

Breakfast Cheer

by Angie

Vincent made a circle of pine boughs, added some sprigs of holly for colour, then tied them with raffia. He wound in a strand of small bulbs, and tested them. Finally, he added the flasher bulb and attached Mouse's timer.

Near midnight, the scent of pine already making him smile, he plugged the wreath into the pirated power source in the dining chamber.

At breakfast, the adults waited indulgently in the muted light. Suddenly, the wreath lit up and the laughter of children greeted it.

Hidden nearby, a music box suddenly played "Jingle Bells" and everyone cheered.

Mouse looked smug.