What to expect: Christmas Lights

A Filskit Theatre Company production



This guide tells you what to expect at Christmas Lights.

About the play

You are going to see a play called **Christmas Lights**.

A **play** is a story told by people called **actors**.

You will watch **Christmas Lights** in a room with lots of other people.

The room might be **busy and noisy** before the play starts.

Christmas Lights lasts for about **35 minutes**.

If you need a break, you can **leave the room** and **come back when you are ready**.

What to expect

There will be **piano music playing** most of the time.

The music gets a bit **louder and faster** in the exciting moments.

You can use **ear defenders** if the music feels too loud.

People might **clap or cheer** to show they like the play.

When you come in, you will see the **set**.



The **set** helps the actors pretend to be in the story.



Our **set** has a **wooden house** with a fireplace and two beds.

Outside there are 2 **Christmas trees**.

There are **Christmas lights** all around the house and on the trees.

The **Christmas lights** are important in our play.

There are 2 actors in the play.

Their names are **Josh** and **Lucy**.



Josh plays **Kit**.



Lucy plays **Alvie**.

Josh and Lucy use **signs**, **words** and **movement** to show you the story.



About the story



Before the play starts, you can see Alvie and Kit reading a book.

They get into bed and **pretend to sleep**.

When they wake up, it has snowed outside!



Alvie and Kit go out to play.

They see Christmas lights.

They want to **put their own lights up**.



Alvie and Kit put lights on the house and the trees.

Just as they finish, the Christmas lights go off!

Alvie and Kit **fix the broken lights**.



Kit sees the lights go off again.

They try to fix them, and the lights start **changing colour**.

Alvie uses the **big switch** to turn the lights on and off.



Alvie and Kit can make the lights change by **saying a colour.**

They have lots of fun playing with the colours.



Kit and Alvie go inside and put on some music.

It makes the lights change colour again!

Alvie and Kit have fun trying different tunes.



When Alvie falls asleep, Kit makes the lights green.

While Kit sleeps, Alvie makes them red again!

Then all the lights go off. Kit and Alvie are sorry.



They go outside. Alvie finds she can tap a light to turn it on.

Soon all the lights are colourful.

Alvie and Kit are happy.

Stay and Play

At the end of the play, Kit and Alvie give each other **Christmas presents**.

Inside are things to play with.

You can **stay and play** with Kit and Alvie if you want to.

You need to give the presents back to Alvie and Kit before you go.

For grown-ups

Information for **grown-ups**.

All our shows are relaxed. Don't worry about your child **making noise or moving around**.

There are no **very loud sounds**, **bright lights** or **big surprises** in this show.

It's fine to **come in and out of the room** during the show.

If you borrow ear defenders, **please return them at the end**.

The **stay and play** session will go on for about **10 minutes** after the play.

Who made Christmas Lights and this guide?

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