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Scientists find a bone from Santa Claus – 10th December, 2017

Level 0

Scientists say they have a bone from St Nicholas. He was a holy man who lived 1,600 years ago. He did many miracles, so the Christian church made him the saint of children. A scientist said: "We could...be looking at remains from St Nicholas." Stories that he secretly gave presents to children started today's Santa Claus story.

Santa Claus is also called Father Christmas. He brings presents to good children on Christmas Eve. Bad children get some coal. He delivers his presents on a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer. Santa is a fat, happy man with a white beard. He wears a red coat with a white collar. He has a toy-making workshop in the North Pole.

Level 1

Scientists say they have a bone from Santa Claus. His real name is St Nicholas. He was a holy man who lived in the 4th century. Many stories say he did many miracles, so the Christian church made him a saint - the saint of children. A scientist said: "This bone...suggests that we could possibly be looking at remains from St Nicholas." There are stories that he secretly gave presents to poor people. This is the story behind today's Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is also called Father Christmas. He brings presents to well-behaved children on Christmas Eve. Badly-behaved children get some coal. He delivers his presents on a sleigh. The sleigh is pulled through the air by flying reindeer. Santa Claus is a fat, happy man with a white beard. He wears a red coat with a white collar, red trousers, a black belt and black boots. He lives in the North Pole and has a toy-making workshop there.

Level 2

Oxford University scientists say they have a bone that belonged to Santa Claus. The real name of Santa Claus is St Nicholas. He was a holy man who lived in the 4th century in what is now Turkey. Many stories say he did many miracles. This is why the Christian church made him a saint. A scientist said: "This bone...suggests that we could possibly be looking at remains from St Nicholas himself." St Nicholas is the saint of children. There are stories that he secretly gave presents to poor people. This is the story behind today's Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is also called Father Christmas in many countries. He brings presents to the homes of well-behaved children on the evening of the 24th of December. Badly-behaved children get a piece of coal. He uses a sleigh to deliver his presents. The sleigh is pulled through the air by flying reindeer. Santa Claus is usually seen as a fat, happy man with a white beard. He wears a red coat with a white fur collar, red trousers, a black belt and black boots. He lives in the North Pole, where he has a toy-making workshop. Today's children track his Christmas Eve journey online.

Level 3

Scientists from Oxford University in the UK believe they have found a bone that belonged to Santa Claus. The real name of Santa Claus is St Nicholas. He was a Christian holy man who lived in the 4th century in what is now Turkey. He died in the year 343. There are stories that he created many miracles, which is why the Christian church made him a saint. The scientists said the bone is from when St Nicholas lived. An archaeologist said: "This bone...suggests that we could possibly be looking at remains from St Nicholas himself." St Nicholas is the saint of children and students. There are stories that he secretly gave presents to poor people. This is the story behind today's Santa Claus.

Santa Claus has other names. His name can be shortened to Santa. In many countries, he is called Father Christmas. He is a legendary character who brings presents to the homes of well-behaved children on the evening of the 24th of December (Christmas Eve). Badly-behaved children get a piece of coal. He delivers the presents on a sleigh, which is pulled through the air by his flying reindeer. Santa Claus is usually seen as an over-weight, happy, smiling man with a white beard. He wears a red coat with a white fur collar and cuffs, red trousers, a black leather belt and black boots. He lives in the North Pole where he has a toy-making workshop. Children today can track his Christmas Eve journey online.