

**“Christmas Cards”**  
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A Grinch-like postal worker learns the true meaning of Christmas when his cards come to life on stage.

**SYNOPSIS OF SCENES**

- Scene 1: We meet people on the streets and in the shopping mall as they sing about the joy of receiving Christmas Cards. They sing “Christmas Cards”. We meet the postman who is overloaded with cards and packages for Christmas. He decides that he has had enough and will not deliver any more Christmas cards.
- Scene 2: People rush to the malls and stores to choose their cards. They sing “How Do You Choose a Christmas Card?” Picture cards, funny cards, cards as fund-raisers, computer-generated cards, and more are touted. At the mall a group raps “The Christmas Wrap”
- Scene 3: The postman sits at home amid piles of undelivered Christmas Cards. He begins to open his own cards which come to life and teach him about Christmas. A trio of angels sing “The First Noel”. In “Biker Santa” a gang of bikers sing about their version of St. Nick. “Brother at Christmas” tells of distance between brothers at the holidays. “The Child in Us at Christmas” extols the child-like quality of Christmas. A chanteuse croons the “Missing You at Christmas Blues”. “Treasure It All” is a calypso carol about the nativity and temple visitations. These are interspersed with spoken cards, both funny and touching.

After seeing all his cards, the postman has a change of heart and decides to deliver his cards after all. The show closes with “Joy to the World”

**SETTINGS, PROPS, COSTUMES**

A shopping mall, a street with store fronts, and an interior living room. Christmas cards can be done minimally or elaborately. Slides can be used to suggest different backgrounds. Various Christmas costumes along with a postal carriers uniform are needed.

**CHARACTERS** (some actors can play more than one role)

NARRATOR

POSTMAN

TOWNSPEOPLE

SUSIE

STOREKEEPER

ED SMITH

JACK SMITH

JILL SMITH

PORTRAIT FAMILY

LITTLE SALES GIRL

MR. CHEAP

MRS. CHEAP

SALLY CHEAP

TIMMY CHEAP

WIRED MOM

WIRED DAD

“WRAPPERS”

MR. SNOOTY

MRS. SNOOTY

JOE TRADITIONAL

MRS. TRADITIONAL

ANGELS (3)

BIKERS

BROTHER

BLUES SINGER

CALYPSO SOLOIST