft- Stain glass windows             |        | PVA or Wood glue, food colouring, Old Christmas cards (simple designs), plastic sleeve   |
| 5:15 | Story- The Giving of the Bells         |        | See Story Sheet  |
| 5:20 | Activity –Giving of the bells ceremony |        | Pre-made awards as per story Bells and Red ribbon  |
| 5:30 | Craft - Decoration                     |        | A small Styrofoam cone, scissors, sticky tape or glue, Green coloured construction paper, toothpicks, gumdrops, small marshmallows |
| 5:45 | Songs                                  |        | Song Sheet   |
| 5.50 | Game – Hear the bell                   |        | Small Bells  |
| 6.00 | Ceremony –Closing Parade               |        | Flag, Prayer book  |

## General Comments

In all you do today you should be sharing with the Joeys the ideas of giving gifts at Christmas is to show other people you care about them which is why I have called this an "others" program.

**Other Suggestions to go with the story:**

Make a Raymond Reindeer, Using wooden pegs.

Make your own Gift of the Bell Awards and present them for good deeds.

Ask the Joey Scouts to tell what acts of kindness they have done recently.

**Coming in activity:**         *Santa's Sleigh*

**Need:** Beanbag tied to a 3m length of rope

You tie a piece of rope to a Beanbag. Slide the beanbag on the floor around you (in a circle around you) the Joey Scouts jump the rope when it comes to them. As we are doing a lot of hands on crafty stuff for Christmas I think it's worth starting off with a game for your coming in activity.

**Craft:**                         *Stained Glass Windows*

**Need:** 3 or 4 Bottles of PVA glue, 3 or 4 food colouring different colours, old Christmas cards, plastic sleeve per Joey Scout

You may already have glue bottles suitable for this activity otherwise you may need to buy some; you will need at least 1 per colour. The PVA or wood glue that dries clear is what you need, using food dyes colour the glue.

**To Make:** Place your old Christmas card inside the plastic sleeve. Using the squeeze bottles of coloured glue the Joeys Scouts colour in the picture they can see through the plastic sleeve. When the glue dries clear you can peel it off the plastic sleeve and stick on the window. Your pictures need to be simple or maybe you could make up a stencil.

**Story:**                         *The Giving of the Bell*

The story is attached and probably won't take 10 minutes to read but it should provoke some discussion.

**Activity:**                     *Giving of the Bell ceremony*

Leader to make up bells as per story – Present these to the Joey Scouts as the Leader presents they could say “this award is for being kind to the other Joey Scout through the year” or “this award is for always being polite” etc. Find something for each Joey Scout.

**Craft:**                         *A decoration     A sugarplum tree*

**Need:** A small Styrofoam cone, scissors, sticky tape or glue, Green coloured construction paper, toothpicks, gumdrops, small marshmallows.

**To make:**

1. Wrap the Styrofoam cone in the paper. To do this fold the paper around the cone tucking the upper right corner around the point of the cone.
2. Bring the rest of the paper around the cone and tape the two sides together. If your paper does not completely cover the cone patch the space with small square of green construction paper. Stick the patch over the space with tape or glue.
3. Place a gumdrop and a small marshmallow on a toothpick. Stick the toothpick into the cone. Keep adding these until the cone tree is full.

**Game:**                         *Hear the Bell*

**Need:** Small Bell

**To Play:** Choose one Joey Scout to be “it”. This Joey Scout stands at one end of the hall, facing the wall with the bell behind them.

Line the rest of the Mob up the other end of the hall. On go the Mob try and creep up to take the bell and get back to the start before “It” catches them. “It may turn around at any time if they do all the Mob must freeze. If “it” catches a Joey Scout moving the take two pace back, if “it” catch the Joey Scout who takes the bell then they become “it”.

**Songs:**

The Songs are:

*We wish you a Merry Christmas*

*O Christmas Tree!*

*Jingle Bells*

*Aussie Jingle Bells*

*Santa Claus is coming to town*

### **Aussie Jingle bells**

Dashing through the bush  
In a rusty Holden Ute  
Kicking up the dust  
Esky in the boot  
Kelpie by my side  
Singing Christmas songs  
It's summertime and I'm in  
My Singlet, shorts and thongs.

Engines getting hot  
Dodge the kangaroo's  
Swaggie climbs aboard  
He is welcome too  
All the families there  
Sitting by the pool  
Christmas Day the Aussie way  
By the Barbecue

Come the afternoon  
Grandpa has a dose  
The Kids and uncle Bruce  
Are swimming in their clothes  
The time comes round to go  
We take a family snap  
Then pack the car  
And all shoot through  
Before the washing up.

### *CHORUS*

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way  
Christmas in Australia  
On a scorching summer's day  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Christmas time is beaut  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a rusty Holden ute

# A CHRISTMAS STORY

## THE GIFT OF THE BELL

Raymond's ear perked up. He lifted his head from his bed of sweet smelling straw. His eyes opened. A tinkling noise pulled him from his land of dreams. He rose and trotted to the partially open door of his stall. "Jingle, Jingle." There it was again. The curious little Reindeer Toddled out into the main barn. There he discovered the noise that had wakened him.

Burt stood on a ladder that stretched from the floor to the eaves of the barn. He was removing the leather harnesses that hung from the barns rafters eleven months out of the year. On each harness, there hung a multitude of gold bells that jingled as the elf lowered the leather strap to his partner. "Excuse me what are you doing?" asked the little reindeer. "Did we wake you, Raymond?" said Burt. "We decided to get an early start. We have to polish all the gold bells until they sparkle and shine." "Santa's team has to look proper for their Christmas journey," he said as he climbed down. Burt took a white cloth and dipped it into a jar of polish and began to rub a bell. Raymond watched Burt polish each bell until they gleamed.

There said Burt as he handed the finished harness to his buddy. "Only eight bells on that one. Let me see if I can find one with more bells," as he dug through a pile of leather and bells. He pulled out one with fifteen bells.

"Why do some have more bells than others?" asked Raymond. "Haven't you heard of the gift of the bell?" said Burt. "Every year Santa awards The Gift of the Bell to any reindeer he chooses to honor for their wisdom, or heroic acts of kindness. It's a great honor. "Rudolph received the very first bell the year he guided Santa's sleigh on that terrible foggy Christmas Eve. He's probably earned dozens by now." "What other reindeer has received a bell?" asked the little reindeer. "We're a little busy for stories just now but you can ask you Grandmother, she has three bells herself." said Bert.

Raymond was surprised; he hurried off to find his Grandmother. At a stall at the end of the barn he stopped and softly knocked on the door. "Grandmother it's me Raymond, may I come in." he called. "Certainly dear, it's so nice to see you. Be a good help and bring me some fresh straw for my bed." She asked. Raymond did as he was told. "Now what do I owe the pleasure of this visit?" she inquired. "Ma'am, Burt said you earned the gift of the bell". Tell me how you earned them" he pleaded.

"I will but first fetch me a cup of tea dear," she asked. Raymond scampered off to get the tea. When he returned grandmother said "I'd be more comfortable with my shawl. You're such a good little reindeer." She said as Raymond wrapped the shawl around her shoulders.

"Well, you old grandmother managed to earn three of those bells herself even though I never was part of Santa's team," she said. "I got my first one when I was just a girl. I shared my winter ration of oats with a family of polar bears. That kept them from starving that winter." "Wow, how generous" Raymond said. "How did you earn the next bell?" he asked. "Go fetch me a pillow for my head. I'll be more comfortable then" She said." "Thank you sweet boy".

"Right after I married your Grandfather we had a terrible storm. Coming home one evening I came across a little elf nearly frozen to death huddled under a tree. I carried him on my back to the village," she explained. "You were a hero!" said Raymond. "What else did you do?" he asked.

"The year your Father was born, a terrible thing happened. Santa's team was running late for their rounds. On their return I noticed how the runners of the sleigh were covered in rust. It was just enough to slow them down. And sure enough when we polished them, the sleigh just flew. Now every year Santa makes sure the sleigh runners are cleaned and polished before he leaves," she said as her head began to nod. "Now it's time for an old reindeer's nap. Be a good little reindeer and tidy up before you go." She requested.

"You are the Smartest, Kindest, and Bravest Grandmother in the world!" he announced. "I want to be just like you when I grow up!" he said as he fluffed her pillow and smoothed her blanket. He then washed her cup and saucer and tiptoed back to his stall.

Again Raymond heard the Tinkling noise but now the barn was empty. He trotted across the barn. In the distance he saw a huge crowd gathered in the center of the village. As Raymond approached he asked a bearded elf what was happening.

“It’s the Gift of the Bell. Santa has called everyone together for his annual ceremony. Shh, he’s about to begin,” said the elf.

Santa stood before the crowd. He began to present dozens of bells to deserving reindeer. He spoke of their heroic acts, their wisdom and kindness to others. Finally, he held up the remaining single gold bell on a glistening red ribbon.

“A good friend of mine has asked me to make a very special presentation.” Santa declared. “There is a little reindeer, she tells me, that is always polite and respectful. He’s proved to be kind and considerate of others and he is especially helpful to his Grandmother. He may not be old enough for a harness, but I think this ribbon will do. Raymond, I present you with this Gift of the Bell. Your first, May it not be your last,” Santa said.

Raymond came forward. Santa draped the ribbon over his tiny head. He then took his place and stood proudly with the other honored reindeer.

In the crowd below, his Grandmother stood smiling as she watched her Grandson receive his special award.

### **The End**

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