A Christmas Carol
in five nights

Dickens split his ghost story into five staves, like the verses of a carol. Read one a night from December 20, and Scrooge wakes up to Christmas morning on Christmas Eve. Check off each night when you finish it.



DECEMBER 20 · STAVE ONE · ABOUT 45 MINUTES ALOUD

Marley's Ghost

Look out for: Marley's face in the door knocker, and Marley's chain, made of cash-boxes, keys and padlocks.

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Our favorite part: _____



DECEMBER 21 · STAVE TWO · ABOUT 40 MINUTES ALOUD

The First of the Three Spirits

Look out for: Fezziwig's ball, where the fiddler strikes up "Sir Roger de Coverley."

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Our favorite part: _____



DECEMBER 22 · STAVE THREE · ABOUT 55 MINUTES ALOUD

The Second of the Three Spirits

Look out for: The Christmas pudding "singing in the copper," and Tiny Tim's "God bless us every one!"

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Our favorite part: _____



DECEMBER 23 · STAVE FOUR · ABOUT 35 MINUTES ALOUD

The Last of the Spirits

Look out for: Scrooge's promise: "I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

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Our favorite part: _____



DECEMBER 24 · STAVE FIVE · ABOUT 15 MINUTES ALOUD

The End of It

Look out for: The prize Turkey Scrooge sends to Bob Cratchit's, "twice the size of Tiny Tim."

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Our favorite part: _____