

# *I'll Be Home for Christmas*



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# Why Santa's suit is red and other Christmas trivia

The use of a Christmas wreath as a decoration on a front door, mantel or bay window symbolizes a sign of welcome and long life to all who enter.

Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing -- toasting neighbors to a long and healthy life.

The biggest selling Christmas song of all time is Bing Crosby's "White Christmas."

All modern references of Santa coming down the chimney can be traced to the famous poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas," written in 1822 by Clement C. Moore. In it he describes "And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof, the



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prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head and was turning around, down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound."

Due to the time zones, Santa has 31 hours to deliver gifts.

The first printed

reference to Christmas trees appeared in Germany in 1531.

Artificial Christmas trees have out-sold real ones since 1991.

Candy canes began as straight white sticks of sugar candy used to decorate Christmas trees. A choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral decided have the ends bent to depict a

shepherd's crook, and he would pass them out to the children to keep them quiet during services. It wasn't until about the 20th century that candy canes acquired their red stripes.

A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.

The Santa Claus suit was developed

when the Coca-Cola Company hired American artist Haddon Sundblom in 1931 to redesign Santa Claus. Sundblom chose the official colors of Coca-Cola, red and white.

In America in 1822, the postmaster of Washington, D.C., complained that he had to add 16 mailmen at Christmas to deal with cards alone. He wanted the number of cards a person could send limited by law. "I don't know what we'll do if this keeps on," he wrote.

An average household in America will mail out 28 Christmas cards each year and get 28 cards in return.

According to a survey, 7 out of 10 dogs get Christmas gifts from their dotting owners.

In 1836, Alabama was the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the last state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.

In 1947, Toys for Tots started making the holidays a little happier for children by organizing its first Christmas toy drive for needy youngsters.

According to Christian theology, the true Christmas season begins at sundown on Dec. 24 and lasts through sundown on Jan. 5. For that reason, this season is also known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.

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## Visit with Santa

Santa is coming to town!! He will be at the Log Cabin in Marshall on December 14th from 12-4pm. You are welcome to take a picture while you visit.



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## Mrs. Brittany Parsley's 3rd Grade Class - Marshall

Who is your favorite reindeer and I know what I want for Christmas. First, I would like a remote control car. Next I would like some Barbie doll clothes.

Last I would like a Ken doll and I would love my mom and step dad to feel better and I have 1 wish is to have a great Christmas.

**Love,  
Scarlett Wright**

I want a 3D printer and I want a deer grunt. I want a poster with rocks on it that would be cool and a new snake and a new bow and bat for baseball and camo sling shot. My ne Brock and I want a bopit. Merry Christmas!

**Love,  
Colton Hightshoe**  
PS How's Rudolph?

How old are you? For Christmas the three things I want for Christmas are a new laptop, a new ipad and lastly I would like Disney Doorables. And Disney Doorables for Maverick.

And I wish that there will be no more wars ever again and for homeless and starving kids and adults to get food and a warm place to stay this winter.

**Love,  
Olivia Clark**  
PS Who's your favorite elf? How many elves do you have? I would like a lot of laugh Woody dolly, 2001 Buzz Lightyear. For all boys and girls to get presents.

**Love,  
Dane Scott**  
PS Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me How are you? I want an indoor basketball arcade, aculus, and a gel blaster for Christmas. Haylee wants earbuds for Christmas. I hope everyone gets what they want.

**Love,  
Dalton Higgins**  
PS How is Mrs. Claus?

Hi how are you? I want a realistic baby doll, remote control reindeer, baby pjs, and I want to get a baby doll for my sister for everyone in the world to be safe and healthy and have water and food so they don't starve to death.

**Love,  
Kennedy Bender**  
Hi how is all of your reindeers?

I want Taylor Swift's Red (Taylor's version) record, Taylor Swift's folklore record, and Taylor Swift's 1989 record. I want to get my mom the wom-



Mrs. Parsley's Class: Front row (l-r) Benjamin Ray, Kennedy Bender and Bentley. Second row (l-r) Dane Scott, Maverick Johnson, River Cramer, Dalton Higgins and Scarlett Wright. Back row (l-r) Olivia Clark, Evan Barton, Gannon Brandenburg, Kaelyn Spittler, Evie Houpt and Colton Highshoe. Not pictured: Ellison Edington and Mrs. Brittany Parsons. Photo by Gary Strohm.

an in me book. I wish everyone has the best Christmas ever!

**Love,  
Maverick Johnson**  
PS I LOVE CHRISTMAS

What are you doing up there? For Christmas I want a speed champion lego set and a fast and the furious lego set and a four wheeler. And can my brother get a new car. I

wish to see Santa Claus.  
**Love,  
River Cramer**  
How are you? For Christ-

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## Mrs. Robinson's Class Marshall North School

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? My sister has been very good. She helps clean the rooms. Will you bring her some baby dolls? I have been good too. I have been playful. Will you bring me an iPhone and a kitten ? I hope you have a good life!

Love, Kinsley Butler

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My brother has been very good. He has been really nice. Will you bring him a concert ticket to see his favorite singer?

I have been good too. I have

been a good helper.

Will you bring me Taylor Swift stuff? I hope you have a wonderful day!

Love, Harper Downey

Dear Santa,  
How are you? My cousin has been very good. He's very nice. Will you bring him a toy car? I have been good too. I have been doing my homework. Will you bring me laptop? I hope you come to my birthday party.

Love, Karver Kile

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? My cousin has been very good. She hasn't been mean or mad at people. Will you bring her a special gift? I have been good too. I have done my homework. Will you bring me a new Xbox? I hope you bring presents to everybody.

Love, Weslee Sanders

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? My parents have been very good. They help me with my homework. Will you bring my elves? I have been good too. I have helped my parents. Will you bring e a new playhouse? I hope you bring it.

Love, Havanah Jones

Dear Santa,  
How are you? My sister has been very good. She cleans her room. Will you bring her a doll house? I have been good too. I have played with my sister. Will you bring me a Lego set? I hope you have safe travels.

Love, Ethan Mattis

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? My dad has been good. I have been good too. I have been cleaning my room. Will you bring me a four-wheeler? I hope you are safe on your trip.

Love, Ryder Bohannon

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? My brother has been very good. He has been a good boy. Will you bring him something he will love? I have been good too. I have been doing all of my homework. Will you bring me the Goosebumps Nintendo Switch game?

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Love, Axel Ray Gibson

Dear Santa,

How is my elf doing? My parents have been good. They take very good care of me! Will you bring them a pres-

ent that they will really love? They have had a hard time because of Tripp, my baby brother. I have been good too. I have been good to Layden, my brother. Will you bring me a Google Nest mini in black? I hope Mrs. Claus is being good!

Love, Lincoln Clark

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves? Jovi has been very good. Will you bring her very own kids washable make-up? I have been good too. I have taken care of my younger siblings. Will you please bring me a mini claw machine? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Raegan Scott

Dear Santa,  
How are you, Santa? My sister has been good. She has been nice to me. Can you give her a LOL doll? I have been good too. I have been doing my homework. Will you bring me an iPhone and a hoverboard? I hope you have a nice ride.

Love, NovaLeigh Veach

Dear Santa,  
How are you? My dad has been good. Will you bring him a new tool bag? I have been good too. I have gotten straight A's. Will you bring me an army helmet? I hope you have a great year!

Love, Cain Quinn

Dear Santa,  
How are you, Santa? My mom has been very good. She put the Christmas tree up. Will you bring her a present? I have been good too. I have

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## Ms. Shotts' Class Martinsville

This Christmas wish is not for me; I wish for my grandpa Tally to come home from the hospital for the rest of the year. Can you bring two things for my cousins, a dirt bike for Zayden and a mini brand backpack for Karlee. I would

love to have a baby alive doll for myself. See you next year.

Love,

Rachel Rankin

This year I will leave carrots outside for Rudolph. I would like a puffy princess dress, so I can play dress up in it. Can you bring my mom a heating blanket to keep her comfortable and cozy. My grandma would like a new recipe book because she loves to bake .

Make sure you buckle up on your trip home to the north pole.

Your friend,  
Sansa Schiver

I want other kids to get presents because some kids do not get presents and do not have homes. Oh and I'm sorry that my dad eats your snack. He likes cookies and milk too. I don't really need anything this year but if can I would like a new Bunny. Merry Christmas and god bless everyone.

Your friend,  
Sarah Wilson

I just want to know how

you and your reindeer are doing at the North Pole. I have been good this year. I would like to have a boy elf on the shelf at home. I want my 3 rd

grade class to have an elf on the shelf too. I want my Mimi to get a Mansion so my whole family can live together. I hope you have snow on Christmas.

Love,

Nevaeh Gerrard

I have been so good this year. My Dad has been good too. I really want a bird, because my sister has a pet and I have always wanted one. My mom would love a vacation, because she likes to travel. My dad would like a Firetruck, because he is a firefighter. Have a good Christmas.

Your Friend,  
Everly Tingley

I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would really like my mom to have a new watch. Can you bring April a Disney Goofy Sweatshirt because she loves him. I don't want much but can you get me a cat. I really want to cuddle and play with my own cat. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

BFF,

Jazmyne Nichols

I've always wondered is it always cold up there at the North Pole ? I am planning on reading every single Lem-ony Snicket book there is so I would really like to own all of

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## Mrs. Sims' Class Marshall North School

How are your reindeer? I think I have been good this year. I would like a bike. I want to my mom to get a new Apple watch. Have a good year!

Love,

**Joshua Bracken Jr.**

How many elves do you have? I hope I'm on the good list. I would like American Girl doll accessories. Can you get my dog some toys and treats? Have a Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love,

**Sadie Claypool**

Who is your favorite reindeer? Mine is Dasher. I have been kind of good. I would like a football field in my yard. I have been wishing for peace and quiet in my bedroom. Have a happy New Year!

Love,

**Jase Fraker**

Do your reindeer really fly? I hope I am on the good list! I would like to be in the Star Wars Empire. May I have a lightsaber so that I can be a sif lord? I want Scarlet to get what she wants. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,

**Elijah Harryman**

What are your favorite

cookies? I hope I'm on the good list. I would like a stuffed animal goldfish in a tank. I wish for my dad to get some shoes. Have the best Christmas!

Love,

**Vivi Henry**

Am I on the good list? I think I have been good this year. I would like fuzzy deer hunting boots. I have been wishing for my brother to move into his own room. Happy Christmas!

Love,

**Tabor Howard**

Am I on the good list or the bad list? I hope I am on the good list this year. I have been wanting FC 24. Can I have a muzzle for my dog? Merry Christmas!

Love,

**Walker Huffington**

How many elves do you have? I hope I'm on the good list. I would like Madden 24. I wish for a mouth muzzle for my dog. Happy New Year!

Love,

**Jase Maskell**

How have you been doing? I hope I'm on the good list. I would like an American Girl doll dress. I have been wishing for my dog to have



Mrs. Sims' Class: Front row (l-r) Elijah Harryman, Vivi Henry and Maurino Mayer. Second row (l-r) Zayden Storer, Kayzlee Platt, Jase Maskell and Tabo Howard. Back row (l-r) Emilia Maurer, Lexi Strohm, Jase Fraker, Mrs. Miranda Sims, Joshua Bracken and Walker Huffington. Not pictured: Sadie Claypool and Bentley Collins. Photo by Gary Strohm.

toys and bones. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,

**Emi Maurer**

Am I on the nice list? I hope I am. I have been both bad and good. I would like a new sibling. I wish for a vacation for my mom and dad. Happy New Year!

Love,

**Maurino Mayer**

How do you make the

toys? I hope I'm on the good list. May I have a PS5 and the new farming simulator game? I would like a squishy toy for my dog. Have a happy New Year!

Love,

**Kaeden Morgan**

How are your reindeer? I have been good this year. I would like mechanical pens. I have been wishing for new glasses for my dad. Have a

good year!

Love,

**Kayzlee Platt**

Did you like the Oreo cookies I left for you last year? I hope I'm on the good list. I would like a hoverboard. I have been wishing for my mom to get a break. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,

**Zayden Storer**

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last year! This year I would like a new winter blanket. I would like everyone to get the presents they are hoping for. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,

**Lexi Strohm**



## Mrs. Weaver's Class Hutsonville

Dear Santa,  
Hello, I am 9 years old. I hope you and the reindeer had a good year. May I have a basketball, football, Harry Potter accessories, and a pool table with accessories? I will put a pathway for the reindeer to land, and a snack for you guys.

**Love, your friend, Luna**

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 years old. I want a hoverboard and a stuffed animal, please. You are the best. Have a good year.

**Love, Dalelyn**

Dear Santa,  
Hello, I am 8 years old. I hope to get a mini bowling game. Can I get one please? I will leave cookies and milk, and a snack for the reindeer. I hope you have a great Christmas and the rest of your year.

**Love, Cal**

Dear Santa,  
Hello, I hope you've had a great year. I am 9 years old. I have been thinking about what I would like, and I've made a decision. I would enjoy a foosball table, make-up,

and a karaoke machine. I will leave treats for you and the reindeer!

**Thank you so very much, Lairyn**

Dear Santa,  
Hello, I am 8 years old. I hope you have a good year! I would like Pokemon stuffed animals, Star Wars Legos, a blanket, and magnets.

**Love, Dalton**

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I am 8 years old. I have been thinking about what I would like for Christmas this year. I would like a Squishmallow, hoverboard, candy, and a Barbie camper, please. I am excited for you to come. Thank you for my gifts! I hope you have a great Christmas!

**Love, Kyeslynn**

Dear Santa,  
Hi, I am 8 years old. Have you had a good year? For Christmas, will you bring a new pair of basketball shoes, a Squishmallow, a burrito game, and make-up, please? I will leave cookies for you and reindeer food for the reindeer. Have a good year.



Mrs. Weaver's Class: Front (l-r) Luna Hood and Ariana Taylor. Second row (l-r) Hadlee Henry, Kamie Knoblett, Kyeslynn Barnes and Dalton Liffick. Back row (l-r) Calden Titsworth, Lairyn Titsworth, Mrs. Breyanna Weaver, Angela Fancil and Dalelyn Stewart. Photo by Gary Strohm.

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**Love, Angela**  
Dear Santa,  
Hi! I hope you had a great summer. I am 8 years old. I would like an iPhone, jewelry, and make-up. I will leave a treat for you and the reindeer. Oh, I am in third grade. I have been trying to be good this

**Sincerely, Kamie**

Dear Santa,  
I am 9 years old. My name is Hadlee. I want a Barbie Dreamhouse, a watch, an Operation game, earrings, and Squishmallows, for Christmas, please! Thank you for

my presents!

**Your friend, Hadlee**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ariana. I am 9 years old. I would like a hoverboard. I would also like a puppy or kitten, and a T-Mobile phone. Merry Christmas!

**Love, Ariana**

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## Parsley

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mas may I have a girl elf, a baby elf, with my elf buddy please. And may my mom have fluffy socks please. I wish we all have a holly jolly Christmas.

Love,  
Evie Houpt

PS Who is your favorite reindeer?

How does my elf move? I want a Nintendo switch game and an ipad and I want another stuffed animal cheetah. And I hope my dad gets perfume.

## Robinson

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helped decorate.

Will you bring me a present? I hope you have a safe trip.

Love, Christina Tapp

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? My sisters have been very good. Would you bring them a baby alive doll and a bracelet set? I have been good too., I have done my homework. Will you bring me a unicorn that I can ride on?

Love, Kahliza Cramer

I wish my mom would get a dishwasher.

Love,  
Evan Barton

How are you? I want snow, a book, and a Squishmallow. I want a car for my mom and for my mom to get a raise for Christmas.

Love,  
Benjamin Ray

## Shotts

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them, if that's not too much. I would also like you to try give homeless people nice presents. I feel really bad for them. I have one more thing to ask for, I would really like for my family to have a present too. Before I go, I want you to know that I'll leave you milk and cookies. Don't forget to feed Rudolph.

Your Friend,  
Coen Lovell

I will leave you Milk and cookies. I want a Virtual Reality Headset it will be so much fun. I want my dad to get a new game controller because his button is jammed. I want Ms. Shotts to get a rocket ship so she can take a trip to Mars. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Have I been good? I want a Gojo picture also alcohol markers and special pens. Can you get my mom a new washing machine? I wish everyone has a happy Christmas.

Love,  
Gannon Brandenburg  
PS is my brother getting a real gun or a gun at all?

Hayden Shotts  
I have been good this year. I would like to get a pet for Christmas, because I don't have one and my brother has a pet cat. I would like for my family to have a good time in Florida because my Grandpa is not doing good. I wish for Ms. Shotts to stay longer teaching.

Your Friend,  
Rayzer Dodd

I have been really good this year. Could you please bring me new shoes, my old shoes are cracking. Please bring the homeless food. I bet they would be grateful. Could you get my mom a new work chair? She works hard at home. I would like to know how your reindeer are doing? I have carrots for you.

Your friend,  
Ellie Hollingsworth

Are you getting ready for Christmas? Can you please bring my sister a camera? She really wants one. I would like peace for the world. The world would be a better place. I'd also like my own kitten. We have three, but my mom sleeps with one, snuggles one, and the other sleeps out-

How are your reindeers doing? I want art toys and a sketch book. And I would like Sofia, my cousin to have a shirt that says "Kaelyn and Sofia". And I wish everyone had the best day of their life. I hope you have the best life.

Love,  
Kaelyn Spittler  
PS My cousin is soooooo spe-

side. I want my own to sleep with. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Your friend,  
Lucy Higginbotham

Thank you for what you brought me last year. My sisters would like a Stitch watch. I would love a Scooby Doo race car, and my brother would like a computer. Thank you for the presents last year. We will leave milk and cookies for you.

Your friend,  
Patrick Gross

Can you please give Rudolph a special treat every night? This year for Christmas could you give money to any homeless people. Also if any children do not have a toy, please bring them one. I would like an Iron Man toy because I saw it on a movie. Have a nice Christmas, Santa.

Your friend,  
Bryer Trammel

I have been very nice this year. How are all of your elves? I would like a girl and boy elf. That way my brother and I can both play with them. I want to stop world hunger because people are starving. Please bring me some make-

cial to me

How is your reindeer? For Christmas I would like squishmallows, baby sister, Junie B Jones books. I want my mom to hang out with family for Christmas. I wish for a baby sister!

Love,  
Ellie Edington

up. I love to play with it. Be safe on your trip Santa.

Your friend,  
Azlyn Hayes

Christmas is my favorite holiday. I love going down stairs on Christmas morning and seeing all the presents under the tree. Christmas is one of the only holidays where I see my cousins. I appreciate all the work you and the elves do. I'll make sure I leave you some extra cookies on Christmas because you are the best. One last thing, I really have been wanting an Accu-Quest 3 since my other Virtual Reality controllers don't work right. Thanks again!

Your friend,  
Greyson Gard

Dear Santa, I know I've been good this year. Could you get me and my mom and dad one thing? Well ,if you can I want a new kitten. Mom wants a clean house and my dad would love a new blanket. Oh, Santa hope you land on my house safely,

Love,  
Vivienne Shotts

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