

Saint Nicholas



Who Is Saint Nicholas?

Saint Nicholas is a kind man. He gives gifts to people. Saint Nicholas worked in a church. There are lots of stories about him.



Saint Nicholas has different names all around the world. He is called...

Santa Claus
in the USA

Père Noël
in France

Kanakaloka
in Hawaii

Saint Nicholas delivers gifts to 90 million children in one night.

He wants to help people and to make them happy.

Saint Nicholas lives in the North Pole with elves. He has a workshop where he makes toys. Saint Nicholas gives gifts on Christmas Eve. His sleigh is led by his nine magical reindeer.



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Saint Nicholas became a bishop so that he could help people by spreading the word of God.

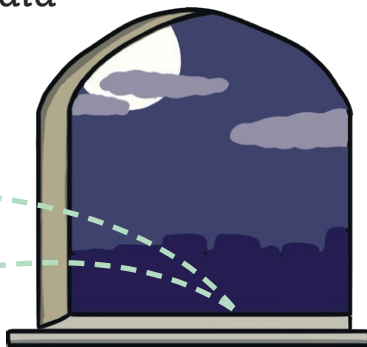
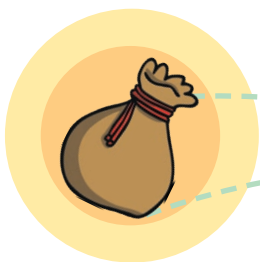


There is a popular story about how Saint Nicholas helped a poor man.

The man did not have enough money for his three daughters to get married.

Saint Nicholas secretly threw a bag of gold through the man's open window while he slept at night. It landed in the eldest daughter's stocking that was drying by the fire.

The family were amazed and delighted by the gift they had received the next morning. Saint Nicholas often carried out his good deeds at night as he did not need any thanks.



What Is a Patron Saint?

- A patron saint watches over a place, a person or an activity.
- Saint George is the patron saint of England and Saint David is the patron saint of Wales.
- Scotland has Saint Andrew as their patron saint and it is Saint Patrick in Ireland.

Santa Claus
in the USA

Sinter Klaas
in Holland

Père Noël
in France

Sankt Nikolaus
in Germany

Kanakaloka
in Hawaii

Saint Nicholas became known as the saint of giving gifts. He has many different names. He is called...

It is thought that Saint Nicholas now lives in the North Pole and he brings gifts to children around the world on Christmas Eve to spread joy and happiness.



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- 17 years ago
- 170 years ago
- 1,700 years ago

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Saint Nicholas was born around 1,700 years ago in Patara, which would now be part of Turkey.

He was a generous person who happily shared his toys with other children.

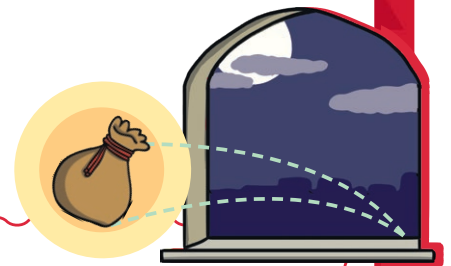


He became a Christian bishop when he grew up.

He devoted his life to helping people who were in need.

Lots of stories are told of Saint Nicholas' selfless deeds.

One story tells us about how Saint Nicholas gave to a poor family by leaving money in their stockings that were drying by the fire.



What Is a Patron Saint?

It is believed that a saint is someone who is very holy. A saint is a kind and honourable person. There are believed to be many patron saints who each watch over a place, a person or an activity.

Saint Christopher watches over travellers and Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love and marriage.

Over the years, stories of Saint Nicholas' miracles and the work that he did for the poor spread to other parts of the world.

Saint Nicholas would often carry out these good deeds at night while people were sleeping as he did not want any thanks. Later, Saint Nicholas became known as the saint of gift-giving.

Saint Nicholas has become a beloved figure for many people but he has many different names.

He is called Santa Claus in the USA, Père Noël in France and Kanakaloka in Hawaii.

In Holland, they call him Sinter Klaas and he is called Sankt Nikolaus in Germany.



However, he is known for one thing. Saint Nicholas is known to bring happiness and joy to children all around the world.

It is thought that Saint Nicholas now lives in the North Pole and he delivers presents to around 90 million sleeping children on Christmas Eve each year. He is helped by the elves in the North Pole and his faithful reindeer who pull the sleigh.



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 Turkey
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Accept any two of the following: Santa Claus; Père Noël; Kanakaloka; Sinter Klaas; Sankt Nikolaus; Father Christmas.

6. How do we know that Saint Nicholas is a very important person?

Pupils' own responses, such as: We know that Saint Nicholas is important because he is a saint. He lived around 1,700 years ago and is still loved today.