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## Hi all, Today is all about Santa



The Story

This video tells the story of Santa (ctrl click or copy in your browser):

[The History of Santa Claus: St. Nicholas and the Origin of Santa - FreeSchool - Bing video](#)

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**Just in case...**

Today's story:

A Long time ago, there lived in Patara, a man called Nicholas. Patara was a town in Turkey. You know that Santa means Saint and Claus stands for Nicholas, and that is how he came to be known as Santa Claus. Now in Santa Claus's own town, Patara, there lived a gentle lord who had three daughters. But he was so poor was he that one day he was on the point of sending his daughters out to beg for food from his neighbours. Saint Nicholas had come into a fortune and so, no sooner did he hear of the trouble the poor lord was in he went to the nobleman's house at night, and when he saw an open window he threw a bag of gold inside. When the father found the bag the next morning and opened it, he was ecstatic. He wondered who sent it to him? With this timely gift the father was able to provide for his eldest daughter so that she could be married .On another night Santa Claus set off with another bag of gold, and threw it in at the window, so the second daughter was provided for. But by this time, the father had grown eager to discover who the mysterious visitor could be, and next night he kept on the lookout. Then for the third time Santa Claus came with a bag of gold on his back and itched it in at the window. The old lord at once recognized his fellow townsman, and falling on his knees, cried out " Nicholas, servant of God, why do you want to hide yourself?" adapted from [www.kidsgen.com](http://www.kidsgen.com)



## Getting Crafty

### Santa Gift Tag

**Saint Nicolas brought gifts to the poor. Make gift tags**

**You will need:** red cardboard or paper, black cardboard, paper or felt, the pull ring of a juice can, aluminium foil, hole punch, ribbon. scissors, glue

- Cut a round or square shape from the red cardboard or paper and punch a hole in the top. Thread the ribbon through the hole.
- Cut a strip of black cardboard or paper and thread through the juice can ring. This is your belt and buckle, Glue onto the red card/paper about 2/3 down.
- Crunch up two tiny balls of aluminium foil and stick onto the shape above the “belt” as buttons



### Newspaper Santa

**You will need:** (coloured) cardboard, old newspaper, white paper, black marker, water colour, paintbrush, scissors, glue

- Paint a section of the newspaper red, let dry completely. Then cut a body and a Santa head out of the red newspaper
- Cut a rectangle out of the newspaper that is NOT red (the width should roughly match the width of the body). Cut the lower part of the square into strips of equal width and length, that’s your beard
- Stick the body and the rectangle onto the cardboard
- Cut a face shape out of white paper, stick onto the rectangle and draw a face with black marker.
- Cut a strip of newspaper. Stick the Santa hat onto the cardboard above the rectangle and stick the newspaper strip onto the bottom of the head. Add two curled up strips of newspaper as moustache.





## Fun and Games

Note: these games are not suitable, when one family member is ill

### Pin the nose on Santa

**You will need: a red pompom or scrunched up paper napkin, a Santa face, a blindfold, some blue tack**

- Draw a Santa Face and put it up on a wall with blue tack
- Put a blob of blue tack on the pompom (you can tear up and scrunch up a paper napkin if you don't have a pompom).
- Each of you takes a turn to be blindfolded and tries to stick Santa's nose in the right place
- Whoever is closest is the winner!



### Musical Santa

**You will need: Santa hats (optional), soft toy or soft ball**

- Sit around the kitchen table (you could all wear Santa hats). The youngest player starts and gets the toy
- Choose a Christmas Song or Carol. That can be anything from Rudolph to Away in a Manger
- The youngest person sings the first line, then throws the toy/ball to someone else
- The next player sings the second line and then throws the toy to someone else and so on
- Whoever can't remember a line must pay a forfeit. Think of something you can do to get the forfeit back (don't be too mean though).



**Puzzle it out**

## Santa Maze



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Use the letters of the words below (above) the grid to fill it in. Each letter must appear only once in each line both left to right and top to bottom. Easier said than done!



