

Missing Christmas presents. Kate Aksonova.



Around beautiful Christmas tree gathered kids.

- We shouldn't do it. - Carl was nervous.

- We just check. - Insisted Meggy.

- This presents are for us. - Supported Berty.

- We just by the sound will guess what is inside them and later will check and compare our ideas. - Ned was unstoppable.

- I already tried. Better not. - Carl tries to stop Ned, when he takes a gift box.



- It can't be. - Ned shakes box one more time.

- He is real, I knew it. - Mumbles Carl.

- Who is real? - Asked Berty.

- Father Christmas. - Carl answered.

- And how you know about that? - Asked Meggy.

- I didn't believe. So in my wish I wrote that better not to have Christmas presents and if Father Christmas is real, all kids in the world won't receive presents. - Carl was embarrassed.

- All kids in the world? - Ned can't believe in wish of his friend.

- Yes. And now all boxes around the world under Christmas trees are empty. - Carl was sad.

- And you did it to all of us? - Meggy was angry.

- I wanted to check. - Carl tried to defend himself.

- Now you know the truth. - Said Bertie.

- What we will do now? - Asked Carl.

- Here we could hope only at Fairy's help. - Said Meggy.

- I will call Fairy, I want to make everything how it was. Was before my wish. - Carl tried not sobbing. - Fairy! Fairy, please help me!



Little snowflake turned into Fairy.

- Who called me? Who needs my help? - Asked Fairy kids.

- I. - Whispered Carl.

- You? - Asked Fairy.

- We all need your help. – Said Meggy.

- Tell me and I will try to help you. - Nodded Fairy.

- It's all my fault. It's all my wish. - Carl started weeping.

- Stop crying and tell me all. - Calmed boy Fairy.

- I wanted to check and have proves that Father Christmas is real. - Started Carl.

- Because of you kids all over the world could lost this faith. - Interrupted him Ned.

- You said something about wish. - Remind Fairy.

- His wish was – “No toys”. When Father Christmas received his wish he accepted it. -

Said Berty.

- And now all boxes under Christmas trees around the world are empty – without presents. - Finished Meggy.

- You wish came true, Carl. Selfish wish, but Father Christmas is real. What do you want now? - Asked Fairy.

- I was wrong. I want to change everything. - Said Carl.

- You want to have another wish? - Asked Fairy.

- Yes. - Nodded Carl.

- This time everything will be different. - Said Fairy.

- How? - Asked Ned.

- Carl should refuse old wish and give to Father Christmas new wish. - Fairy was pensive.

- I will do it. I promise. - Said Carl.

- Not so easy. You should went to magic forest, meet Father Christmas and ask about new chance in person. - Said Fairy.

- I will do it. - Promised Carl. - How I will find this magic wood?

- I will give you a guide, little angel with lantern, she will show you way.

- I will go. - Agreed Carl.

Little Angel with lantern appears from air.



- Here is your guide, Carl. - Said Fairy. - She will help you to find a way to Father's Christmas house.

- Thank you. I will go. - Agreed Carl.

- You won't go there alone. - Said Ned.

- We are friends. - Agreed Bert.

- Friends are always near each others. - Added Meggy.

- We go together. - Finished Ned.

- Thank you, friends. - Carl knew that it was his fault, but he was happy with friends support. - We are ready, Angel, guide us to Father Christmas.

- Let's go. - Said Little Angel.



Kids followed Little Angel and Fairy stayed near Christmas tree.



Kids, led by Little Angel entered into the wood.

- It's our wood. - Said Ned.

- We were here before. - Agreed Berty.

- I know. - Said Little Angel. - Everything unusual begins with usual.



- I knew it. - Smiled Meggy.



A little wood changed. Now fir-trees were extraordinary.

Little house is near fir.



- It's not our usual forest. - Noticed Carl.

- Miracles started? - Asked Meggy.



- Almost. - Answered Little Angel.



From tiny house exits Snowman with lantern.



- Who are you and where you go? - Seriously asked Snowman.

- It's me, Little Angel, this kids are with me. - Answered Angel.

- I see. - Agreed Snowman. - Where are you going?

- To Father Christmas. - Answered Carl.

- What for? - Asked Snowman.

- I really need to talk with him. - Begged Carl.

- Little Angel, you know in what mood now is Father Christmas? - Snowman talked with Angel.

- Because of this we are here. - Answered Angel.



- It's you. I am right? - Snowman came near Carl.

- It's me. - Answered Carl.

- You do all this for all kids in the world. - Remind Snowman.

- I know. - Whispered Carl.

- And you want to see Father Christmas. - Insisted Snowman.

- He is here because he wants to make everything right. - Said Ned.

- And you all? - Asked Snowman.

- We are his friends. - Said Meggy.

- And we are here to help Carl. - Added Berty. - That's what do friends.

- Will you help us to find a road? - Asked Angel.

- Better. I will show you the road. - Answered Snowman.

Kids follow Snowman and Little Angel.



This time they were in magic wood.

- We came on place. - Said Snowman.

- But where is Father Christmas? - Asked Carl.



- A little patience. Now, turn around. - Said Snowman.



- Wow! - Screamed kids.







On the sofa, near house, sits Father Christmas. Near him are lot of boxes with presents.

- Father Christmas, visitors to you. - Whispered Snowman.

- Visitors, you know that I don't want to see visitors. No one needs me. My work – to give presents is in the past. I always made wishes come true, but this. I don't want to see anybody. Go away. - Father Christmas closed eyes with hands.

- Father Christmas, Fairy sent me to show them road. - Said Little Angel.

- Little Angel. I always glad to see you. How is Fairy? - Asked Father Christmas.

- Fairy is fine. I brought this kids. Snowman showed to us road to your home. Listen to them. - Insisted Little Angel.

- Only because of you and Snowman. - Nodded Father Christmas.



- You. You? You! Carl, you came here? - Started Father Christmas.



- It's yours? - Asked Father Christmas.





- Yes. It's my wish list. - Nodded Carl.

- Yours. And you came here. Are you not happy with what you received? - Asked Father Christmas.

- No. I want to change what I did. - Said Carl.

- He wants to change it. - Repeated Ned.

- What about previous wish. There is "accepted" on it and my stamp. - Reminded Father Christmas, but this time in his tone was some hope.

- There could be done something? - Asked Meggy.

- Always. If he is sorry, if he understood which pain he could bring kids in whole world. - Agreed Snowman.

- It's my decision and only mine. - Reminded Father Christmas. - It could be done properly. There is snowflake, write new wish.

Carl quickly write new note.

- Here. - Shows it to Father Christmas.



- Accepted. My stamp. - Instantly answered Father Christmas.

- What will be now? - Asked Ned.

- I need to make wish come true. There are a lot of kids, who waits presents. I missed my work. I love my work. - Smiled Father Christmas.

- I want to ask one question, Father Christmas. - Asked Berty.

- Listen! - Answered Father Christmas.

- Why are you so tiny? - Asked girl.

- I am not little. I am proper size for every possible chimney. - Answered Father Christmas and with one jump was on the roof of own tiny house.



- Wow! - Screamed all kids.

- And now I need to do a lot of work. Snowman and Little Angel will show you road back, at home waits for you presents. - Added Father Christmas.

- I am so sorry. - Repeated Carl.

- I am glad that you was brave enough to accept that you was wrong and do everytning to make it right. I am proud of you, Carl. - Father Christmas waved to kids and disappear in the chimney.

- It's time to go. - Reminded Snowman.

- At home, to presents. - Said Ned.

- I am glad that we met Father Christmas. - Nodded Meggy.



- Time to go home. - Agreed Berty.

- I am so sorry. - Said Carl. - And I am happy that in this journey my friends were near me.



Kids follow Snowman.



- I know. - Nodded Snowman.

Carl stopped for a moment near Snowman.



- I wanted to say thank you for your help. - Said Carl.

- Hope next time you will think before make a wish. - Reminded Snowman.

- I will.

All kids followed Little Angel on the road to home.





- It's our usual wood. - Screamed Ned.



- You are almost at home. - Agreed Angel.

Kids moved much faster and almost run to their home, in room with Christmas tree.

Tree was on place, but they need to quickly check if Carl's wish worked.



Kids with joy opened their presents, now box were not empty.

- I made it. I made it right this time. - Whispered Carl.



From snowflake appears Fairy, Father Christmas and Little Angel.

- Father Christmas! - Screamed happy Berty.

- Fairy! - Screamed Ned.

- Little Angel! - Waved Meggy.

- Kids, I just for a moment. To check if everything is on place. Did you receive presents? - Asked Father Christmas.

- Yes. - Answered Ned.

- We are glad that you returned to your work. - Said Meggy.

- It will be our unforgettable Christmas. - Said Berty.



- Berty, you said the same every year. - Mentioned Ned.

- It's true, every Christmas is unforgettable. - Agreed Father Christmas.

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