

## Little Santa by Jon Agee

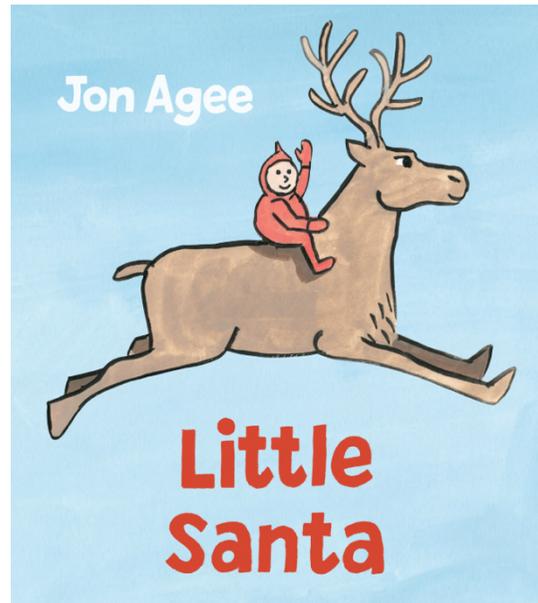
Ever wondered what Santa was like as a child? Are you sitting comfortably? Then we'll begin... A larger-than-life story to be retold and relished every Christmas! Seeing Santa as a child allows children to project themselves into the story and get engaged, and the big pictures and few words are perfect for reading to pre-schoolers.

### What do you love to do at Christmas time?

Little Santa loves to make snow angels and snowmen, he loves to decorate trees and bake gingerbread biscuits.

What do you love to do at Christmas time?

Make a poster about your favourite Christmas activities – you could draw and write about these.



### Design and build your own sleigh

In 'Little Santa' the elves build Santa a sleigh so that he can get back home to his family.

Why not design your own dream sleigh, what would you include? Would it be a traditional sleigh or more modern in design?

You could even build your sleigh out of junk modelling.

### Decorate your own Christmas tree

#### You will need:

- Green playdough
- Tree shaped cutter
- Decorative loose parts

Little Santa loves to decorate pine trees in the North Pole. Using green playdough, cut out a tree and use your loose parts to decorate it.



### Gingerbread

Little Santa enjoys baking gingerbread cookies – why not bake your own.

### Write your list for Santa

Don't forget to write your list for Santa Claus and post it to him at the North Pole.

### 'And you know the rest of the story...'

In 'Little Santa' we find out all about Santa's life as a little boy and how he came to be the Santa we all know and love today.

Can you write a diary entry in role as Santa on Christmas Eve? What does he get up to? Does he have a routine? How does he feel?



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