

20 MINUTES OF WONDER

Santa storytime & kindness kit

Ages 4-8 with a grown-up. Adapt for your group, pace, and access needs.

Yes. Santa is still real. This kit preserves Santa belief. Grown-ups decide whether it fits their setting. Children may pass, listen quietly, or join in their own way.

Before you begin

Print this kit, or read it from a screen. Optional: scrap paper and crayons. No special supplies, internet, purchases, or personal information are needed. Seat children comfortably with a grown-up supervising.

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Welcome

Say, "Yes. Santa is still real. Today we will hear a North Pole story and choose a small kindness." Invite everyone to imagine a bell. No speaking is required.

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Read together

Read the original story on pages 2-3. Pause to imagine the snow and the sleigh. Invite a soft "ting" or a silent gesture when the bell rings.

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Wonder together

Choose two or three prompts on page 4. Allow quiet thinking time. Children can answer aloud, point, draw, or pass; no personal stories are required.

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Choose a kindness

Read the six missions on page 4. Each child remembers, points to, or circles one. Rehearse it, draw it, or try it with a familiar person and adult guidance.

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Close with wonder

Say, "Santa is still real. His sleigh still flies. There is room for one small kindness." Invite a quiet breath or an optional wave goodbye.

READ ALOUD - PART 1 OF 2

Santa and the Smallest Bell

At the North Pole, on a night that smelled of snow and cinnamon, Santa was checking the bells on his sleigh. The big bells rang like laughter. The middle bells sounded like skipping feet. But the smallest bell made no sound at all.

Santa held it gently in his mitten. It was round as a berry, with a tiny star on its side. He gave it a shake. Nothing. Even the reindeer leaned closer to listen.

"Perhaps it needs a quieter place," Santa said. He carried the bell outside, where the snow lay smooth beneath the moon. A little snow hare was beside the path. One paw had slipped into a deep hoofprint, and it could not climb out.

Santa knelt and brushed the snow away. The hare hopped free, shook its whiskers, and settled safely under a fir tree. From Santa's mitten came the faintest sound. Ting. He smiled. "There you are."

Back at the sleigh, a young reindeer was trying to fasten a crooked harness. Each time it turned to look, the silver buckle slipped farther away. Santa steadied the strap and waited patiently while the reindeer tried again. This time, click! The buckle held. Ting, ting, sang the little bell.

The story continues on the next page.



READ ALOUD - PART 2 OF 2

Santa and the Smallest Bell

Then a gust of wind swept across the yard. It scattered the map stars Santa had laid out for the journey. One star spun beneath the sleigh. Another landed in a snowdrift. The reindeer carefully gathered the stars with their soft noses. Santa thanked each one. The little bell rang clear and bright.

"You like kindness," Santa whispered. He hung it at the very front of the sleigh, where there was room for its small voice among the bigger bells. Then he tucked a warm blanket around his knees and looked toward the sleeping world.

The smallest bell began to glow. Its light floated over the runners, silver and gold, until the sleigh shimmered like a pocketful of stars. Santa laughed his wonderful laugh. "A little kindness can make a great deal of room for magic."

The reindeer lifted their heads. Snowflakes swirled upward. With one smooth leap, they carried Santa into the sky. Over rooftops and dark treetops, the sleigh flew toward Christmas Eve adventures, leaving a shining ribbon of wonder behind it.

And that smallest bell? It rang all the way. Not louder than every other bell. Just clearly enough to belong. If you imagine its sound tonight, perhaps it sounds like a gentle word, a patient moment, or a space made beside you. Santa is still real. His sleigh still flies. And there is always room for one small kindness.



LISTEN. IMAGINE. CHOOSE.

A small kindness fits here.

Pick a few prompts, then one mission. Children may always pass.

Six wonder prompts

- 01** What sounds might you hear at the North Pole?
- 02** Why did Santa take the bell somewhere quiet?
- 03** How did Santa help the young reindeer keep trying?
- 04** What could make room for a quiet voice in our group?
- 05** Which part of the sleigh's flight would you like to imagine?
- 06** What small kindness could you choose today?

Six kindness missions

- ☐ **Say thank you**
Thank someone you know for one helpful thing.
- ☐ **Make room**
Invite someone in your group to join. It is okay if they pass.
- ☐ **Make a drawing**
Create a kind picture for someone you know.
- ☐ **Lend a hand**
Ask a grown-up which small, safe job you can help with.
- ☐ **Use kind words**
Say one kind thing that is completely true.
- ☐ **Care for something**
Put away a book or toy so it is ready for next time.

Grown-up care

Use normal supervision and accessibility practices. Adapt each activity to the child; drawing, gestures, and quiet participation count. Do not collect names, addresses, wish lists, ages, or contact details. Keep actions with familiar people in your supervised setting; no money or stranger contact is required.

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