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Letters to Santa by Tillamook County Children

Out of the mouths of babes: Christmas innocence found in the words of our children

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This time of year we are lambasted with holiday-hype.

This hysteria has reached such a high, that the anticipation must be far greater to our children than I remember it being in my youth.

It's grown so much that I tend to push back a bit, each year vowing not take part in any early shopping or decorating, but I am never able to accomplish that. I'm not the Grinch — I just like to do things on my schedule, how I've grown accustomed. And I'm not a last minute person either, so I guess I've found my holiday stride.

I actually love this time of year.

This season, the rush to Christmas seemed to begin much earlier. It seems like last week we were celebrating Halloween.

When I was younger we didn't even think about Christmas prior to Thanksgiving. My mother would not put our tree up until around the 15th of December so we wouldn't get too excited to early I suppose.

This year, I started seeing Christmas marketing well before Halloween. I don't believe that trend will ever change either.

One thing I do look forward to each year, is reading through the Letters to Santa that come into the office. We have published all the letters in this section of Season's Greetings. This year we worked with area cities and chamber of commerce



Joe Warren

offices as they gathered Letter to Santa.

Children have a special innocence when it comes to this time of year. Perhaps it's through the heightened anticipation, but whatever the reason, it's fun to see their excitement and read about that special day through their words.

For example, Jorgee submitted a letter beautifully decorated with his family singing together.

He writes, that he does not care how much presents Santa brings, he just wants his family to be happy. What a special message for all of us. I wish that too Jorgee, for your family and our community to be happy. Especially now with the year we've all had.

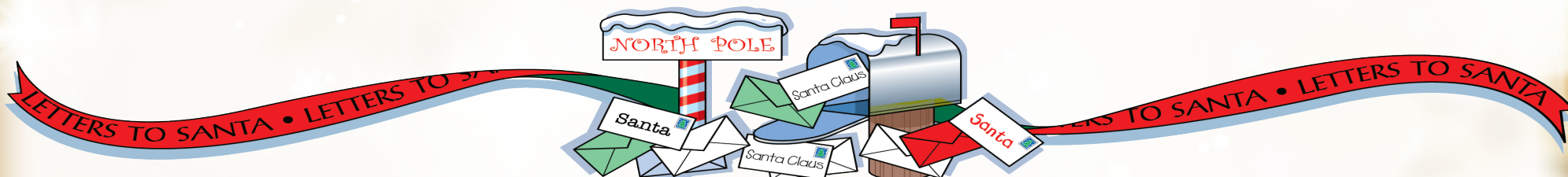
Four year old Penelope wrote a very beautiful letter. She loves Santa, his rein-

deer and this time of year so much she expressed it through her words and beautiful art and crafts she decorated on the letter. I hope Santa brings you more craft items this year, you are very talented and sweet.

I loved Lorelei's very personal message to Santa. She wants Santa to bring her parents presents, because, "they work so hard and parents barely have presents." I hope Santa brings your hard working parents a special gift this year Lorelei.

If you have forgotten what a special time of year this really is, take a quick read through the Letters to Santa and you will quickly agree; Christmas is special, even for us older kids.

Merry Christmas everyone! We hope this new year will bring us a little closer together, that perhaps a little Christmas spirit will stay with us, until next year.



Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a dark leather backpack for school.
thank You from
Forest Grove

Dear Santa
I want snapshots.
From Sawyer

Dear Santa
I don't care what you give me or how much presents you give me, I just want my family to be happy
Love, Jorgee

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll, big balloon x2 Elsa and Ahna, princess puzzle, new socks, new shoes-princess shoe, princess costume.
Your friend Harper

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a earth science kit.
From Baylee

Dear Santa,
This year what I want is a bean bag chair. I've been really good this year and I still believe in you
Love Ryleigh

Dear Santa
Hi Santa Christmas is my favorite holiday. So what I want for Christmas is a drone, my own room and a phone.
Merry Christmas
Love Sofee

Dear Santa
I been having issues with my head set the year I been wanting a new head set and a gift card Xbox and PS5 card.
From Mason

Santa
I've tried so hard to be good. I'd like a phone for Christmas. Kiss Rudolf for me.
Love, Hunter

Dear Santa
I want candy and cars,
Love Gideon

Dear Santa
I would like cool light up toys and bottles
Love Nova

Dear Santa
I want a new glow pet
Love Luna

Dear Santa,
Me and baby bro want a rain deer and candy and games.
Love Blaine and Charles

Dear Santa
I have been really good and I'd lie barbie things
Love, Bailey

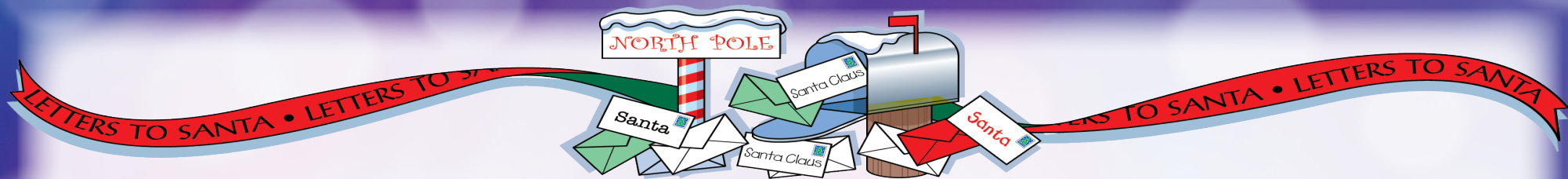
To Santa,
A sewing machine, a Christmas sweater, a slime kit, a puppy, a hat, a t-shirt, a phone, paint and paint brushes, a pet bird ,a new game a plant a barbie please
Evelynn

Dear Santa,
I would like a tractor with triple mowers, a truck (Freightliner) Blue and orange, monster jam shoes, new jimmys, monster truck
Your buddy Domonik

Dear Santa,
I want two dragon eggs
Behl

Dear Santa,
My name is Elizabeth. What I want is a doll and toy.
Love Elizabeth

Dear Santa
My name is Yunven, I am 2-years old.
I want a doll with a stroller and toys.
Love Yunven



Dear Santa
I would like marvel potato men
please
Love Roman

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I would like a make
up and body scrubs and lotion. Face
things, smelly things for the body, face
and hair. Hope you have a fun deliver
presents Merry Christmas

Dear Santa
Can you get me a nut cracker.
Love Keyleigh

Dear Santa,
May I please have a remote control
monster truck that I can sit in and
drive?
Love Grayson

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good because I
did all of my school work and chores.
This year I would like a gaming com-
puter with mine craft. I also would like
super smash bros. Ultimate with Zelda
Links awakening
Love Theo

Dear Santa
I have been really good every day.
For Christmas i would like Kawek the
book Dog and arkham asylum and the
godn ranger and ranger P Game. Mary
Crisis Santa
From Olen

Dear Santa,
i would like a candy kid for Christ-
mas, my sister wants a toy yoyo!
Brook and Brian

Hi Satna,
I'm Penelope Pearl Trost and I'm 4
years old. I hope you are well and the
reindeer. I love you and reindeer. I have
a question. How old are you? How is

Mrs. Claus doing? I'm very excited to
see and meet your elves and give them
my letter for you. This is what I would
like for Christmas. Thank you. Ken
doll, Barbie, Barbie stuff, fancy dresses,
shoes, play makeup, nail polish, troll
toys, art and crafts, Polly pocket, bal-
lerina box, Elsa-Anna, Buzz, Woody,
Calico Critters.

Love Penelope

Santa,
I have been good. How have you
been? I was wondering if I could ask
for ruffle nerf gun.
Have a Merry Christmas,
Ethen

Dear Santa,
Hi I'm Deven heath. I'm 13 years
old this year. I don't want much this
Christmas. Here's what I'd like. Thor's
Hammer, Captain Americas shield,
and a skateboard with helmet,
Thank you so much
love Deven
P.S. I'd like two more things, an
XBos One and a butterfly knife

Dear Santa,
Hi, I'm Zaden and I'll be 11 yrs on
Christmas. How's the reindeer doing? I
have tried to be good.
for Christmas I would like a for piece
fly rod, mt. bike, duck decoys, blow up
raft, blue fox spinners, blue, pink, red,
jigs for fishing, multiple, weights, 22,
22 ammo, Nerf shotgun, \$24 fishing
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hound dog and a camp pocket knife.
Thanks you Santa
Zaden

Dear Santa,
My name is Dehlyliah. I have been
good all year. My birthday is 2 days be-
fore christmas. For Christmas I would
like, princess haircut, paw patrol tower,

Barbie dream house, Barbie closet,
Barbie mermaid, Disney princesses,
Belle dress, easy bake oven, Beauty and
the Beast doll, clothes and shoes, Belle
styling head, Disney Princess hair kit,
make up

P.S. I also have a baby sister, here
name is Neveah. For christmas she
would like, Clothes, moo0re learning
toys, both toys, tooth brush.

Love, Dehlyliah and Neveah

Santa,
I hope you get some sleep. How is
Mrs. K? I love you. I love when you
put up treats in my stocking. I love
when you eat cookies I make. I hope
you come see me soon. My Gramma
helped me white this for you and my
papa will put up some lights so you
don't get lost. for Christmas, I want
a barbie Dream house, more than
anything but I want American Girl
Doll and sweet baby girl too. I want a
game for the car with Sweet Baby Girl.
I want to see your Reindeer and I want
all the American Girl doll accessories
and a full stocking bigger than papas.
Love Millie

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be really good this
year, I have mostly listened to my
mom and tried not to argue. I think
I deserve a happy napper the most,
it is what I want more than anything
in the world. And I want a V.I.P. Pet
also, but I would like to have a rap-
per napper more because they are out
every where and my mom can't find
one so I need you to get me one for
Christmas. Please and thank you. I will
leave out milk and cookies for you and
carrots for the reindeer on Christmas
Eve. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs.
Claus.

Love, Hayla

Dear Santa,
I want a ranbow high doll.
Love Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
I wont a Elsa Doll and a kind Kid
doll and a rambow High doll
Love Natalie

Dear Mr. Claus,
I need Santa to read this right away!
Saint Nick I want you to be happy for
this Christmas and wear a mask, please
write me back.

I would like you to give my parents
some presents because they work so
hard and I would like to be generios
and because parents barely have
presents. I would like a Phone, quad,
money, L.O.L. surprise O.M.G. ,
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bike, wireless in ear headphones, ama-
zon.com gift card, nickelodeon slime
super duper slimy blendzigame, ball,
Jetson Jupiter kick shooter.
Love Lorelei

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christ-
mas with the Elves and Mrs. Claus
and your reindeers. I love all of your
Christmas clues. They are so cute.
We are going to watch Christmas
Chronicles and Christmas Chronicles
2 on Christmas Day. I hope you have a
happy New Year. I want a Barbie 3 in 1
Dreadm Camper playset, Barbie stroll
n play play set, Glitter Girls Shimmesl
norwegian horse.
Love, Mckinnley

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a whale. Please
and thank you Santa.
Forest Grove

Dear Santa
All I want for Christmas is you.
Martha

Choose the perfect tree

Of the nearly 35 million new Christmas trees purchased every year, 13 million are artificial and 22 million are real, according to the American Christmas Tree Association.

And while the convenience of a sapless, needle-less tree that stores easily for perennial use is alluring to many, it's hard to build a tradition around an artificial tree. But taking a family trip to the local tree farm to select that perfect symbol of the holidays? Now, that's a tradition.

Real trees become an extended family member for a month or so. We choose them, bring them home, set them up, decorate them and spend hours in front of them. They cover our gifts for safekeeping. They stimulate all of our senses – from the piney smell to the bright lights.

That's why choosing the perfect tree for your family is a vital part of the holiday season. Tree height, width and overall health are important factors to consider when you and your family go on your tree-picking excursion.

Here's what to look for in that perfect tree – and how to make it a special, enjoyable experience this winter:

INVOLVE THE CHILDREN

If you're bringing along your children, nieces or nephews, make sure to ask their opinion about the different trees. Give them options while you're walking around the tree farm, being sure to check out trees of varying heights, prices and colors.

Listening to their thoughts will make them feel like part of the decision-making process instead of simply being along for the ride.

LEARNING HOW TO PICK THE PERFECT TREE

You can also use the experience to teach children what to look for in a tree. The American Christmas Tree Association says to avoid trees with these features:

- Broken branches.
- Obvious wear and tear from rough transport.
- Dirty or insect-filled trees.

Consider these factors when you're deciding which tree to buy. Also be sure to premeasure your doorways and ceiling height to make sure your new tree will fit nicely in your home.

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Go Caroling

As one of the most timeless, unique ways to celebrate the Christmas season, caroling offers a great tradition for spreading holiday cheer. Singing door to door helps you build relationships with your neighbors and fellow carolers, alike.

It also helps you slow down during the hustle and bustle of the Christmas shopping season, allowing you to reconnect with the most important people around you.

PASS ON THE SPIRIT

One of the main benefits to Christmas caroling is the joy you can bring to others with your exuberant display of holiday spirit. Caroling has become a rarity of sorts during the holiday season, giving it even more meaning to people of all ages.

Besides the great feeling you'll receive from caroling, you may also find yourself offered hot chocolate or cookies at the end of your carols.

Other thankful neighbors and community members may show their appreciation simply by telling you how much hearing your Christmas songs meant to them.

GROUP EXPERIENCE

Through caroling, you will create a group dynamic and camaraderie that will only add to your love for the holidays. If you haven't caroled before, quiz your friends, family members and acquaintances to see if they know of any such groups. You can also check in with your local cultural and civic centers, since they are often linked up with singing and acting organizations.

If you can't find any such groups, start your own. Invite your favorite people to join you – even if they aren't the most talented singers.

Choose a couple of songs and set up a few practice sessions before hitting the town. You can color-coordinate your outfits and wear Santa hats to give your performance a little creative cohesion.

CHOOSING THE CAROLS

When choosing a list of carols to perform, go with the traditional Christmas songs that everyone knows. The main draw to caroling is its ability to bring back nostalgia and goodwill to those around you. So choose like-spirited carols that will leave your audience members smiling.

You might even add a Hanukkah song such as "Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah" or "The Dreidel Song" to lift the spirits of those in the neighborhood who celebrate that holiday.

If your group is dynamic enough, choose songs with multiple parts that can be mixed together for a memorable carol. You can also incorporate solos, clapping and a few simple dance moves to spice things up.



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Volunteer for the Holidays

We all know it's better to give than to receive, and that saying doesn't always have to pertain to presents. Your time can be a valuable commodity for community-based organizations this holiday season, as they attempt to feed, shelter and care for the less fortunate.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

Many children will be confined to hospital beds this Christmas season as they battle through sickness, treatments and pain. This can also be emotionally draining for children, especially those who have experienced the joy of Christmas morning at home.

This is where you can help. Children's hospitals are great at creating special events for their patients around the holidays, especially Christmas. They will likely conduct holiday dances, meals and even trips from Santa Claus – and all of these efforts require a strong force of volunteers to aid in planning and coordinating them.

Contact your local hospital's customer service department to find out their needs and how you can meet them.

SOUP KITCHENS

Many organizations work hard every year to make sure the homeless and underprivileged receive a nice, hot meal for Christmas. You can help by volunteering your time to cook, serve food and clean up.

Groups also offer food services for the homebound, requiring volunteers to deliver meals across town. It is easy to get on a delivery schedule by simply contacting these organizations and offering your time.

NURSING HOMES

The elderly who are no longer fit to stay in their homes because of health concerns or rehabilitation processes is a group that can use holiday spirit this Christmas. And many nursing homes coordinate numerous events and trips based around the special season.

Nursing homes may also need help with donations, meal serving or other activities, so check in about a month before Christmas to see how you can help.



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Cook Together

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A juicy turkey smoking on the grill.
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The sights and smells of a kitchen around
Christmas time are enough to excite the
chef – and eater – in us all.

What better tradition to start than sharing time doing what we love in the kitchen?

Cooking gives us the chance to be creative, hone our craft and enjoy spending quality time together. Whether you're a child who has limited experience in the kitchen or a high-level chef with years in the restaurant industry, cooking during the holidays is a great equalizer.

PRE-PLANNING

You don't have to limit your cooking tradition to simply working together in the kitchen. Get your friends, children and loved ones involved in planning the menu and buying the ingredients. Mix things up from year to year by incorporating new recipes or unique twists on family favorites.

Equally as fun as the actual cooking is the research that goes into finding the perfect recipe. Sit down together at a computer to look up variations for all

types of meals ranging from traditional holiday roasts to vegan options. Find one recipe that everyone agrees on, print it out and get to shopping!

COOKING AND TEACHING

Cooking can be a great way to incorporate lessons on following directions. From gathering ingredients for the recipe to following the list of baking requirements, children can put together great-tasting dishes while learning about the importance of instructions.

Another benefit of spending time together in the kitchen is the opportunity to teach your children about healthy eating. Use unique ways to incorporate fruits and vegetables into your holiday recipes to promote the benefits of fresh produce.

These lessons can be translated into everyday life and school performance, making your holiday cooking tradition as educational as it is fun.

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Support the Military

One way to start a tradition while also supporting those who protect our freedom is to donate your time or funds to military families. Many members of the military will be away from their loved ones this holiday season, making it a particularly difficult time for their husbands, wives and children.

Luckily, you can help.

Many local and national organizations have developed special Christmas programs that make huge differences in the lives of military families. You could also go directly to the member of a military family who you know personally and give them a special gift.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Your local United States Marine Corps reserve unit collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year. The toys are distributed as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in your community. The program became an official military activity in 1995 and can be found at www.toysfortots.org.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many military-focused groups and organizations looking for volunteers this time of year. Check in with your local veterans' hos-



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pital, which may have the need for gifts or visitors during the holiday season.

Many veterans' associations host dinners or special events for their members and could use helping hands for preparing and serving food.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

One ultra-popular military program is Adopt-a-Family, which coordinates wish lists from military families to citizens interested in helping fulfill them.

Simply collect your "adopted" families list, purchase the items and hand them over to

your partner military organizations. They then deliver your gifts – and holiday generosity – to the family in need.

Partaking in this program and others like it can teach your children the value of giving to those less fortunate – a tradition worth carrying on for years to come.




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Handmade Arts and Crafts

Handmade holiday gifts or decorations around the house are a guaranteed hit. Too often, we are consumed in gifting the latest video game, device or expensive electronic. Sometimes 'de-digitizing' our Christmas gifts can be a great way to reclaim the true spirit of the holidays.

Giving from the heart – and the hands – brings great joy to both the giver and receiver of special holiday gifts.

And creating a tradition out of making handmade gifts and decorations will surely put children and adults in the holiday mindset. Some projects can be a bit time-consuming, especially considering busy school and work schedules. So start your handmade efforts in late November or early December to make sure they're ready to be enjoyed in time.



TURN TOYS INTO ORNAMENTS

Looking for a unique way to recycle smaller, unused toys? Transforming them into ornaments will help declutter your home while also creating a meaningful tree decoration.

Simply use a needle and thread to stitch through and hang a soft toy. Insert small eye-

hooks into the top of your wooden toys for easy hanging.

Keep these special ornaments in a safe place every year and plan to give them to your children when they are old enough to move out and buy their own Christmas trees. You will create a lifetime of memories that can carry on for another

generation to come.

HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS CARDS

This Christmas season, choose to spend a bit more time than money on the cards you send out. Find a ream of high-quality paper (which you can purchase for the price of one card) and pick up

some inexpensive felt, yarn, buttons and glue. Then get creative.

Fold a sheet of the paper in half and affix some buttons to the front in the shape of a snowman. Add a handwritten note to the inside of the card and glue some felt, cutout decorations, as well. Before you know it, you'll have store-quality card at a fraction of the cost.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

In 1897, Dr. Philip O'Hanlon, a coroner's assistant on Manhattan's Upper West Side, was asked by his then eight-year-old daughter, Virginia O'Hanlon (1889–1971), whether Santa Claus really existed.

O'Hanlon suggested she write to *The Sun*, a prominent New York City newspaper at the time, assuring her that "If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so." He unwittingly gave one of the paper's editors, Francis Pharcellus Church, an opportunity to rise above the simple question and address the philosophical issues behind it.

Church was a war correspondent during the American Civil War, a time that saw great suffering and a corresponding lack of hope and faith in much of society. Although the paper ran the editorial in the seventh place on the page, below even one on the newly invented "chainless bicycle," its message was very moving to many people who read it. More than a century later it remains the most reprinted editorial ever to run in any newspaper in the English language.

"Is There a Santa Claus?"
reprinted from the September 21, 1897, edition of *The New York Sun*:

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West Ninety Fifth Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by



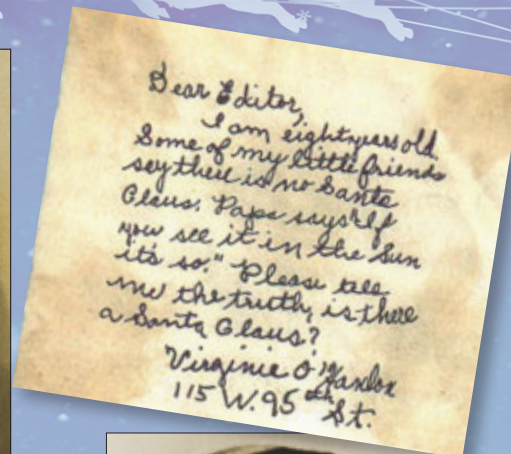
Virginia O'Hanlon

their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on



Francis Pharcellus Church

the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Is There a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *THE SUN*:

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.
"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says 'If you see it in *THE SUN* it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"
"VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

"115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, VIRGINIA, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

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No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, VIRGINIA, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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Help isolated loved ones this holiday season

A phenomenon called “cabin fever” tends to set in around late autumn or in midwinter. Long hours of darkness coupled with cold, inclement weather often is a recipe for increased time spent indoors. For people who live alone, the effects of cabin fever might be more pronounced.

In addition to seasonal cabin fever, this year another factor comes into play: social distancing and voluntary quarantine as a result of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Even those who may venture outside to socialize, particularly around the holiday season, may be hesitant or unable to do so to help prevent the spread of the virus. In these instances, friends and loved ones can mitigate feelings of isolation in various ways.

- Schedule video chats. Video conferencing apps have become the communication vehicles of choice during the era of social distancing. Different applications and services continue to evolve and help people stay in touch. Plan regular chats, either once or twice per week with isolated or vulnerable people. Try to organize a large group chat on the holiday itself so no one has to spend Christmas or Chanukah alone.

- Drop off supplies. Even though supermarket shop-from-home and other delivery services have normalized somewhat since the start of the pandemic, treat individuals who

may be isolated to some personalized attention. Put together care packages of supplies or holiday treats and deliver them in person so you can see the smiles that result from being able to visit with someone familiar.

- Send uplifting messages. Children or even adults can make personalized cards and mail them to loved ones at home or those who may be in long-term care facilities. Send new mailings every week or two so that residents always have something to look forward to in the mail.

- Start a virtual club. A book club or another shared interest can be the catalyst for more frequent communication. A club puts everyone on the same page and enables them to come together, via phone or video chat, for a discussion.

- Ask for help learning a new skill. Along the same vein as a virtual club, lessons on everything from woodworking to crochet to making favorite holiday recipes can be conducted online. Give an isolated individual daily purpose and distraction by engaging him or her with online lessons.

Isolation and feelings of loneliness can affect anyone who normally suffers from cabin fever. However, this year it may be more pronounced, as it could be coupled with social distancing precautions that have already been in effect for some time.

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