**Your Name:** Aletha Lyons

**Name of Book/Author:** Santa Kid / James Patterson

**Name of Activity:** “Puppet Songs”

**Curriculum Area:** Music

**Skills (-ing):** Memorizing lyrics

**Materials Needed:** Puppets of Santa Kid, reindeer, Santa, the sleigh, elves, or other characters from the story; Cassette/CD player; Dr. Thomas Moore’s Sing a Song of Holidays CD: Track 53, 57, and 59

**Opener:** Have any of you ever been Christmas Caroling? Sang Christmas songs with your family around the Christmas tree or at church or school? We know that many songs tell stories; what stories do some of our favorite Christmas songs tell? (create discussion) Today we are going to sing some Christmas songs that tell stories about the characters in our book.

**Activity:** Sit the children in a circle on the floor. Each student will be holding a puppet that they made earlier in the week. The puppet will be one of the characters featured in the book; that child’s favorite character. Tell the students that first we will play the songs through once to listen to the words, and that we will read along with the lyrics that are on the white board. After listening to the song once, we will play it again and try to sing some of the words with the music. We will repeat this process two more times, each time singing more of the lyrics. As we sing, we will hold up our puppets and allow them to dance to the music and model the actions of the characters in the songs. First we will listen to Christmas Elves, then A Christmas Toy, and then Christmas Cheer. Play the Songs and allow students to participate with their puppets. Lyrics:

**Christmas Elves**

**I’ve been working in the workshop**
**All the livelong day;**
**I’ve been working in the workshop**
**Making toys for Christmas day.**

**Can’t you hear the little hammers**
**Making all that noise?**
**Can’t you hear old Santa shouting,**
**“Finish up those toys!”**

**A Christmas Toy**

**I’m a little robot;
I can talk.
Flip on this switch and
Then I can walk.

I have lights that flash
And circuits too.
Just program what you
Want me to do.

Beep beep beep beep beep
Beep beep beep beep**

(Sing beeps to rhythm and tune of last two lines).

**Christmas Cheer**

**The Christmas bells are ringing,
The children all are singing,
And Santa soon will be bringing
His sleigh of Christmas cheer.

His sleigh of Christmas cheer
Pulled by his eight reindeer;

The Christmas bells are ringing
The children all are singing,
And Santa soon will be bringing
His sleigh of Christmas cheer.**

**Closure:** What characters from our book did we sing about today? What stories did we hear about them? What stories that we sang about were similar to those that we read about in our book?

**Source:** http://www.songsforteaching.com/charlottediamond/prize.htm

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