

Winter Stories with Cynthia Cudaback

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This half-hour story program costs \$25 for one classroom, or \$100 for a three-grade assembly.

To discuss before I come to your school:

A storyteller will come to our class to share stories about winter, and about some different traditions people have for winter celebrations. What traditions do you have in winter? What holidays does your family celebrate?

To discuss after I tell stories:

Neuschwanstein, a true story

In the is story, the teller goes somewhere alone. Have you ever gone somewhere alone? Were you scared? Proud?

The storyteller used her arms and hands to illustrate leaning on a windowsill and talking on the phone. Can you use your hands to illustrate some common activities? To start, try throwing a ball, reading a book or brushing your hair.

This is a personal story, not a folk tale or a story from a book. Which type do you like better?

Bear's Tail, a Native American legend

In this story, Fox plays a trick on Bear. What is the trick?

If you acted out this story, would you rather be Bear or Fox? Why? How would you act like your character?

The Channukah Guest, by Eric Kimmel

In this story, Bubba Brayna is cooking a special kind of potato pancake for the Channukah. What does your family cook for holidays? Do you play special games on holidays?

The Fir Tree, by Tove Janssen

In this story, we meet some creatures that don't know about Christmas. They think it's something terrible & scary. In your family, do the holidays sometimes get stressful? Do you ever feel scared? My son used to be scared of Santa Claus – how about you?

Make the story yours:

Please draw a picture to illustrate your favorite of the stories I told today. I would love to see it.