

# A Modified and Adapted Christmas Carol

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## List of Characters:

Narrator - played by Michael

Bob Cratchett

Chorus (many) - will also play the young children in the streets

Caring Ghost

Cooperative Ghost

Respectful Ghost

Responsible Ghost

*Young Scrooge*

*Chorus is on stage, split on each side, creating a Howling Wind!!*

*EBS Neezer Scrooge hides behind, at a desk.*

*Narrator steps forward.*

**Narrator:** On a cold and chilly, Chilliwack night, sat a man, an old grumpy man – counting. Counting and counting and counting. What was he counting? Do you know? No you don't know. He was counting ....

**Chorus:** Student Aide Forms. (Back to cold wind sounds)

**Narrator:** Would you like to meet this grumpy old man?

*(Chorus spreads apart, revealing EBS Neezer Scrooge. He is happily counting Aide Forms, laughing and joyfully.)*

**Chorus:** We wish you a hundred pawsitives, we wish you a hundred pawsitives, .....and a Leary Good Year.

**Scrooge:** Bahhhhhh HumBug!! Those happy people, how dare they be so pawsitive!! Ahhh, now I've lost count.

*(A Knock at the door. Enter Bob Cratchett.)*

**Bob:** I'm sorry I'm late Mr. Scrooge. I was just volunteering my time at FG Leary, making sure all the students were being caring, cooperative, respectful and responsible.

**Scrooge:** Ahh!! That means I have to knock time off your pay. More money for me!

**Bob:** Mr. Scrooge, the kids at FG Leary would like to invite you to their assembly before Christmas. They want to show you all the great, positive things they've been doing there.

**Scrooge:** Hah! Bahhh Humbug. I'm not going to some silly assembly. Look at all these Student Aide Forms. I'm busy. I have to count them all. Besides, it's my bedtime. You need to stay here and count the rest of them until you're done. (He leaves)

**Bob:** Oh, how I wish Mr. Scrooge would understand how much better it is to be positive, instead of thinking about all his student aide forms. He would feel so much happier about life if he could see all the goodness in children who are respectful, responsible, caring and cooperative..... 14 356, 14 357, 14 358.....  
(Chorus moves in front again.)  
(Howling Wind Again – Go.)

**Narrator:** So EBS Neezer Scrooge went home to bed on that cold winter's night, thinking of nothing but his big stack of Student Aide Forms. On his way home, he even failed to see the joyful children, playing respectfully and cooperatively on the new frosty playground, the children who were being responsible and waiting on the sidewalk for their parents after school, and all the caring children who went to help care for Mrs. Lawn as she slipped on the ice.

(small vignettes for each one, as Scrooge walks through)

Once he got home, he put his nightgown and slippers on, slipped into his cold bed with visions of student aide forms, dancing in his head. But little did EBS Neezer know, that tonight would be a night like NO other night, where he'd have visitors causing him great fright. The old man was soon snoring away. (Snoring) And then the clock struck 12 (Bong Bong Bong.... X12) and on the last bong, surrounding his bed, stood 4 kind ghosts: Caring, Cooperative, Respectful and Responsible. They looked at Scrooge in his slumberous sleep. And then shook him awake, hahahha...

(Scrooge wakes up.)

**Scrooge:** A Major! A Major! Waahhhhhh, what's going on?

We are the 4 ghosts of Leary's past: Caring, Cooperative, Respectful, Responsible. We have come to show you the importance of the matrix.

**Caring:** There was once a time EBS Neezer, where you were a caring, young boy. Come, let me show you. (They go) Here you are at the age of 7, playing so nicely with Karen. Do you see how happy and caring you were back then, Scrooge?

**Scrooge:** Yes, I do see. How I have changed.

(Cooperative then approaches)

**Cooperative:** Come Scrooge, look at how you used to cooperate with your friend Sue, when helping your friends learn to skip. (3 people skipping together)

**Scrooge:** I was such a good skipper back then, and with a smile, too!

**Respectful:** Scrooge. Look, over there. Do you remember when you and Quotin would walk in the hall? Look how quiet and respectful you were.

**Scrooge:** I see. Indeed, I was. What ever happened to me?

**Responsible:** Mr. EBS Neezer. At one time you were a responsible lad, who brought your planner every day, you did your homework, and put up your hand.

**Scrooge:** I see, I see. I was such a good boy. I see the errors in my ways. I need to celebrate the goodness of all. I will go back to sleep, and in the morning, I will begin anew. (He goes back to bed)

**Chorus:** Ding Dong Ding Dong Ding Dong.

**Narrator:** The morning dawned with sunshine and brightness, and EBS Neezer woke up with a sudden lightness, and danced out of bed with a smile on his face, and ran to the window – where he yelled out, “I’ve changed my ways, Merry Christmas to All.”

He went off to work, and on his way, he saw children playing respectfully, responsibly, with care and cooperation. And suddenly, he had an idea.

**Chorus:** DING!!!!

**Scrooge:** Aha! I will create some called a Pawsitive, to celebrate all the goodness that children bring. And I will go to that EBS assembly, and spread the joy of pawsitives. I will give out as many as I can, making children smile with glee. I will grab Mr. Cratchett and off we will go. (He goes)

**Narrator:** And off to work he went. And to Mr. Cratchett’s surprise, Mr. Scrooge put his arm around Mr. Cratchett and together they went off to the school. And as he walked through the streets, he called out....

**Scrooge:** Merry Christmas to all, to all a Pawsitive Night!

**Chorus (and all):**

*We wish you a hundred pawsitives*

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*We wish you a hundred pawsitives*

*And a Leary Good Year!*

*Glad tidings to you, wherever you are,*

*Glad tidings of Christmas and a Leary Good Year!*