

STUDY GUIDE

For
"MR. SNOWMAN"



A New Musical by Patty Carver and Leo Carrisone

Especially for Pre-K through Third Grade

SYNOPSIS OF THE SHOW...

This is a story of friendship, snow, and the magic of a hug!

Mr. Snowman is an original musical about a boy, Harold, a girl, Maggie, a very mean man, Mr. Haggerty and a snowman named Sam.

The show begins in Mr. Haggerty's living room as he introduces himself and tells the audience that he has not always been the nice old man that he is now. The story unfolds as we flash back to Maggie and Harold on the day they first meet. They become fast friends and share their excitement about the new fallen snow. They build a snowman and name him Sam. Sam the Snowman is then "awakened," not by a magic hat (as in the story of Frosty the Snowman) but by a magical hug that he receives from Maggie and Harold. The three new friends sing some songs, play some games and get into a snowball fight, during which, Sam accidentally throws a snowball and breaks Mr. Haggerty's window. Mr. Haggerty, the meanest man in town, takes an immediate dislike to Sam and vows to melt him (through various non-violent and innovative ways including Tabasco sauce, a blow dryer and a hot water bottle!)

Harold, Maggie and Sam decide they must take matters into their own hands as they figure out a plan to stop Mr. Haggerty from melting Sam. They come up with a very special (and magical) plan as they succeed in transforming the meanest man in town into the nicest man in town!

By popular demand, Connecticut Children's Theatre is proud to bring back this fun-filled musical to young audiences throughout the Tri-State area. ***Mr. Snowman*** is packed with holiday sing-a-longs, audience participation and is sure to be a delightful holiday field trip for our "On School Time" audience.

Plus, there is a very special visit from Santa Claus himself!

THE CAST:

Mr. Haggerty
Maggie
Harold
Mr. Sam Snowman
Policeman

SING-A-LONG LIST:

Jingle Bells
Frosty the Snowman
The Twelve Days of Christmas
Deck the Halls
Up on the Housetop
Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer
Jingle Bell Rock
Feliz Navidad
Santa Claus is Coming to Town
We Wish You a Merry Christmas

VOCABULARY LIST:

Choose the appropriate Vocabulary words for your class:

Friend	Neighbor	Stop	Heart	Chance
Magic	Marvelous	Cash	Cold	Spin
Crazy	Lazy	Coal	Deed	Grin
Icicles	Sparkle	How	Sun	Begin
Echo	Snow	Magic	Day	Happy
Strange	Man	Warm	Hello	King
Spell	Task	Fire	End	Fun
Surprise	Hug	On	Up	Sky
Melt	Eye	Make	Just	New
Officer	Nose	Big	The	Blue
Alarm	Ear	Go	Open	Good
Mad	Mouth	Part	Dance	Ball

PRE PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES

1. Read the Synopsis of the show and tell the students about it.
2. Ask the students if they have ever been to a live show before. How is it different than going to the movies? How should they behave?
3. Talk about all the fun activities that can be done in the snow. Have the students ever made a snowman? What else have they made in the snow? Ask the students to draw a picture of their favorite “snow activity.”
4. Talk about snow and other forms of frozen precipitation with your class.
5. Sing the holiday songs on the Sing-a-Long list. The students will be asked to join in!
6. If appropriate for your class, read the Vocabulary words out loud. Ask the students to make sentences or even make a story with the words. Ask the students to listen for the Vocabulary words that rhyme.

POST PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES

1. Discuss the play with the students. Who was their favorite character?
2. Discuss friendship and why it is important in the show. Why did Maggie and Harold become friends?
3. Discuss why a hug really can be magical. Why did something as little as a hug make mean Mr. Haggerty so nice?
4. Ask the students to reenact a scene from the show. For instance, the scene where Harold and Maggie first meet or when they first meet Mr. Haggerty.
5. Mr. Snowman tells Maggie and Harold that he will always be in their hearts. What does this mean? Is it possible to continue to be friends with someone even if the friend is far away? Why? Ask the students if they have any “far away friends.”

HERE ARE SOME WORDS WITH “SNOW” IN THEM!

SNOWBALL	1. A round mass of snow pressed together. 2. Shaved ice molded into a ball and flavored with syrup. 3. A shrub with clusters of white flowers.
SNOWBANK	1. A mound or slope of snow.
SNOWBELT	1. A region that receives large amounts of snow every year.
SNOWBERRY	1. A white-berried shrub from the honeysuckle family. 2. A North American Shrub with pink flowers in small clusters.
SNOWBIRD	1. Any of several small birds that are seen mostly in winter. 2. Someone who travels to a warm climate to avoid the cold of winter.
SNOWBLINK	1. A white glare in the sky over a snowfield.
SNOWBLOWER	1. A machine that uses blasts of air to remove snow.
SNOWBOUND	1. Shut in or blockaded by snow.
SNOWCAP	1. A covering cap of snow (as on a mountain.)
SNOWDRIFT	1. A bank of drifted snow.
SNOW LEOPARD	1. A spotted large cat from Central Asia that is grayish white with brown and black spots that turn almost pure white in the winter.
SNOWMOBILE	1. A vehicle for traveling in the snow.
SNOW PEA	1. A variety of pea with edible pods... also called sugar pea.
SNOW PUDDING	1. A very fluffy, light pudding made with egg whites and gelatin.
SNOWSHOE	1. A light, oval wooden frame that is strengthened by two crosspieces and strung with thongs. It is attached to the

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foot and is used to enable a person to walk on soft snow without sinking.

1. An avalanche of snow.