

Grinch & Cindy-Lou Who Intro Sketch

SFX: Lower Lights, Fog, Background Music

NARRATOR

(Narrator is off stage) Inside a snowflake like the one on your sleeve, there happened a story you must see to believe! Ask any Who and they'll have this to say, there is no place like Whoville around Christmas Day.

SFX: Raise lights abruptly

Enter Grinch

GRINCH

You again? Mr. Storyteller I thought I told you to never tell that story again!

NARRATOR

(clears his throat) Uh ... well ... Um Cindy-Lou Who told me tonight was special. She wanted me to tell the whole story from the very beginning ...

GRINCH

(Interrupts) Cindy-Lou? Who is Cindy-Lou? Besides it's my story! I should get to choose who hears my story. And who tells my story for that matter. I don't want any of these "Whos" to hear it (gestures to audience). And I think I'd do a better job telling the story than you're doing.

Cindy-Lou Who enters during the Grinch's lines. She walks over to the Grinch and tugs on his sleeve. When he ignores her, she walks around and follows him. Finally she gets in front of him and giggles while she's trying to get his attention.

CINDY-LOU

Mr. Grinch! You came! I wasn't sure if we could talk you into joining us in Whoville again this year. Were you being mean to our Storyteller again?

GRINCH

(Obviously softens when he sees Cindy-Lou.) Oh, Hi there, Cindy-Lou. I might have been being a little mean, but not too much. He was rhyming. You know how I feel about the rhyming. I came down here to Whoville because you, Cindy-Lou promised me an award.

CINDY-LOU

I think I promised you a surprise. That's not quite the same thing as an award, Mr. Grinch.

GRINCH

Then I'm just going to head back up to Mt. Crumpit.

The Grinch starts to stomp off stage, but Cindy-Lou takes his hand and leads him back to the front of the stage.

CINDY-LOU

Now Mr. Grinch, you don't have to leave just yet. I think you forgot again.

GRINCH

What? Forgot what? Forgot who? I don't see where you're headed, dear sweet Cindy-Lou? No!!! There I go with the rhyming. See what Whoville does to me?

CINDY-LOU

Mr. Grinch, every year at Christmas we gather in the center of Whoville to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

GRINCH

Yes, I've watched your celebrations from the top of Mt. Crumpit for years! I've watched through your warm lighted windows beneath, and watched you hang your mistletoe wreath. I've watched all the stockings, I've heard all the noise, and I've heard all the singing Who girls and Who boys!

CINDY-LOU

Isn't it wonderful?

GRINCH

Not at all! I haven't even mentioned the most important part yet. The thing Christmas is really all about!

CINDY-LOU

What's that?

GRINCH

The Presents! Without all the presents, Christmas wouldn't exist. They line the streets and fill the stockings and eventually come to me in the trash! I love when that happens.

*Open a bag of trash and start pulling out old
Christmas Ties and other odd gifts.*

CINDY-LOU

Oh no, Mr. Grinch. That's not it at all! You see the true meaning of Christmas isn't found in a mall.

GRINCH

Really? Now you're rhyming

CINDY-LOU

Mr. Grinch, I think you should come with me. If you watch the rest of tonight's show you'll see the true meaning of Christmas.

GRINCH

You want me to watch this whole show?

CINDY-LOU

I think it would be in your best interests

*Cindy-Lou takes the Grinch's hand and starts leading
him away.*

SFX: You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch

CINDY LOU

Come this way ...

GRINCH

I don't know ... Will there be a fruitcake?

CINDY-Lou

Come along.

GRINCH

Hot Chocolate? Cookies? You gotta give me something here!

Lights fade as Cindy-Lou and the Grinch leave the stage. Possibly have them sit in the front row watching the show.

Grinch & Cindy-Lou Who Exit Sketch

Enter Cindy-Lou Who, looking for The Grinch. The Grinch is sitting in a seat in the front row with a big white hankie, crying very loudly because he's touched by the message from the show.

CINDY-LOU

Mr. Grinch, will you please come join me?

GRINCH

I can't, Cindy-Lou. I'm leaking.

Cindy-Lou walks down from the stage and brings the Grinch up with her, although he tries to avoid coming up on the stage. Eventually he can't resist Cindy-Lou.

GRINCH

I see it now, Cindy-Lou. I see what the true meaning of Christmas is really all about!

CINDY-LOU

You can see that Christmas is really a very special time, not just in Whoville, but for all girls and boys.

GRINCH

Every year, no matter what I do, Christmas keeps happening. It's time for me to quit trying to stop Christmas. I think that it's time that I learn that Christmas is much bigger than me.

CINDY-LOU

It is much bigger than you, Mr. Grinch. It's bigger than all the fun things we like to think about. It's so much fun to have snow, and bright shining Christmas trees. I love having the presents to open on Christmas morning, and I love being with my Who-Family. Those Christmas things are wonderful ... But none of those things are really what Christmas is all about.

GRINCH

I think what I saw here tonight is that Christmas isn't about things, it's about a "Who" or a someone.

CINDY-LOU

That's right! It's about Jesus. He is the biggest thing about Christmas, and he's way bigger than toys, or songs, or snow, or anything!

GRINCH

When I watched the story of the baby being born so long ago in Bethlehem, I started to feel something right here (pounds on his heart). I'm not sure what that was.

CINDY-LOU

Hmm. Let me see.

SFX: Beating Heart

Cindy-Lou walks over and puts her hand where the Grinch Pounded. Then smiles with great joy at the audience.

CINDY-LOU

Oh, Mr. Grinch! That's your heart!

GRINCH

But I don't have a heart, Cindy-Lou.

CINDY-LOU

Mr. Grinch, you're wrong. Everyone has a heart. You can be a Who, or a Grinch, or a Human. But everyone has a heart. I think yours was just a little bit small. When you learned about Jesus, your heart started to grow.

The Grinch pulls a very large heart hanging around his neck from under his costume. One side should be red, the other side should say JESUS in very large letters.

GRINCH

Look! My heart has grown so much bigger because of the Christmas spirit.

CINDY-LOU

Your heart didn't grow because of the Christmas Spirit; it grew because you know about Jesus. You know that he came as a little bitty baby and that he loves you very much! You know that his story didn't stop at Christmas, but keeps happening every single day.

The Grinch turns the heart over so that the word JESUS shows.

GRINCH

There He is! Cindy-Lou, I don't want anyone to forget that Christmas is all about Jesus. Can we do something about that?

CINDY-LOU

Sure! Tell everyone about the hearts they get to keep.

GRINCH

The green bags you receive tonight each contain a red heart ornament, that looks a lot like my heart here.

CINDY-LOU

Your family can take your ornament to all of our Attractions that will be open after the show and personalize your hearts so that you can remember forever that Jesus is Who Christmas is all about.

GRINCH

Thanks so much for joining us in Whoville tonight. We hope to see you back for our next Family Experience on March _____.

SFX: March Family Experience Slide

SFX: Whoville type music, Fog

Cindy-Lou and the Grinch walk off the stage, as the Narrator finishes the story.

NARRATOR

And what happened then...? Well ... in Who-ville they say that the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day! And the minute his heart didn't feel quite so tight, He whizzed with his load through the bright morning light. And he brought back the toys! And the food for the feast! And he... HE HIMSELF ... The Grinch carved the roast beast.

SFX: Raise Lights, start closing song

*The entire cast and Praise Team come out for the
Grand Finale song.*