

A Christmas Sensory Story:

WAKE UP SANTA!

If you want to add some props into this story you can use: a cup and teaspoon, a packet of porridge oats (or use a different kind of cereal if it is easier) and a dishcloth. Directions for actions are in the square brackets.

It was Christmas Eve in Santa's magic house. Santa had fallen asleep.

[Mime sleeping]

A little mouse came out of her mouse hole and ran up and down his sleeve.

[Use two fingers as 'paws' and 'run' up and down your arm, or your child's arm.]

'Santa, you've fallen asleep!

The children won't get any presents!' said the mouse.

But Santa went on sleeping!

[Mime sleeping]

On the table next to Santa was a cup and spoon.

[Show cup and spoon]

The cup on the table said:

'Mouse, mouse, why do you run up and down?'

'Santa has fallen asleep! The children won't get any presents!' said the mouse.

'In that case I will rattle,' said the cup.

And so the cup rattled.

[Rattle the spoon in the cup]

And the mouse ran up and down and up and down.

[Two fingers running up and down your arm, or your child's arm]

But Santa went on sleeping.

[Mime sleeping]

On the shelf was a packet of porridge oats.

The oats on the shelf said:

'Cup, cup why do you rattle?'

'Santa has fallen asleep!

The children won't get any presents!' said the cup.

'In that case I will jump,' said the oats.

And so the oats jumped and jumped and jumped.

[Shake the box of oats]



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The cup rattled.

[Rattle the spoon in the cup]

And the mouse ran up and down and up and down.

[Two fingers running up and down your arm, or your child's arm]

But Santa went on sleeping.

[Mime sleeping]

In the corner was a dishcloth hanging on a hook.

The dishcloth said:

'Oats, oats, why do you jump?'

'Santa has fallen asleep. The children won't get any presents!' said the oats.

'In that case I will flip and flap,' said the dishcloth.

And so the dishcloth flipped and flapped.

[Shake the dishcloth]

The oats jumped.

[Shake the box of oats]

The cup rattled.

[Rattle the spoon in the cup]

And the mouse ran up and down and up and down.

[Two fingers running up and down your arm, or your child's arm]

But Santa went on sleeping.

[Mime sleeping]

Outside were Santa's reindeer.

The reindeer looked in the window.

The reindeer said:

'Dishcloth, dishcloth why do you flip and flap?'

'Santa has fallen asleep. The children won't get any presents!'

said the dishcloth.

'In that case we will run!' said the reindeer.

And so the reindeer ran round and round and round Santa's house!

[Drum your hands on your knees and stamp your feet at the same time.

Or gently tap your child's knees rhythmically]

And the dishcloth flipped and flapped.

[Shake the dishcloth]

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The porridge jumped.

[Shake the box of oats]

The cup rattled.

[Rattle the spoon in the cup]

And the mouse ran up and down and up and down.

[Two fingers running up and down your arm, or your child's arm]

The reindeer ran faster.

[Stamp your feet faster]

The dishcloth flipped and flapped more!

[Shake the dishcloth vigorously]

The porridge jumped so high!

[Shake the box of oats vigorously]

The cup rattled and rattled.

[Rattle the spoon in the cup very noisily]

And lots and lots of mice came out of their mouse holes
and ran up and down and up and down and up and down.

They even danced on Santa's head!

*[Using all your fingers, make them run up and down your arms
and then 'dance' on your head, or your child's arms and head]*

And – at last – Santa woke up.

He got up.

He got on his sleigh.

He flew far away.

He was taking the presents to the children!

[Mime the sleigh flying away]

The reindeer disappeared into the clouds with Santa.

[Make running sounds by hitting knees – fade these away]

The dishcloth got back on its hook.

[Shake dishcloth and stop]

The porridge stopped jumping.

[Shake porridge and stop]



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The cup stopped rattling.

[Rattle and stop]

All the little mice went back into their mouse holes.

[Hold up all your fingers, waggle them and then make them disappear behind your back.]

The first little mouse ran round and round and then fell asleep, in Santa's little house.

[Using your finger as a mouse make it run around and round your own palm or your child's palm and then mime falling asleep]

And everyone had a very happy Christmas!

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MORE SENSORY IDEAS

Mouse's Squeak

Use the 'squeak' from an old baby toy to make the mouse's squeak. (You could cut this out of an old toy and put it in a little fabric bag to make it easier for a child to use.)

Reindeer Hooves

For the noise of the reindeer hooves you could bang together two coconut shells or the tops from two bottles of laundry detergent. Jingle some bells for Santa leaving on his sleigh.

Santa Hat or Snow

Add in a Santa hat! And maybe you could use a little bit of confetti or tissue paper 'snow' at the end of the story.

