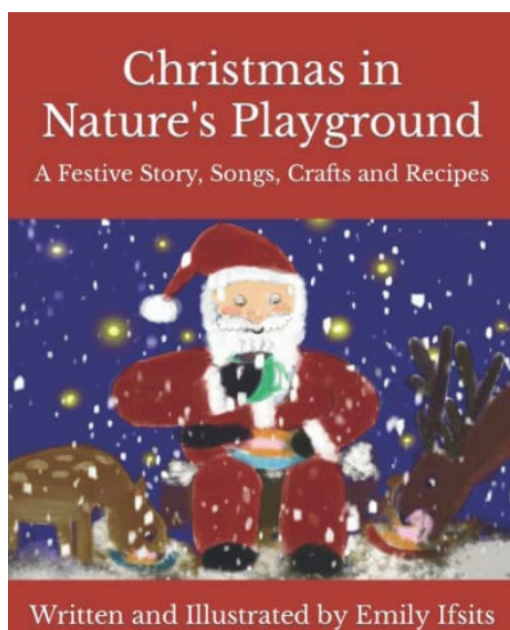


## Christmas in Nature's Playground - Activities



Now you have shared the story and sung the songs, how about trying some of these activities and discussions with your children.

- Can you create a reindeer picture on ground using only natural resources found in the woods?
- Can you find natural musical instruments in the woods which create the sound of the reindeers galloping hoofs? (for example, stones or sticks to bang together or popped into pots to shake). You could then create the galloping sounds as an introduction to the sleigh riding songs in your book.
- As you sing the sleigh riding songs, invite some of your children to dance like reindeer taking off and flying through the sky, swapping roles as they wish. If you make the jingle sticks as shown in your books, they sound wonderful when played by your singers too.
- With your jingle sticks you can also have lots of fun with this song from **Songs for Nature's Playground - Forest School Songs for 3-7 Year Olds**. The QR code links you to a recording of the song for a sing-along option.

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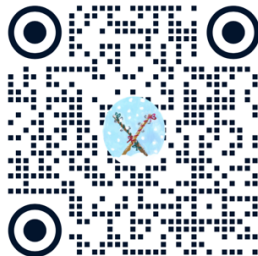
- **Forest Bells**

Sing to the tune of 'Jingle Bells'.



Merrily I go,  
On a walk with all my friends,  
Through the mud or snow,  
Laughing till the end!  
Our forest bells, we ring,  
Loud and proud, we play.  
Oh, what fun it is to sing  
Our Christmas song today.

Hey! Forest bells, forest bells,  
ringing all the way.  
Oh, what fun it is to sing  
our Christmas song today. (Repeat)

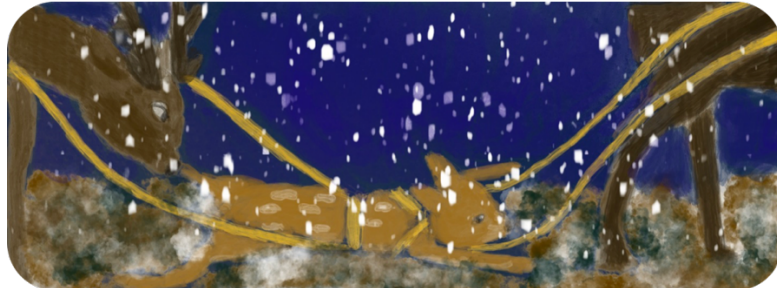


- What do you think the woodland deer would get up to if he visited his new friends in the North Pole? What adventures might they get up to together? Your children may like to act out their ideas as they play.
- Can you think of three occasions when the little woodland deer showed kindness during the story? What could you do this Christmas to be kind? Is there something that you could do as a group? Maybe creating bird feeders for hungry birds in your woodland this Christmas or Christmas decorations for loved ones. (look in the back of your books for practical ideas for craft projects and bird feeders).

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- How do you think the little woodland deer felt while trying to learn how to fly and help Santa on Christmas Eve? Have you ever had to try and try again to learn something new that you found tricky? Is there something new that you would like to learn in 2022?

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Wishing you lots of festive fun this season with your copies of Christmas  
in Nature's Playground!  
Happy Advent everyone!  
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