



JACK FROST SAVES THE HOLIDAY

Teacher Study Guide

A Magical Holiday Adventure
Friendship • Acceptance • Courage • Discovering What Makes Us Special

Welcome, Teachers!

Thank you for downloading this study guide to accompany the performance of Jack Frost Saves the Holiday. Inside you will find discussion questions, creative activities, curriculum connections, and student reflection pages.

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ABOUT THE SHOW



What happens when Father Winter decides it is time to retire?

At the North Pole, a very special young boy named Jack is chosen to carry on Father Winter's magical winter responsibilities. But Jack soon discovers that taking over for Father Winter is no ordinary job!

A spirited group of winter animals welcomes Jack into their family and discovers his special icy abilities. They bring him to Christmastown, where he makes a new friend and joins the hilarious holiday rush.

But something is terribly wrong!

Without Father Winter, a mysterious heat wave is growing stronger and threatening to melt away the magic of Christmas.

As Christmas Eve approaches, Jack must believe in himself, embrace what makes him different, and use his talents to help others. Along the way, he discovers friendship, acceptance, teamwork, courage, and the joy of celebrating our differences.

★ LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After seeing the performance, students will be able to:

- Identify the main characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- Describe how Jack changes throughout the story.
- Discuss the importance of friendship and teamwork.
- Explain what it means to accept and appreciate differences.
- Identify positive character traits demonstrated in the story.
- Connect the heat wave to temperature, ice, and melting.
- Recognize how actors, costumes, scenery, music, and movement tell a story.



BEFORE THE SHOW

Let's Get Ready!



Talk together:

1. What does it mean to be unique?
2. What is something that makes you special?
3. Why is it important to accept people who may be different from us?
4. What qualities make someone a good friend?
5. Why is teamwork important?
6. Have you discovered a talent you did not expect?
7. What might Father Winter be responsible for?
8. What happens to snow and ice when it gets warm?

ABC WINTER WORDS

Unique	one of a kind; qualities that make you special
Acceptance	respecting and appreciating people for who they are
Tolerance	respecting people with different ideas, backgrounds, abilities, or experiences
Responsibility	something you are expected to take care of or do
Ability	a skill or talent
Teamwork	working together toward a shared goal
Confidence	believing in yourself and your abilities
Friendship	a caring and supportive relationship
Tradition	a custom repeated or passed down over time
Retire	to leave a job after working for many years



DURING THE PERFORMANCE

Be a Theater Detective!



CHARACTER

How does Jack feel about himself at the beginning? Does that change?

FRIENDSHIP

How do the winter animals help Jack?

PROBLEM SOLVING

What major problem faces Christmastown? How do the characters respond?

TEAMWORK

Look for characters working together. What do they accomplish?

ACCEPTANCE

How do Jack's friends respond to his unusual abilities?

THEATER

Notice costumes, scenery, music, movement, lighting, props, and special effects. How do they create the magical North Pole?



AFTER THE PERFORMANCE

Let's Talk About It!



1. Why did Father Winter retire?
2. Why was Jack chosen to carry on his responsibilities?
3. What special abilities did Jack discover?
4. How did the winter animals treat Jack when they found him?
5. What happened when Jack arrived in Christmastown?
6. What problem was the heat wave causing?
7. How did Jack feel about being different?
8. Who helped Jack believe in himself?
9. How did teamwork help the characters?
10. How was Jack different at the end?
11. What did Jack learn about his abilities?
12. What is the most important message of the story?



WHAT MAKES ME SPECIAL?

Jack discovers that the qualities that make him different are also some of his greatest strengths.



Something that makes me unique is...

Something I am proud of is...

One talent or ability I have is...

Something I would like to learn is...

One special quality I see in a friend is...

Class Discussion

Would the world be interesting if everyone were exactly the same? Why or why not?

A classroom is like a team: each person brings different talents, personalities, ideas, and experiences.



MY UNIQUE SNOWFLAKE

Snowflakes can look different from one another - just like people! Design and decorate a paper snowflake. In the center, write:



"I AM SPECIAL BECAUSE..."

Add one idea to each section:

- Something I do well
- Something I enjoy
- Something I am proud of
- A way I help others
- A quality that makes me a good friend
- Something I hope to learn

Different, Unique & Wonderful Together!



BUILD A FRIENDSHIP SNOWMAN

Draw a large snowman. Write one quality of a good friend on each "snowball."

Idea Bank: Kind • Helpful • Honest • Caring • Patient • Respectful • Supportive • Fair • A Good Listener

How did the characters show these qualities?



SCIENCE CONNECTION

What Happens When Ice Gets Warm?



The mysterious heat wave threatening Christmastown is a great way to connect the story to science.

Discuss:

- What happens to ice when its temperature rises?
- What happens when snow melts?
- What causes water to freeze?
- What is the difference between a solid and a liquid?
- Why do winter animals have adaptations for cold environments?

ICE CUBE INVESTIGATION

Place ice cubes in different classroom locations. Predict which cube will melt first, then observe and record what happens.

My Prediction	What I Observed

Science Words: Solid • Liquid • Temperature • Freeze • Melt • Heat



STORY ELEMENTS

After the performance, identify:

Characters: Who is in the story?

Setting: Where does it take place?

Problem: What goes wrong?

Events: What happens as the characters try to solve it?

Solution: How is the problem resolved?

Theme: What lesson does the story teach?



IF I WERE FATHER WINTER...

Imagine Father Winter chose YOU to take over his winter responsibilities! What would your job and magical ability be? What would your North Pole look like? Who would help you? What problem would you face, and how would you solve it?

Story Starter

"The morning Father Winter told me I had been chosen, I could not believe my ears..."



CREATE A WINTER CHARACTER

Design a brand-new character who could live in Jack's magical winter world.

Character Name _____

Special Ability _____

Favorite Winter Activity _____

Best Character Trait _____

How My Character Helps Others:



HOW DOES THEATER TELL A STORY?

Acting	facial expressions, voices, and movement
Costumes	clues about each character
Scenery	the North Pole and Christmastown
Music	changes in mood and feeling
Lighting	winter and holiday magic
Props	objects that help tell the story

Try It! Choose a scene and recreate it using acting, movement, and imagination.



SPREAD A LITTLE WARMTH!

Jack learns that special abilities become even more meaningful when they are used to help others.



My three acts of kindness:

1.

2.

3.

How did helping someone else make you feel?

THE BIG IDEA

What makes us different can also be what makes us special.

Jack's adventure reminds us that everyone has unique talents and qualities. When we believe in ourselves, appreciate differences, and work together, we can accomplish amazing things.

Be Yourself • Be Kind • Celebrate What Makes Everyone Unique