

ABOUT THIS STORY

Overview

This magical Christmas story lightens and excites the hearts of every young boy and girl. Winter has come, along with the magic and joy of the Christmas season. Each boy and girl will prepare for that very special night when Santa takes flight. It all begins with the holiday activities, specifically cookie making. It is the young child who must prepare and save the special cookie that will bring Santa his magical powers! Baking, selecting, and setting out the perfect cookies for Santa's plate, is the biggest job of all.

THEMES IN THE STORY

Tradition
Cooperation
Family
Responsibility

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING THE STORY

- How do you think Santa gets his magical powers?
- What kind of Christmas cookies do you like to bake?
- What type of cookie would you make if you had a chance to decorate a delicious treat for Santa?
- Santa travels around the world to deliver presents, can you identify some of the landmarks in this book?
- The book mentioned a cookie exchange, how would you describe what a cookie exchange is?
- How would you decide which Christmas cookie is best for Santa's tray?
- Comet and Cupid help Santa with his sleigh, how many other reindeer can you name?
- Mom invited friends and family to the cookie exchange. If you were in charge of the cookie exchange guest list, who would you invite?
- What do you predict will happen when Santa eats Mister Sprinkle?

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Rhyming
- Family Traditions
- Family Safety (Cooking)

EXPERIENCES

LIFE COMPARISONS

- There are various experiences that occur throughout the book. Discuss some of these experiences with your child and talk about some similarities and differences.
- In the book, the children are dressed warm and cozy, wearing mittens, a hat, and scarf because it is cold outside. Do you or someone else you that you know live in a different climate during the Christmas season who does not have to dress warm?
- Many families all around the world celebrate the holidays differently, what are some other holidays you are familiar with that is celebrated besides Christmas? If your child is not familiar with other holidays, this is a great book to discuss those different celebrations around the world.

FAMILY

- This book is meant to be used to bring families together, share this book with a young child to help grow the magic of Christmas with your loved ones.
- Many cookies are baked during the holiday season, including Mister Sprinkle. Each family member helps by adding the ingredients, putting them in the oven, and decorating the cookies. What are some other delicious treats or food your family makes during the holiday season?
- Some boys and girls may have brothers and sisters, what is a way your family can decide which cookies belong on Santa's plate?

TRADITIONS

- Mister Sprinkle is a tradition that brings your family together. Besides baking and decorating cookies, what are some other traditions you and your family celebrate during the holidays?
- Christmas is the season of giving. The children in this book give cookies to other relatives during the cookie exchange and to Santa to give him magical powers. What are some other things you can give to others during the holiday season? Brainstorm a list of actions and words that can be used in your community and in your own home.

CREATIVITY AND THE ARTS



MISTER SPRINKLE SEARCH AND FIND

Search through the book to find and count all of the Mister Sprinkle cookies. Make it a family game, see which family member can find the most!

Materials: Mister Sprinkle book

COOKING AND MEASURING

Enjoy this time during the holiday season to cook and measure with your child! You can have them practice measuring the ingredients, for either a single, double, or triple batch! This is great for older children who are practicing fractions or younger children who are simply counting.

Materials: Mister Sprinkle recipe

SANTA' S WISH LIST

How will Santa know what each child wants for Christmas? Children must create a list for Santa of their needs and wants! Engage your child by discussing if they have been a good boy or girl this year and what they would like Santa to bring them. Together, create a list to mail to Santa and his helpers at his workshop.

Materials: pencil, Santa's list paper, envelope, stamp.

DESIGN YOUR OWN MISTER SPRINKLE

It is time to get creative! Use materials found in your home to decorate your own mister sprinkle. Some items to use include: crayons, buttons, pom poms, play doh, stickers, pipe cleaners, markers, and much more. Use your personalized Mister Sprinkle to place in your window, under your tree, or anywhere else you desire, to tell Santa that Mister Sprinkle is in your house!

Materials: Mister Sprinkle template worksheet, various art materials

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I cannot wait until that very special night when you visit my home. I am very busy baking cookies to give you magical powers!

My Wish List:

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Thank you,

MISTER SPRINKLE TEMPLATE

