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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Santa Questions

We asked the first graders at Cumberland Elementary School some questions about Santa. Here is what they told us:

Mrs. Strangstalien's First Grade Class:
Wyatt B.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

Santa's elves are always watching and reporting back to him

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

I loved going to Papa Ball's house and we all took turns opening presents. Then we got to play with the presents right away!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

Santa would call his elves to push him out of the chimney and then he would fly out.

4. How can reindeer fly?

There is a star on the back of Santa's sleigh that gives the reindeer their power to fly.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

Santa would ask the Grinch if he likes Christmas now because his heart grew three sizes that day.

Carson B.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

Santa watches me from the North Pole using his special camera.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

I love opening presents with my family on Christmas!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

I would help Santa by pulling him out of the chimney myself.

4. How can reindeer fly?

They have magic flying power.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

The Grinch would steal Christmas!

Bronsyn B.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

I have a Santa speaker at my house and I always tell him that I have been nice.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

I love December because it's my birthday month and Christmas!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

I would help him.

4. How can reindeer fly?

Santa puts magic on their feet to help them fly.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would get the Grinch away with his powers.

Lincoln B.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

The elf at my house talks to Santa and tells him if I've been naughty or nice.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

I love seeing all of my family at Christmas.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

Santa would tell the family to get a new, bigger chimney so he doesn't get stuck next time.

4. How can reindeer fly?

The reindeer have magic from Santa to help them fly.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

Santa would put the Grinch on the naughty list.

Hartley C.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He watches you from the North Pole using his special camera or his elves tell him.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

I like making snowmen outside with my family and digging in the ground to find the grass hiding underneath the snow.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

He would just squeeze through the chimney to keep delivering presents.

4. How can reindeer fly?

Santa gives the reindeer magic flying pixie dust to help them fly in the sky.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

Santa would stop the Grinch from stealing the presents and then keep delivering them to all the boys and girls around the world.

Caitlyn C.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He watches us during the Christmas holiday season with his magic.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

We put up our Christmas tree together as a family.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

His reindeer would pull him out.

4. How can reindeer fly?

The reindeer wear magic bells to help them fly.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would give him coal in his stocking every Christmas!

Harper H.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He is always watching us because he's magical.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

I love opening gifts and looking in my stocking on Christmas morning.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

Santa would just be stuck in the chimney forever. No Christmas for anyone!

4. How can reindeer fly?

The reindeer fly because of how many people on Earth believe in Santa.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

Santa would give him coal.

Austin H.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He has a magic ball that he watches us from the North Pole.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

We like to play with our new toys on Christmas!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

He would call his reindeer and they would pull him out. Next time, Santa will go through the door instead.

4. How can reindeer fly?

The reindeer fly because they have magic leashes.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

The Grinch would give Santa and his elves coal in their stockings.

Kartur P.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He watches us with the cameras he put around the Earth.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

We open presents on Christmas morning. I rush upstairs to look under the tree.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

Santa would tell his elves to come and get him!

4. How can reindeer fly?

Santa puts magic dust on the reindeer to help them fly.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would capture him so he doesn't steal Christmas. Santa would also give him coal since he's been naughty.

Milo R.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He uses a list to check if you have been naughty or nice.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

My favorite holiday memory is opening up presents with my family.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

He would be like the Grinch and use gadgets to get unstuck from the chimney.

4. How can reindeer fly?

There is a magic fox who helps the reindeer see at night and fly in the sky.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would fight him with his big belly.

Delilah V.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He watches me from the North Pole.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

My favorite holiday memory is opening my presents with my family in Mexico.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

He would make him go away!

I don't have a chimney in Mexico, so he can't get stuck.

4. How can reindeer fly?

The reindeer fly using Santa's magic.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would bring him to the North Pole and bury him in the snow.

Gwen W.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

Santa looks through a magic globe to see if I've been naughty or nice.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

I love opening presents from Santa on Christmas morning.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

I would go to the chimney and pull his feet down.

4. How can reindeer fly?

The reindeer wear a magic bell collar to help them fly.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

Santa would ask the Grinch why he was there because the Grinch shouldn't still be stealing Christmas.

Mrs. Ashley Lord's First Grade Class
Annabella C.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He's been looking out!

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

Opening presents!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

Squeeze his belly in!

4. How can reindeer fly?

Magical powers!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would take all of the presents back from the Grinch.

Amelia H.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He watches you!

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

Making snowmen!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

I'll help him!

4. How can reindeer fly?

I don't know!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would make him go away!

Bo L.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He's watching!

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

Open presents!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

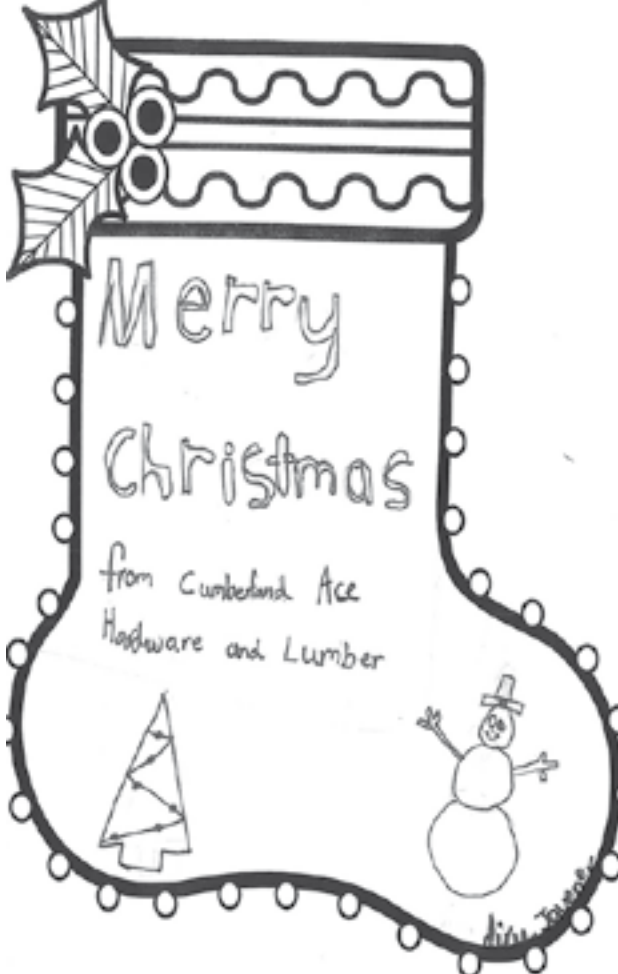
I would help him!

4. How can reindeer fly?

Magic!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

Call the elves for help!



Santa Questions...

Emery S.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He's watching.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
When I was little I had a little pink Christmas tree that I got ornaments for.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
His reindeer would pull him out and our family would buy us presents.

4. How can reindeer fly?
With the Christmas spirit!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
The Grinch would take his presents and our family would buy us presents!

Harper S.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He can see you from the ground.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
I really like when I get my favorite presents.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
His elves will hear him and help him.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa has magic he puts on them.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
I don't know.

Karsyn O.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He has a globe to tell us who is naughty or nice.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
I get to spend time with my family and open presents.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would ask the elves to help.

4. How can reindeer fly?

They go really fast.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would put him on the naughty list!

Melanie W.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
I don't know.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Christmas of course!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
I would help him.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Magic!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
I don't know.

Rilo T.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He brings over the Elf on the Shelf.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Spend time with my whole family.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
The reindeer would help him.

4. How can reindeer fly?
With their magic!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would put in Santa Village and lock him in jail.

Soren B.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He watches you from the sky. He has magical glasses too.

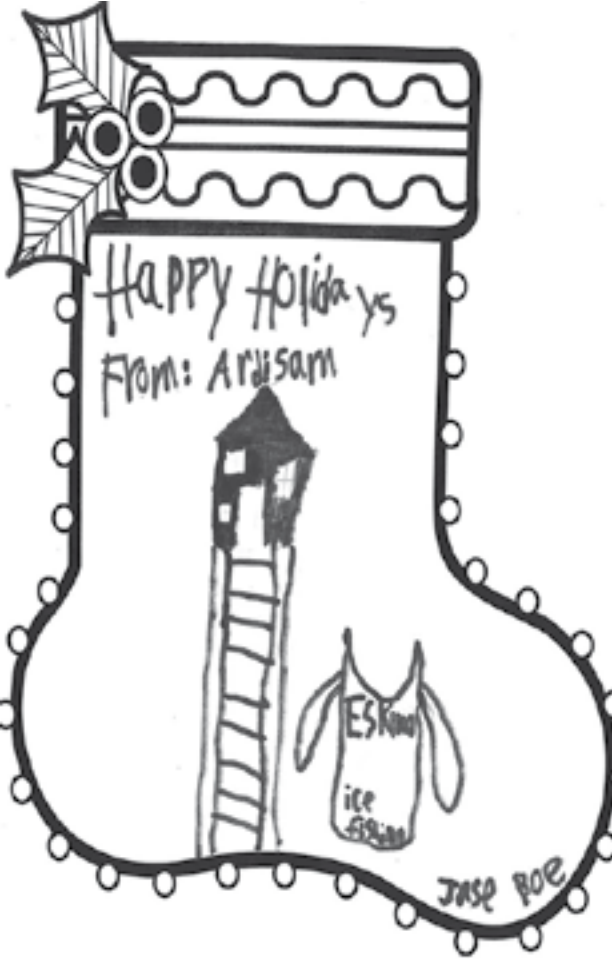
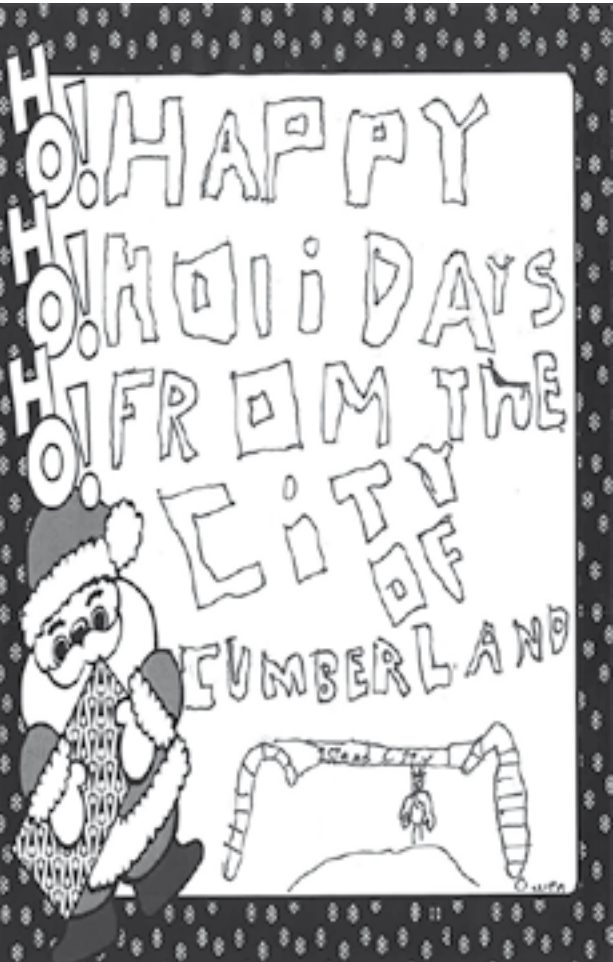
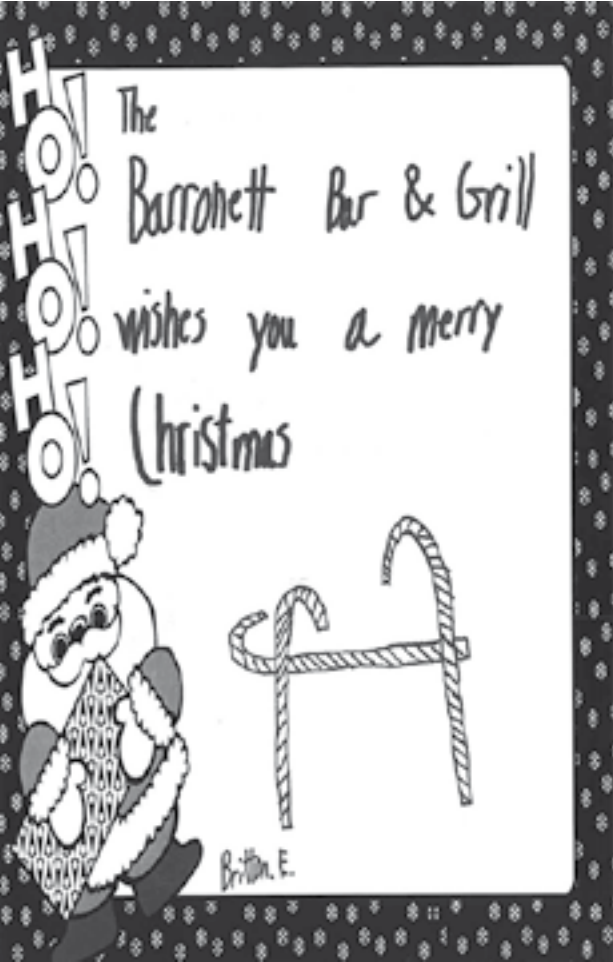
2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
I love to open presents!

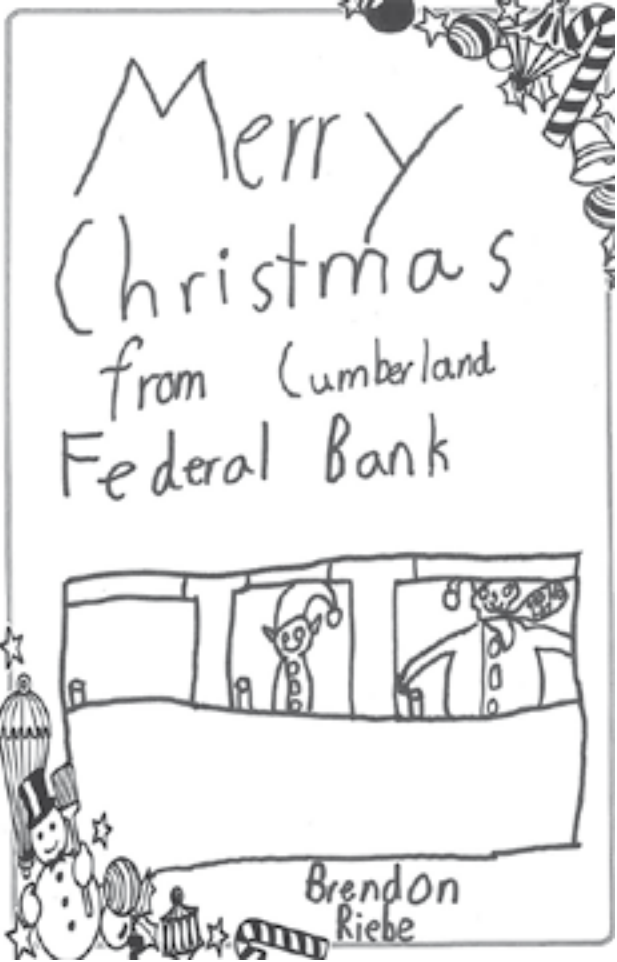
3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would squish his belly.

4. How can reindeer fly?
They have magical powers!

5. What would Santa do if

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he saw the Grinch?
Take the presents from the Grinch!

Trevor F.
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He knows I'm nice because I helped mom clean up the house.
2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Open presents!
3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would call the elves and they would help!
4. How can reindeer fly?
With magic!
5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
The Grinch would steal the presents and Santa would have to get them back.

Tripp G.
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
I don't know!
2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Open all of the presents!
3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
The elves will come help him.
4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa gives them magic.
5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would put him on the naughty list!

Violet L.
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He's watching us at school.
2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Go out and find a Christmas tree!
3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would ask for help!
4. How can reindeer fly?
He can fly with Santa's magic.
5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
Santa would be kind to him.

Mrs. Picknell's First

Grade Class:
Bria G.
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
Elves come to your house and watch you then go back to the North Pole to report to Santa.
2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Going to Christmases
3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
I would go on the roof and grab him and pull him back up.
4. How can reindeer fly?
Magic!
5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
An elf would come with Santa and the elf's magic would make the Grinch be nice!

Claire M.
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He watches you from the sky.
2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
I like celebrating Christmas with my mom and my dad.
3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would use his magic.
4. How can reindeer fly?
They have magic.
5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would ask him to be nice and give all the presents back.

Bram J.
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He writes it down on his list.
2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Last year for Christmas when I went to the Dominican with my family!
3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would use his magic to fly out.
4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa puts magic bells on them to fly.



Santa Questions...

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would sneak into the Grinch's house to get the presents back!

Arlen B.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

Because he is watching us.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

Play games

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

He would ask an elf to help him out.

4. How can reindeer fly?

Because Santa gives them magical powers so they can fly through the air.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would put him on the naughty list and give the presents back to the children.

Braylen J.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He looks out his window.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

Decorate the tree

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

I would help him and say "Hey you, what you doing up there?"

4. How can reindeer fly?

They have jingles!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would run away from the Grinch OR put magic on him to freeze him.

Carter S.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He checks the list.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

When our family came over.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

He would use his magic to get out.

4. How can reindeer fly?

Santa sprinkles magic dust on them and that's how their

hooves go up!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

He would say "Don't do that, the kids have been being nice!"

Raya S.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He takes the list twice.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

Making cookies with my whole family...even my cousins and grandmas!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

He would call for help.

4. How can reindeer fly?

They're magical!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

Run away!

Eivin H.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

Watching us!

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

Going to my grandma's house on Christmas.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

Call his elves to help him.

4. How can reindeer fly?

Magic!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

Put him in jail!

Lilian C.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

He always checks the list.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?

Every day after school spending time with my sisters.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?

His reindeer would try to pull him out.

4. How can reindeer fly?

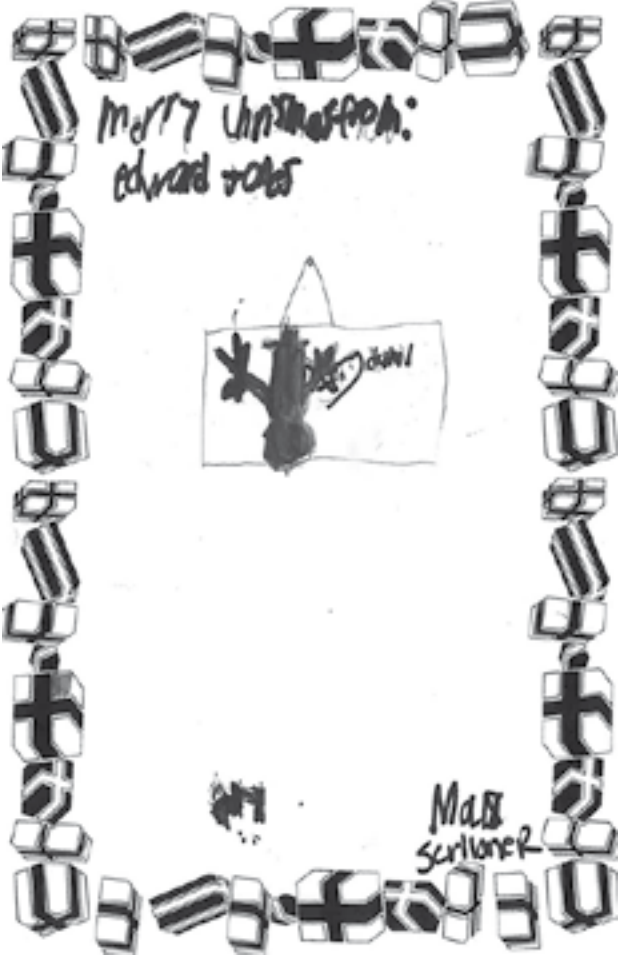
They have their magic.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?

Try to fight him.

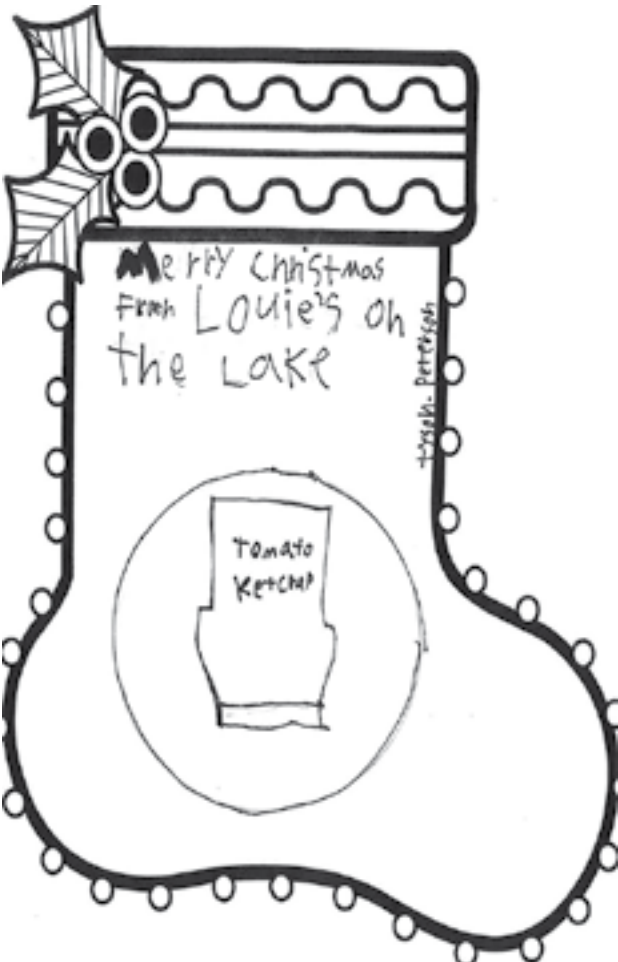
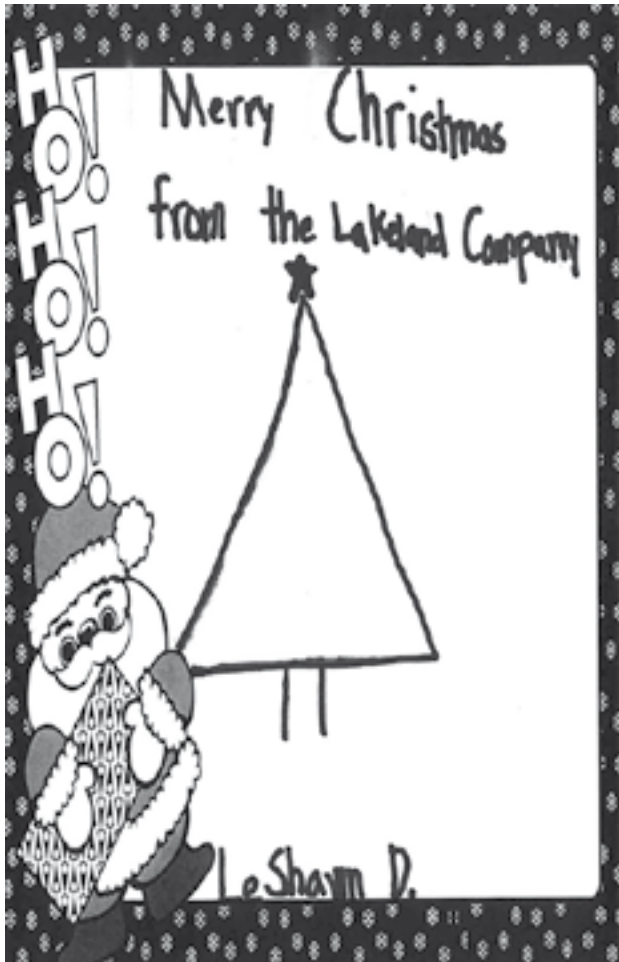
Taylor M.

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty



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or nice?
The elves report back to him.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Decorate the tree!

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would use his magic to get out!

4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa puts magic on them!

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would put him on the naughty list.

Mia R.
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He watches me!

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Christmas with my mom.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would use his magic!

4. How can reindeer fly?
They have these little belts that connect to them that have magic...I think.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
I don't know!!

Rosalee M.
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
Because he is watching me.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Opening presents because Santa gave them to me and makes me very happy.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
I would help him.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Because Santa gives them special stuff to make them fly.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would get rid of him.

Ben C.
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He has elves to go to the houses so they can watch you. And sometimes people doesn't have elves so Santa will see you.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
You get presents.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
His elves will get him out.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa has magic and can give them magic to fly.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He will put him in jail.

Ms. Sandman's First Grade Class:
Alyssa
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He watches us.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Spending time with my family.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
Ask the reindeer to pull him out.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Christmas spirit.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
Talk to him and tell him to get out of the way.

Arnella
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
Because he's watching you and writing a list.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Making gingerbread cookies.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
I would get a ladder and go up there and push in down and then go back to sleep.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa shows them how.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would say, "you are on the naughty list!"

Aurora
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He watches me.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
I got a kit that had lotion

and body wash in it.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would call his elves to get him out.

4. How can reindeer fly?
A magic powder.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would say, "go back to your cave!"

Bethany
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
Because he is watching us.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Spending time together.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
The reindeer would pull him out.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Because they have magic.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
"No Grinch, you can't have a present!"

Bond
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He hangs out in my room.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
When I got a Star Wars lego set.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
The reindeer would deflate him.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa gave them a potion.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would punch him in the face.

Cal
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
His list.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Spending time with my family.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would call his elves to help him.

4. How can reindeer fly?
With the Christmas spirit.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
Put him on the naughty list.

Carter
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
Naughty list.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Seeing my family.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
Get out of the chimney and take the door.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Christmas spirit.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
Put him on the naughty list.

Douglas
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He watches me.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Baking cookies.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
I would help him.

4. How can reindeer fly?
With a sled and magic.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
Embrie

1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
The elves watch us.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Having fun with my family.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would try to climb out.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa puts magic on them.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would blow him up like a balloon.

Eve
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
His list.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
When I got a camera.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would call his reindeer.

4. How can reindeer fly?
With magic.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would tell the Grinch you gotta be nice!

Hunter
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He watches from above.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
The first Christmas I had because I had an advent calendar and my brother and sister played with me.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would stay there.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa's magic.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would drive away because the Grinch hates Christmas.

Ryder
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?

Because he's watching you with a snow globe.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
Making gingerbread men.

3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
He would need help from the reindeer.

4. How can reindeer fly?
Santa uses magic dust.

5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
Put him on the naughty list.

William
1. How does Santa know if you have been naughty or nice?
He has a camera.

2. What is your favorite holiday memory?
When I got a special gift.

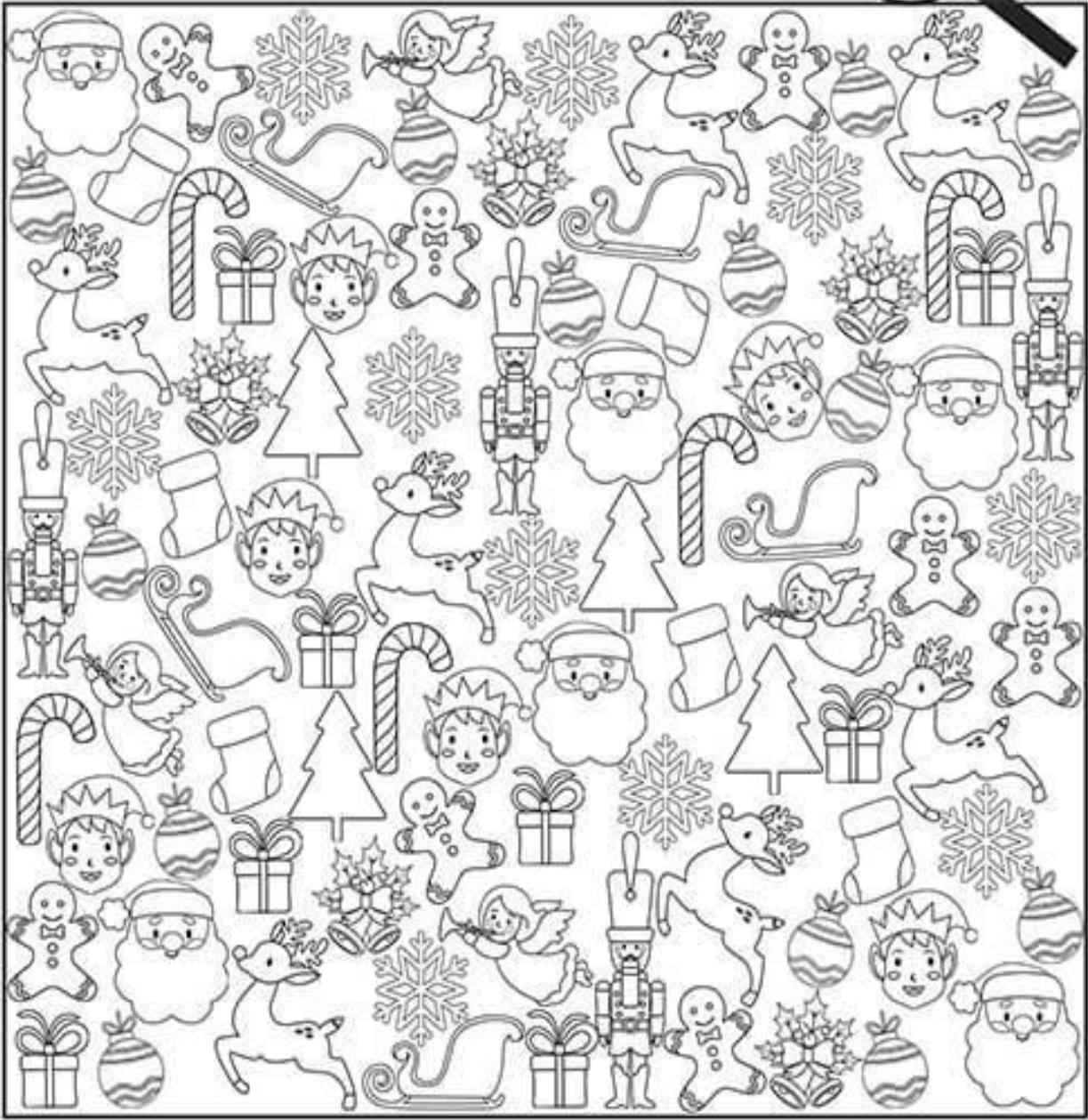
3. What would Santa do if he got stuck in the chimney?
I would pull him out.

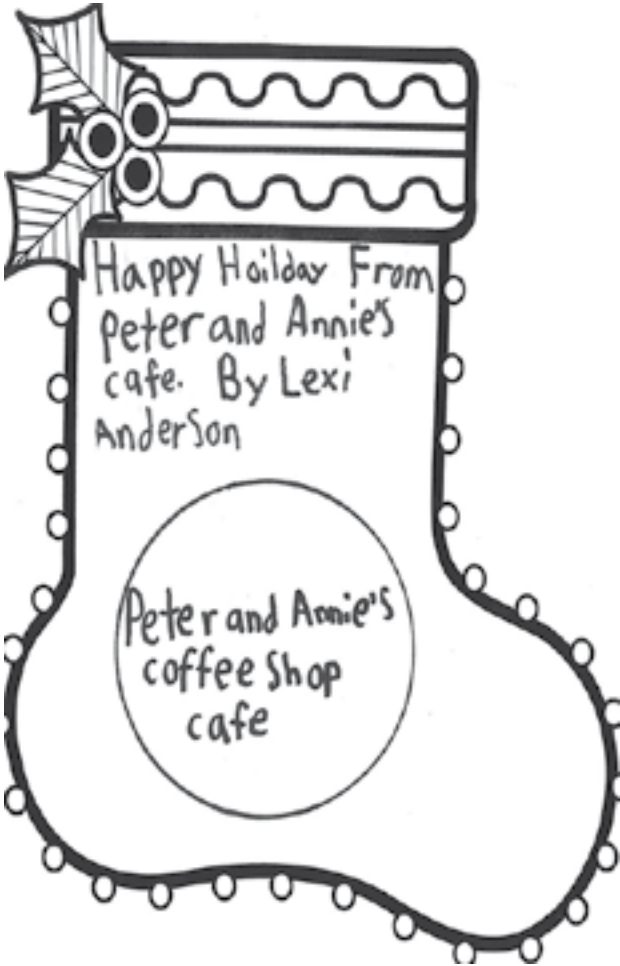
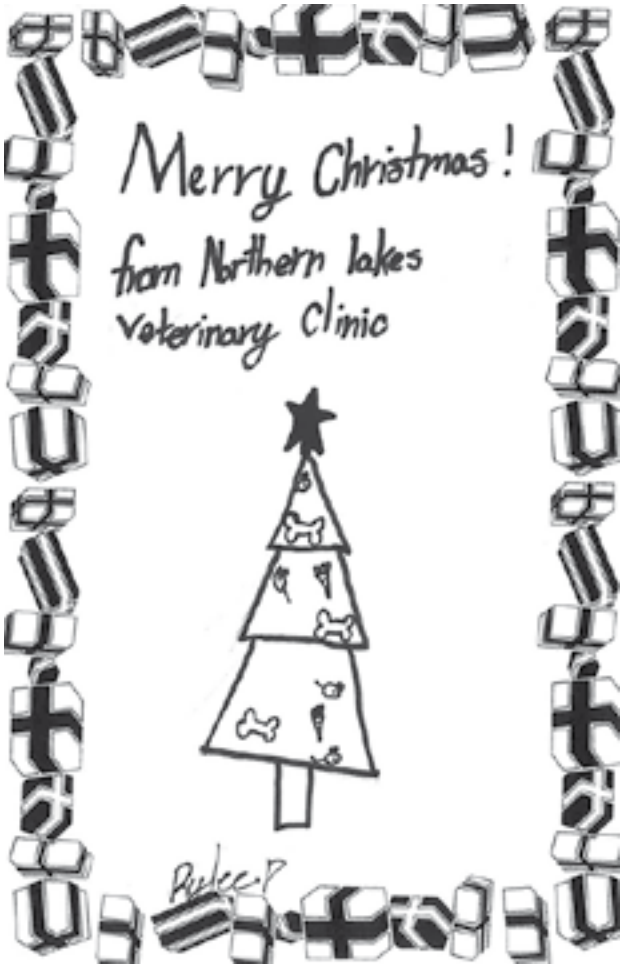
4. How can reindeer fly?
They use their hooves to pump.

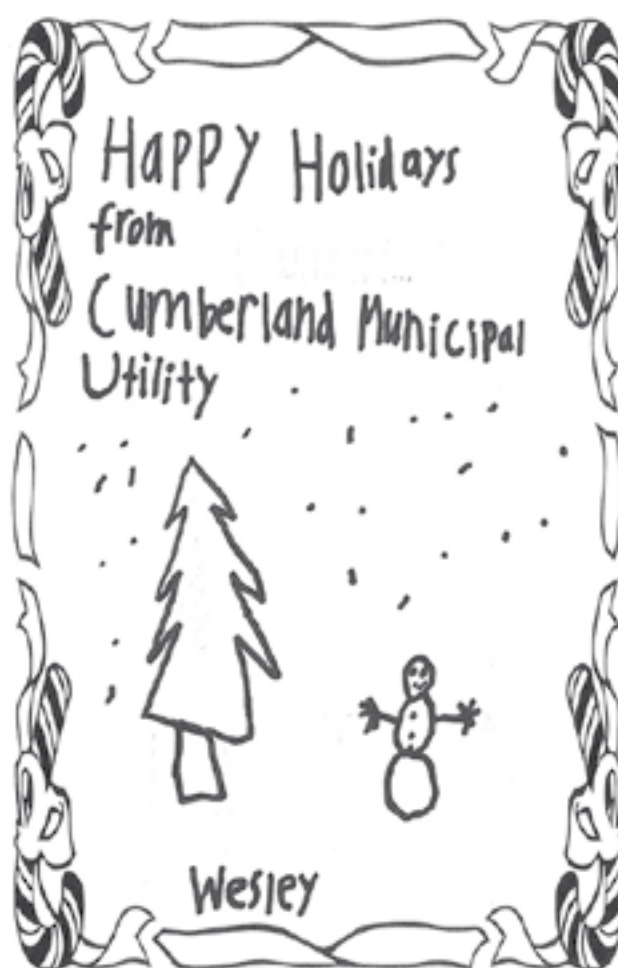
5. What would Santa do if he saw the Grinch?
He would kick him because he does not like him.



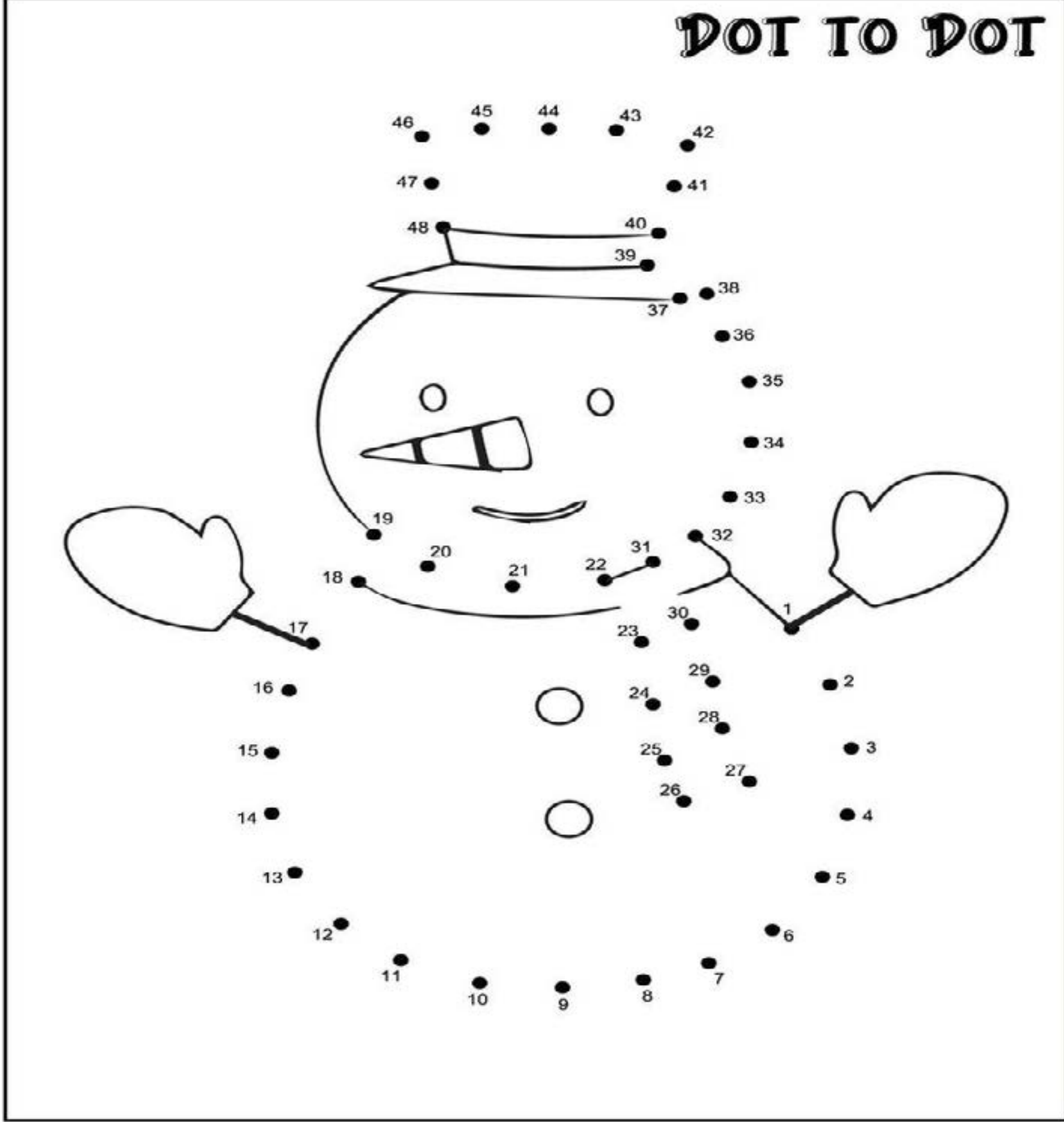
I SPY Christmas







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‘Twas the Night Before Christmas By Clement C. Moore

*‘Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter’s nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:*

*“Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!”
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The 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.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes--how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;*



*The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
“Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night.”*

Christmas Word Search

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D C Z L F J S R V N U L B Z B
C E L E B R A T E W M J E Y F
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Decorations
Celebrate
Lights
Giving

Candy Canes
Ornament
Presents
Dinner

Christmas
Reindeer
Family
Wreath

Mistletoe
Cookies
Elves
Santa

