**The Lost Elf – Synopsis**

This Christmas at Pennington’s Place Department Store is not like the happy, high profit seasons of the past. Pennington’s Place is in dire straits and needs a windfall to keep its doors open. Fred, the store manager, is having struggles of his own raising his “angsty” teen-age daughter, Leona, as her mother is on deployment across the world. Mr. Pennington insists that Fred don an elf costume to help with sales and store morale – not something Fred is thrilled with. With the help of cheerful and wise store employee, Faye, Leona, Fred’s daughter, and her friends decide to form a volunteer elf brigade to help Fred and help the store, and something which Leona hopes will help restore her relationship with her Dad.

Mr. Pennington’s one big chance to break even is to win a big magazine’s “Best Home Town Store Live Nativity Display Contest.” He’s entered his store into the contest, which pressure is making all of the employees very tense, especially Fred. The streak of bad news continues when the paid-for Nativity actors flake out on performing just as the magazine’s judge is due to arrive. Leona, Faye, Brooke, and Oliver have a solution but they’re delayed when Mabel, an older, sweet volunteer elf, gets lost. Will their solution work? Will the lost elf, Mabel, be found? Will Fred and Leona work out their differences? Will Pennington’s Place survive into the New Year? Find out in this bad news/good news Christmas story, “The Lost Elf.”