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“Trying Something New”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Learning new skills can be scary but fun.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children about taking risks, striving for new goals, and learning from past mistakes. It reminds children that failing is a part of life, and encourages them to just keep trying.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, everyone is experiencing growing pains as they struggle to learn new skills. Truman is trying to learn to ride a bicycle but keeps crashing. Kate reads him the story about Jack and Jill and encourages him to keep trying. Boobull is teaching Lurk how to use a broom and dust pan, but Lurk keeps spreading the dust rather than collecting it.

Noah and Aunt Agatha put Kate temporarily in charge of the shop while Noah fills in for the crossing guard in front of the store. A customer becomes agitated when Kate struggles to count the change. He thrusts the money at her in a moment of exasperation, causing some of it to fall to the floor. Kate doesn't see that it has fallen to the floor and, after re-counting the money, thinks that she has been short-changed.

Finally, Noah puts training wheels on Truman's bike so that he can learn to ride, and Kate finds the missing \$5 bill on the floor. In Toyland, Noddy, too, is forced to learn new skills when Mr. Plod hurts his back and Noddy has to help out with the police work. Kate tells Truman, “If Noddy can do new things, we can both keep trying new things, too.”



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“The Fish Story”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Don't steal.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children to respect other people's property. It also emphasizes such concepts of caring as sympathy and compassion.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, the children are having a make-believe fishing contest. They tie magnets on a fishing line, and then reel them into a pretend pond filled with paper fish. Kate comes into the store wearing a beautiful ruby ring given to her by her mother. While playing, she decides to take the ring off because it's getting in the way. The goblins steal it. Aunt Agatha immediately suspects the “mice” in the shop to be the culprits, so she dresses up like a cat to scare them away. She promises Kate she will find the missing ring. Boobull retrieves Kate's ring and drops it down on the counter for Aunt Agatha, who then returns it to Kate as promised.

In Toyland, Miss Pink Cat's beautiful antique ring is also missing. Mr. Plod is searching for it. He offers a \$4 reward for anyone who finds it. The goblins have stolen the ring and have sold it to Sammy Sailor, who puts it in a sailor's sea chest and hides it in the water. Noddy retrieves it while fishing, winning the silver cup for the biggest catch of the day along with the \$4 reward.

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123

“The Big Fight”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

One should always examine all the evidence before rushing to judgment, especially against friends.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children about conflict resolution, justice, and fairness. It reminds them that everyone is innocent until proven guilty.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Noah and Aunt Agatha get into a huge fight when Agatha mistakenly thinks that her brother is ignoring her. The bitter feelings escalate when Noah tells Agatha he doesn't like her macaroni salad. From there it just becomes more and more ridiculous. The fighting upsets the children, who can see that it's just nonsense. They decide to try and bring a stop to it by writing a phony apology to Noah and pretending it's from Aunt Agatha. Their plan backfires, however, when Agatha learns about it. Finally, the children decide to pretend that they themselves are fighting over nothing, to show their elders how ridiculous they sound. This time the plan works, and Noah and Agatha decide to stop fighting.

The puppets sing a song about breaking up and making up. (“That’s what friends do best.”)

Meanwhile, in Toyland, Sally Skittle accuses Noddy of stealing from her cupboard. Everyone quickly jumps on the bandwagon, blaming Noddy without first examining the evidence. Tessie Bear believes Noddy, though, and devises a plan to prove his innocence by finding the real thief. Finally, the real thief, in the form of a goblin, is caught, and Noddy is vindicated.



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“Following Directions”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Asking questions, writing things down, and following instructions can save time and help you minimize your mistakes.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode highlights basic problem-solving skills, teaching children how to handle simple chores in a responsible manner.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Noah is home with the flu, and Aunt Agatha has volunteered to mind the store in his stead. He gives her a list of things to buy, but she can't read his handwriting. Rather than ask for clarification, she tries to guess what he's written and ends up buying all the wrong things. Meanwhile, a new automatic package wrapper has arrived at NODDY'S, and DJ tries to operate it without first reading the directions. As a result, he breaks one of the customer's purchases into lots of tiny pieces.

The goblins are having similar problems of their own. They have gathered around the new barbecue grill. Lurk tries but fails to assemble the grill without reading the instructions first. Then Kate mistakenly pours bubble bath into the aquarium, and the bubbles come pouring over the top, making a mess in the store and wreaking havoc for the puppets.

In Toyland, Noddy runs into trouble when Big Ears comes down with a bad cold and asks Noddy to do some shopping for him. Noddy gladly agrees to help. He listens to Big Ears' shopping list but doesn't write it down. Consequently, he buys all the wrong things. The next time he goes out shopping for Big Ears, Noddy mistakenly brings a laundry list rather than the shopping list.

Thus, through their silly mistakes, everyone learns the importance of paying attention and following instructions.

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“Mixed Up Masks”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

The best way to make new friends is by being a good friend.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children the importance of being yourself when confronting new social situations, and treating others as you would like to be treated.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Aunt Agatha is looking after a little boy named Dewey for the afternoon. The boy is extremely solicitous of Agatha, which makes the other children immediately suspicious. The children join Agatha and Dewey in designing masks, and while no one’s watching, Dewey puts on DJ’s mask and jacket. Then he steals an ice cream cone from Hilda. Naturally, DJ gets the blame. Warlow sees what Dewey is up to and persuades Lurk and Snipe to join him in making some mischief of their own. They play a dirty trick on Granny Duck, but Planet Pup takes the blame.

Meanwhile, Dewey tells Truman lies in an effort to turn him against DJ. Then Dewey once again puts on DJ’s mask and jacket and steals the Noddy doll right out from under Truman. DJ once again gets blamed, but he finally catches on to Dewey. Under Aunt Agatha’s command, Dewey eventually apologizes and confesses that he was trying to turn DJ and Truman against each other so that Truman could be friends with him instead. Noah tells Dewey that the best way to make new friends is by being a friend.



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“Truman Come Home”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

It’s always better to face your troubles rather than running away.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children to respect authority and to find constructive ways to deal with their emotions instead of acting out.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Truman is feeling left out as Kate and DJ shoo him away and Noah tells Truman that his help is not needed in the shop. Truman responds by acting out, spraying Kate and DJ with water and then accidentally soaking the laundry. Noah puts Truman in timeout. Boobull offers to play catch with Truman while he’s in timeout. The ball gets loose and Truman chases it out the door. Then he decides to run away rather than stay and face the music. He hides away with Rusty, and they read a story together about the gingerbread man. Truman begins to regret what he’s done. Meanwhile, the children really miss Truman and feel bad for shooing him away. Truman finally returns to the delight of the whole family. He apologizes for running away and is consoled by Noah.

The children tell a story about Toyland in which Master Tubby’s mother sends him to his room for being rude and refusing to help with the laundry. Master Tubby also responds by acting out. He gets into a water fight with Noddy, and then he runs away into the woods. He gets himself lost, however, and is very frightened. The whole gang goes out searching for him. When Noddy finds him, Master Tubby expresses great relief and promises never to run away again.

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“Something’s Lost, Something’s Found”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Always look for logical explanations before jumping to conclusions.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children to use logic and reason when trying to solve everyday problems. It also demonstrates the process of retracing one’s steps.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, the children ask Noah if they can play with his lucky compass. He agrees but warns them to be sure to take good care of it. They set the compass down to assist a customer with a purchase. When the customer leaves, the children discover that the compass has disappeared. Meanwhile, Truman is searching high and low for Planet Pup but can’t find him, either. The children enlist Aunt Agatha to help them find Noah’s compass, telling her they think they’ve mistakenly sold it to a customer. Then Aunt Agatha accidentally sells Kate’s dolls and DJ’s postcards to April May. Noah learns about the missing items and suggests that everybody try retracing their steps. The puppets sing a song about finding things. “One by one, rung by rung, we can find it yet. If we take it step by step.” The method proves successful as Kate retraces her steps and finds Noah’s compass sitting on a shelf. Then April May shows up at the store with the missing dolls and postcards, revealing Agatha’s mistake.

The children tell a story about Toyland in which Mr. Milko has lost his watch. Noddy assures him that he will look for it during his travels and retrace his steps. Meanwhile, other important items also are disappearing. Clockwork Mouse turns out to be the culprit. He gets caught with the stash, and all the items are returned to their rightful owners.



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“The Magic Show”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Some things you can’t teach yourself; someone has to show you how.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children about learning new skills from people who have experience and practice. It focuses on intergenerational themes of sharing and cooperation.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, the children are preparing for a talent show. Kate wants DJ to sing with her but DJ complains that he doesn’t have a good voice. He wants to do a magic show instead, and he asks Noah to teach him some tricks. Noah has a box of magic tricks, but the puppets have taken the box so that they can learn some tricks themselves. Then NODDY’S is visited by a professional magician named Jack. He demonstrates some of his best tricks but he doesn’t want to reveal to DJ the secrets of how they work. The puppets begin to sympathize with DJ’s predicament, so they decide to return the box of magic tricks, but DJ still doesn’t know how to use the tricks. Surprisingly, Jack returns to the store and decides to share some of his secrets with DJ. Then he thanks DJ for reminding him to make more time for his own children and teach them some tricks as well.

The children tell a story about Toyland in which Sammy Sailor sells Noddy a bag full of magic spells. But Noddy doesn’t know anything about the spells he’s purchased, and trouble unfolds as the spells begin making the characters disappear. Then some of the characters start behaving in ways that appear to be out of their control, like dancing and walking backwards in circles, all as a result of the mysterious magic potions. Eventually the potions wear off and nobody can remember what happened.

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“The Big Mess”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

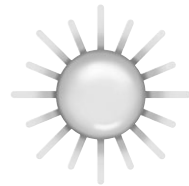
You should always take your responsibilities seriously and ask for help when you need it.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode encourages children to keep their cool in times of trouble and to seek help when needed.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, the children have been granted the privilege of playing with some special farmland toys in the store, each of which came wrapped in tissue and newspaper. Noah tells the children to be sure and clean up all the paper when they're finished. At the same time, April May brings a parrot to the store, which starts talking and confusing the characters. The kids toss the paper into a bag and bring it into Noah's office, leaving some of it behind on the floor. Aunt Agatha comes in with a brand new, fully automatic vacuum cleaner, which operates by remote control. When she goes to use the remote, however, she discovers that it has disappeared. The vacuum takes off on its own, roaring wildly through the store. By the end of the day, the store is a mess, with dust and paper strewn everywhere. In addition, Chipper the parrot has also escaped from his cage. Noah reminds the kids that they had made a deal to pick up after themselves. He encourages them to take their responsibilities more seriously and to ask for help when they need it.



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“Recipe For Learning”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

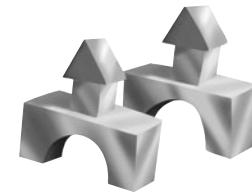
Listening is hard work.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children the value of being a good listener.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, no one seems to be listening to each other. First, Noah asks the children to listen for customers while he steps out, but the children are pre-occupied with a game so they don't hear him. Then, the children devise a plan to open up a Mexican restaurant behind the store. Aunt Agatha volunteers to teach the children how to make burritos, but they don't listen carefully to her instructions, so their burritos turn out badly. The puppets sing a song about cooking. “You should never, ever guess. One mistake, oh brother, it leads to another. And then you've got nothing but a mess.” Later in the day, Noah returns to the store and gets a shock. It seems the kids had told him about the new restaurant, but he wasn't listening. Since the burritos are inedible, the customers are treated to some of Agatha's famous inside-out cake instead. Meanwhile, the children help Agatha cook up some real burritos before conceding to Noah that NODDY'S isn't such a great location for a Mexican restaurant.



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“Recycle And Reuse It”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Everything old can be made new again.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children the benefits of recycling.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, the children learn about the benefits of recycling. First, the line for the wash breaks, so Noah instructs the children to bring it inside so that it can be used for some other purpose. Kate and DJ decide that they can use it as a jump rope. Then, Aunt Agatha returns from a trip to the recycling center (“I think conservation is terribly important”). She asks the others to gather up anything they have that’s old or broken so that she can take more items to the recycling center. When Sherman breaks a spring, the other puppets fear that he will be sent to the recycling bin. They find some parts with which to repair him. Noah shows the children how to make marionettes out of the rope. Then Kate suggests that they use the marionettes to create a puppet show. The puppets sing a song about doing something new with something that you’ve used before.

The children tell a story about Toyland in which Mr. Tubby Bear gives Noddy an old rope that he was about to throw away. Noddy uses it for a variety of purposes in his taxi, some of which prove successful and some of which don’t.



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“Telling The Whole Truth”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

The truth is always better than a lie.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children the importance of owning up to their mistakes and telling the truth, no matter what they fear the consequences may be.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Noah asks Kate and DJ to mind the store for him. The children accept the challenge, and Noah tells them to keep in mind that “the customer is always right.” Warlow breaks an elephant toy accidentally. He asks the Cry Babies to keep quiet about it, and promises bubble gum and chocolate bars in exchange for their silence.

Charlene Von-Pickings, the snooty acquaintance of Aunt Agatha, visits NODDY’S and decides to purchase a cuckoo clock for her five-year-old nephew. The children think this is not an appropriate gift for a five-year-old, but they remember Noah’s words of wisdom about the customer being right, so they begin to wrap it, but they accidentally break it in the process. Rather than owning up to their mistake, they decide to try to cover it. They hand Ms. Von-Pickings the broken clock in a large, carefully wrapped box. Eventually, their lie is uncovered, and the children, prompted by Noah, confess the truth. Warlow also confesses to having broken the elephant after his lying catches up with him.

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“Secret Valentines”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

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People don't always wear their hearts on their sleeves; sometimes you have to look hard to discover the true feelings of another.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

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This episode teaches children the meaning of Valentine's Day and demonstrates the different ways in which friends express their love for each other.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Kate has received an anonymous Valentine's Day card and is trying to figure out who sent it. Hilda wants to attend a Valentine's Day dance competition but has no partner. Truman decides to play cupid by suggesting that Noah take Hilda to the dance. Warlow hides all the Valentine's Day cards that the puppets intended to exchange with each other, having concluded that he's not likely to receive any cards himself, so why should the others?

Kate thinks she has figured out which boy sent her the valentine, but Noah advises her to think again, because things are not always as they appear to be. Finally, Kate realizes that it is DJ who has sent her the valentine. Suddenly she feels very badly for not having given DJ a card. She gives him a card and apologizes. Noah takes Hilda to the dance and shows her a fabulous time. Warlow discovers that some of the valentines in the pile are actually for him, then regrets having withheld the valentines from the others.

The children tell a story about Toyland in which everyone is partnering up for a dance competition. Tessie Bear and Noddy seem an unlikely pair but they practice hard and win the competition.



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“Sing Yourself To Sleep”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

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Everyone sometimes has difficulty falling asleep at bedtime; telling stories and singing songs can help.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

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This episode teaches children how to cope with a normal childhood problem of not wanting to go to bed on time.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Noah is letting Truman stay up past his bedtime. Truman talks with Rusty and Sherman about how difficult it is sometimes to get to sleep. Then Noah falls asleep himself and forgets about Truman. Truman listens to the puppets sing some songs from previous episodes. Afterward, the puppets ask Truman to tell them a Noddy story. Meanwhile, Boobull is having troubles of his own because he can't get his parents to turn off the television and go to bed. Then Warlow scares Truman with a song about Halloween, making it even more difficult for him to go to sleep. Rusty and Sherman promise to stay by Truman's side and protect him while he tries to sleep. Finally, he succumbs.



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“Treasure Hunt”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Sometimes wishes do come true.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children that nothing creates more magic than trying to understand each other and bring each other happiness. It highlights themes of sharing and caring.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, the goblins cast a spell in an attempt to turn a box filled with the puppets’ favorite toys into a buried treasure. As usual, they goof up, and turn the box into a treasure map instead. Truman finds the treasure map. He shows it to Kate and DJ, who realize that it’s a map of the store and decide to use it to try to find a buried treasure. The puppets follow them in their search. They sing a song about treasure hunting. The map leads to a box buried in the backyard. Truman makes a wish that the box will be filled with things that make everyone happy. It turns out to be full of cherished dolls and toys from Noah and Aunt Agatha’s childhood. The finding reunites Noah and Agatha, who had been squabbling over differences in their memory of a childhood game. Meanwhile, the puppets find a box of their own. It turns out to be filled with the items stolen from them by the goblins.

The children tell a story about Toyland in which the goblins cast a spell on Noddy’s taxi and lure Noddy and his friends to Goblin’s Corner. Once there, the goblins force Big Ears to reveal the location of a magic tree that was planted by his grandfather. The goblins find the tree and pluck off all its golden leaves, which they intend to sell so that they can be rich. But their plan backfires when Mr. Plod catches and arrests them. The bag of golden leaves turns out to be empty because the leaves are magic and can never be taken away.



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“Jack Frost Is Coming To Town”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Your health is more important than your appearance.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children to listen to their elders, to weigh consequences, and to anticipate the outcomes of various decisions.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, winter has fallen on the town, and the children are eagerly awaiting the season’s first snowfall. Noah finds a snowscape dome while cleaning up the cellar, making the children even more eager for real snow. Jack Frost in miniature joins the puppets. Together, they sing a fairy tale song about “Jack Frost, the coolest guy in town.” Aunt Agatha gives Noah and the children new scarves. Truman’s scarf is a bit long for him, and he thinks it looks silly, so he decides not to wear it. Kate and DJ warn him that he’s going to catch cold, but he refuses to listen. Sure enough, Truman catches a bad cold. Finally, he agrees to wear his scarf.

The children tell a story about a cold spell in Toyland. Everyone is bundling up, but the giraffes don’t want to wear their scarves because they’re afraid they’ll look silly. Finally, Noddy convinces them to wear his.



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“The Trouble With Truman”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Everyone has a contribution to make to the family, regardless of age.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children to be sensitive to the insecurities of younger siblings and try to include them whenever possible.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Truman’s feelings are hurt when everyone tells him he’s too young to play their games and help out with their chores. First, Kate and DJ tell him he’s too young to play with their new bubble-blowing kit. Then April May comes into the backyard with a bunny rabbit in a cage and asks if anyone wants to baby-sit the rabbit for a couple of hours. Truman volunteers, but she tells him he’s not old enough. Later in the day, Kate and DJ try to reach out to him, but he pushes them away. Later, Truman accidentally lets the rabbit out of his cage. He goes into hiding, angry at himself for being so young and making mistakes. Kate and DJ regret the way they’ve treated Truman. They search for him while Noah looks for the rabbit. Aunt Agatha comes along and offers to help Noah with his search, but Noah rejects her offer.

Eventually, Aunt Agatha finds Truman while searching on her own. She tells him she knows exactly how he feels being the baby in the family. Truman and Agatha find the rabbit, and Truman climbs into a small opening in the boat to rescue it, being just the right size to fit. The others rejoice to learn that Truman has saved the rabbit. The children apologize to Truman and tell him he’s not too young to play with them. Noah apologizes to Agatha and confesses that he, too, still has a tendency to think of her as his “baby” sister.

The children tell a story about Toyland in which Noddy suffers a series of mishaps and breakdowns with his taxi.



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“Let’s Go Fly A Kite”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Sometimes it takes real effort to understand the perspective of another.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children the benefits of role-playing when trying to understand someone else’s point of view.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, it’s a beautiful day outside and the children want to fly a kite, but Noah wants them to help him in the store. Kate tells Noah she wishes they could switch places so that the grownups would remember what it’s like to be a kid. With that, the characters all switch places. Noah and Aunt Agatha are now the children, and DJ and Kate are the grownups. They mimic each other’s conversation, with DJ and Kate wanting to work, and Noah and Agatha just wanting to play and have fun all the time. Kate also mimics Aunt Agatha’s pretentious conversation about opera and high society, while DJ pretends to be a sea captain. Through their role-playing, Noah is reminded of what it’s like to be a child. To the delight of the children, he decides that the beautiful day would be better spent flying a kite; the work can wait until later.



EPISODE
139

“Think Big”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

Be careful what you wish for.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode encourages children to use their imaginations and explore other worlds.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Kate is making a diorama of Alice in Wonderland and wishing she could have a great adventure of her own. The children are trying to enlist Noah's help with their various projects, but Noah is too busy with his own work. Boobull is also being brushed aside by his parents, so he casts a spell on the children, shrinking them down to his own size so that he can play with them. At first the children are scared and confused, but then they begin to enjoy their adventure. They are surprised to learn that Boobull knows their names and has heard all their Noddy stories. Meanwhile, Noah and Aunt Agatha are unable to find the children and are becoming concerned. The children play with Boobull and tell him a Noddy story. They also get to know the puppets. Bonita reads a pop-up book called Tom Thumb. When restored to their normal size, the children have no memory of their adventure. Noah is greatly relieved to see the kids again. He decides to take them outside to play.

In their Toyland story, Noddy wants to relax but Master Tubby keeps throwing his ball at him. Noddy becomes annoyed and throws the ball back, hitting an apple tree by accident. Master Tubby tells Noddy that he has knocked down his father's prized apple, whereupon Noddy is caught in a chain of favors as he tries to find a replacement apple.



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“Noah's Leaving”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

There's no place like home.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode teaches children that it's natural to grow tired of one's daily routine, but in the end, what matters most is being with the people you love.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, Noah has grown tired of his responsibilities at NODDY'S. When his old sea buddy, Wally the Wanderer, makes a visit, Noah decides to return to the sea with him. Aunt Agatha breaks the news to the kids, who are naturally devastated. Sherman and Rusty have an argument about moving, with one wanting to move to the city and the other to the country. The puppets sing a song called, “Country Mouse, City Mouse,” after which Sherman and Rusty decide they don't want to leave their home after all; they're happy right where they are.

The children put on brave faces as they bid farewell to Noah. Just as Noah is leaving, a child comes in and decides he wants to buy the Noddy doll, which the goblins have planted in the window as a ploy to get Noah to stay. Their scheming proves successful. When Noah runs back inside to tell the boy that the Noddy doll is not for sale, Wally the Wanderer decides to shove off without him. He tells Noah: “I think you belong here, with the people who love you and need you.”

Noah accepts his fate and suggests that the family go for a row on the lake instead.

“Anything Can Happen At Christmas”

EDUCATIONAL THEME

The spirit of Christmas can be shared year-round.

DEVELOPMENTAL THEORY

This episode conveys the spirit of Christmas by encouraging children to be generous and forgiving and by giving them a glimpse of magic.

SYNOPSIS

In this episode, everyone is busy making preparations for Christmas. Aunt Agatha has a long list of tasks to be completed, and she and the other adults become so entangled in their preparations that they lose sight of the holiday spirit. Santa Claus' wife, Annabelle, has stopped by the store to check up on who has been “naughty or nice.” She makes herself visible only to Truman and the puppets. She takes Truman on a visit to the North Pole. When he returns, it's as if he has just awakened from a long nap. He tells Kate and DJ about Annabelle and his journey, but they assume he's just been dreaming. The goblins and Warlow devise a plan to change Annabelle's list to make it appear as if they have been “nice” rather than “naughty.” Annabelle catches Warlow in the act. She asks him to try harder to behave himself, while at the same time encouraging the others to be generous and forgiving, even toward the goblins, during the Christmas season. In the end, DJ and Kate catch a glimpse of Annabelle, and the magic of Christmas is shared by all the children.

Meanwhile in Toyland, Santa Claus is on his way to have a look at the toys he plans to give the children at Christmas. The town is filled with excitement in anticipation of his arrival. Big Ears, who has invited Santa Claus to dinner, notifies everyone that they are invited to a grand Christmas party in the town square when Santa Claus arrives. The goblins devise a plan to keep Santa Claus from getting into town, but Noddy foils their plan and ensures his safe arrival.

Once in Toyland, Santa Claus proves to be more kind and generous than anyone could have imagined. Sammy Sailor is concerned because no one wants to buy his fish at Christmas time, so Santa Claus orders him to cook up some fish sticks to be served at the Christmas party. When Santa Claus learns about Noddy's efforts to protect him, he gives Noddy the honor of chauffeuring him about town. Then Santa Claus performs the ultimate act of kindness by inviting the goblins to dine with them at the party. Noddy sings a song to teach the goblins how to behave during Christmas. The others join in at the chorus, spreading a message of goodwill and encouraging each other to be generous and kind all year round, not just during Christmas.

