

The roofs of the house and the farm buildings, the yard, the fields, the meadows, the forest — everything was covered with a white blanket of snow that looked like candyfloss. The loose snow crunched loudly underfoot. The festive spirit could already be felt all over the farm. A comforting sense of peace and tranquillity was spreading all around when suddenly ...

## HHH

BOOM! The front door, decorated with a Christmas wreath, was flung open with a bang. Emma, Alex and Martin (well wrapped up in warm hats and scarves) ran out and cheered. At the same time, the sweet scent of Christmas biscuits wafted out behind them that had already spread throughout the whole house. The adults were preparing goodies in the kitchen that would soon end up on the Christmas table. Hey? How about a snowball fight?! - Alex asked.
-What a question to ask! - shouted Emma and threw a snowball straight at Alex's cap which then slipped down over his eyes. Martin burst out laughing, lost his balance and fell down into a snowdrift. When Emma and Alex saw him lying there so helplessly, they threw themselves down on their backs next to him and started making snow angels with their arms and legs. As they did so, their shouts of joy spread to the whole farm.

- Hey! – Martin, the youngest in the group, suddenly stopped rolling around merrily in the snow. - Let's build a snowman!

 Good idea! – shouts Emma. Alexander is also happy to join in. They all jumped up out of the snowdrift, shook the snow off their jackets and started rolling snowballs. One, two, three ... Before long a slightly crooked snow figure with a crooked carrot nose and eyes made of pebbles stood there in the middle of the yard, directly under a magnificent fir tree. All three stood and admired their creation.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS





Suddenly Emma said:

You know what? – she asked. – There's still something missing here on our Christmas tree.
Let's decorate it! As beautifully as we can. So that the snowman isn't sad, and all our pets realize it's Christmas and have fun too!
Great idea, Emma! – replied the boys enthusiastically!
And all three of them set to work.

And so the Christmas tree that shortly before had looked like a big white pointed cap was turned into a tree of happiness. The imaginative children decorated it with "icicles" made of carrots, "baubles" made of apples and walnuts and "tinsel" made of hay. Finally they sprinkled the branches lavishly with grains of cereal as if it were glitter. The Christmas tree was guarded by the proud snowman with his slightly crooked nose. In fact, he smiled so charmingly that he invited all the farm animals to have a taste. He didn't have to wait long for the

special guests. Lured by the scent of the goodies, they first sniffed the branches curiously and then began to taste the delicious decorations. The cow and the horse chewed enthusiastically on the hay, the goat nibbled the carrots, the little pig pounced on the apples and the chickens pecked at the grains under the Christmas tree. The scene became cheerful, hearty, full and loud — just like the family at the Christmas table. After all, everyone who lives on the farm is one big family. And everyone should be together at Christmas! Happy Family Christmas!

> The John Deere Junior Club wishes you a Merry Christmas!



### **CHRISTMAS MAGIC**

You create a fairytale atmosphere during the festive season. And it doesn't take a lot of effort to create such magic.

For safety reasons, ask your parents to help you.

#### **GARLAND MADE FROM ORANGES**

What you need: Oranges cut into slices and dried (for example, over a stove or radiator), string and scissors.

Make a hole in each orange slice with the scissors and thread the string through. Do the same with all the slices. An orange garland like this can be hung on the Christmas tree or over the fireplace.



#### **SCENTED BALLS**

What you need: Unpeeled mandarins and cloves.

Press the cloves close together into the mandarin peel. This is a quick and easy way to make a fragrant decoration.



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#### **REINDEER MADE FROM PEANUTS**

What you need: Peanuts, thin sticks, red paper, felt-tip pen, string, strong glue, scissors.

Glue two thin sticks to the top of each peanut in the shape of horns and glue a small circle cut out of red paper to the bottom as a nose. Draw eyes on the top with a felt-tip pen. Glue on a piece of string at the very top. And now you have a beautiful decoration for your Christmas tree. Done!



