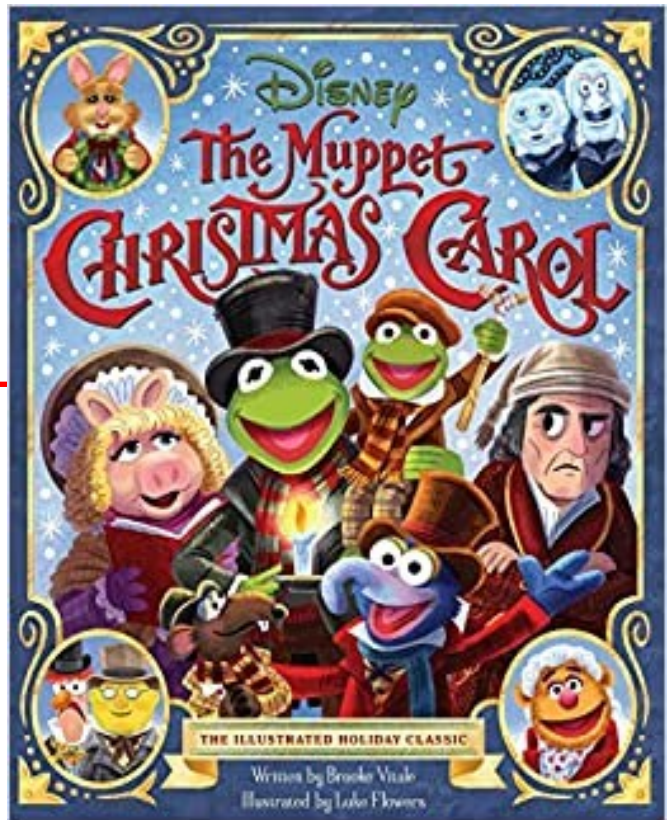


# The Muppets

## A Christmas Carol



Charles Dickens himself, played by the chicken-crazy Great Gonzo, narrates this tale of Ebenezer Scrooge's spoiled life. Scrooge is hated by all. Even the (puppet) mice in the street know he's no good. Scrooge runs a mortgage company and relishes debtors' misfortune and sneers at his nephew and solicitors. When he is visited by the ghosts of Richard and Jacob Marley and then the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, Scrooge has to decide whether to live out the fate he sees or thaw his heart for a better, more loving life.

**Questions:** What lessons can we learn from the things that Scrooge experienced? Is it ever too late to change your mind about how you live your life? Why or why not? If you were to choose one thing that you would change about your life, what would it be? Did Scrooge learn his lesson and how did he see the error of his ways? What did he miss out on by only caring about work and money instead of friends or family? How do you show the people in your life that you love them? Are you generous? How? We celebrate Christmas because God sent Jesus into the world to show us our need to change our lives and to follow the example of His life. Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be my disciple, take up their cross, and follow me." Mt 16:24

**Parent Info :** Scrooge learns to think of others before himself. By the end, he starts to worry about Tiny Tim's health and ends up buying the prize turkey for the Cratchit family. Scrooge also learns to be the best and nicest he can while his life lasts. He learns that it is never too late to change. This movie teaches us that just because your past (or present) wasn't (or isn't) so good, you don't have to be rude to others. The Ghost of Christmas Future is scarier than the others and may frighten more sensitive children. In one version of the future, Tiny Tim is projected to die. Scrooge has to confront his cruel behavior and learns life lessons because of it. Recommended age 6 and up.

**Closing Prayer:** *Thank You God for this day and this movie that we can enjoy and learn from! Put the message You want me (us) to learn and put it into our heart. May the birth of Jesus be the present and presence of this time. Amen*