

nannerl Mouse asked if she could direct the pageant, and everyone agreed that she should. She began to assign the parts.

"I think Nina Ballerina should play the part of Mary, and Joseph should be played by Elgar E. Elephant," she announced. Turning to Pachelbel Penguin and the Professor, she said, "We already have our Three Wise Men. Would you like to be the shepherds?" They both agreed excitedly.

"Good! Now everyone has a part," Nannerl Mouse proclaimed. "Let's get out the dress-up trunk and put together your costumes."

Finding the Costumes

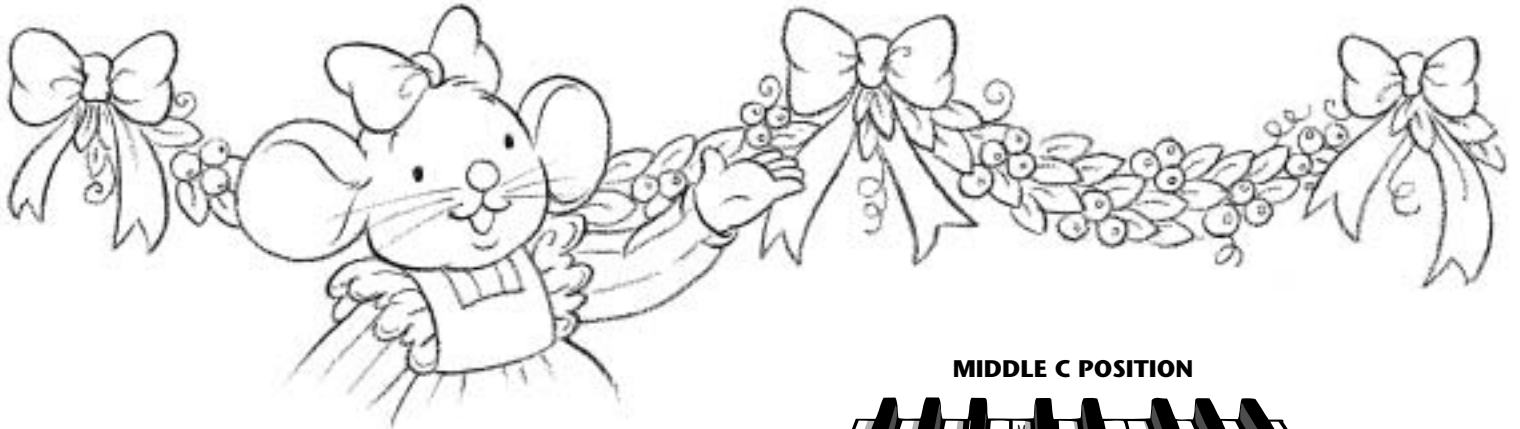
Help the Music Friends find their costumes for the Christmas Pageant.

- 1 Draw a line from each note to the costume with the number of counts it gets in $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ time.
- 2 Then color the picture.

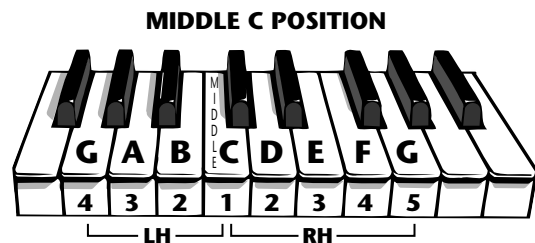


That evening, the music friends gathered in the Music Room. It was a magical sight. The Christmas tree was decorated with beautiful ornaments and lights, and there was a roaring fire in the fireplace. As Nina Ballerina, Elgar E. Elephant, Pachelbel Penguin and Professor Haydn Hippo took their places, Nannerl Mouse began to tell the story of Christmas.

- 1 Clap (or tap) *Away in a Manger* and count aloud evenly.
- 2 Point to the notes and count aloud evenly.
- 3 Say the finger numbers aloud while playing them in the air.
- 4 Play and say the finger numbers.
- 5 Play and say the note names.
- 6 Play and sing the words.



Away in a Manger



5

p A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the

1

5

lit - tle Lord Je - sus lay down His sweet head. The

4 2 3 5

9

stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the

1

13

lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

3

Both hands one octave higher than written

Teacher or Parent

Gently

RH

LH

pp

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