

## ASW Christmas Story

### SLEEPY DONDER

Divide the group into eight smaller groups and assign each group one of the words listed below. Read the story. After each of the words is read pause for the group to make the appropriate response.

REINDEER Tinkle-tinkle

SLEEP/Snore-e-e-e

CANDY Yum-yum

DRESSES Swish-swish

CAT Mew, mew

DOG Bow wow

COW Moo moo

QUIET Everyone raise hands and are quiet

You've heard that Santa, when he makes his trip on Christmas Eve, usually drove eight tiny **REINDEER** \_\_\_\_, but did you know that when the weather all over the world is mild on Christmas Eve, he drives only six? Then he leaves at home Donder and Blitzen, his two storm **REINDEER** \_\_\_\_. Now Donder and Blitzen are the strongest, fastest animals that Santa owns. They are the ones who lead the others if they must dash through hail, sleet, snow or rain as they make their yearly trip. But once upon a time, Donder had a bad habit. - He liked to **SLEEP** \_\_ and **SLEEP** \_\_ and **SLEEP** \_\_. Yes, just as some boys like too much **CANDY** \_\_ and some girls like too many **DRESSES** \_\_, **Donder** liked too much **SLEEP** \_\_.

All winter the black bear **SLEEPS** \_\_, this winter why can't I **SLEEP** \_\_, " asked Donder. "You can't," said the **CAT** \_\_. "You can't," said the **DOG** \_\_. "You can't," said the **COW** \_\_. Santa took down a great big book. He looked inside and said, "Donder, my big almanac says that this year on Christmas Eve there will be mild weather all around the world. Why don't you **SLEEP** \_\_ and see how you like it?"

Donder went off to a cave to **SLEEP** \_\_. Up in his workshop Santa toiled. Around him were his **CAT** \_\_, his **DOG** \_\_, his **COW** \_\_ and all the other **REINDEER** \_\_. At last it was Christmas Eve. Santa looked out of his window. Snow was beginning to fall. The almanac was wrong! There was going to be a storm! "Donder," called Santa, but Donder was sound **ASLEEP** \_\_. "Donder," all the animals called at once; the **CAT** \_\_, the **DOG** \_\_, the **COW** \_\_ and the other **REINDEER** \_\_.

"**QUIET** \_\_\_!" called Santa. Out of the cave came Donder. "What a beautiful snowstorm!" he exclaimed. "To think that I nearly missed it! I'll never try to spend another winter **ASLEEP** \_\_\_." Into their places ran all the **REINDEER** \_\_\_. Into the sleigh jumped Santa. "Merry Christmas!" called the **CAT** \_\_\_, the **DOG** \_\_\_ and the **COW** \_\_\_ as they waved good-bye to Santa and the **REINDEER** \_\_\_.

"Merry Christmas!" called Santa as he and the **REINDEER** \_\_\_, led by Donder and Blitzen, disappeared into the snowstorm on their way to deliver toys and **CANDY** \_\_\_ to good boys and girls all over the world.