





## Saint Nicholas' Fun Facts

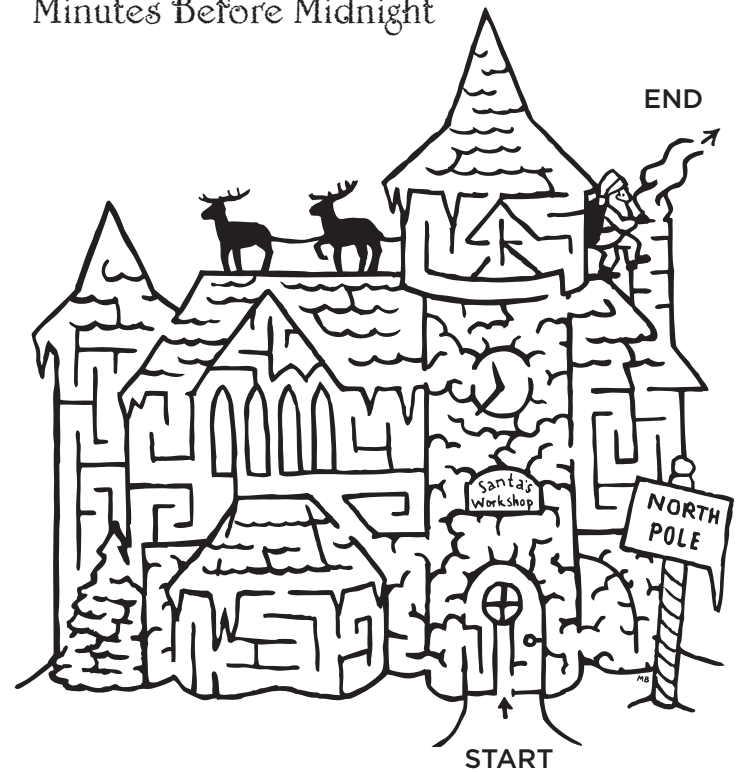
 Nicholas was born in Patara, Turkey in about 280AD, almost a thousand years before the chimney came into widespread use in Europe.

 Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of seafarers. In an ancient legend, he was returning from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land when a fierce storm blew up, nearly sinking the ship. Nicholas's prayers calmed the winds and saved the vessel, endearing him to sailors, who dedicated chapels to the saint in every port. In Russia, Nicholas became the most important of all the saints.

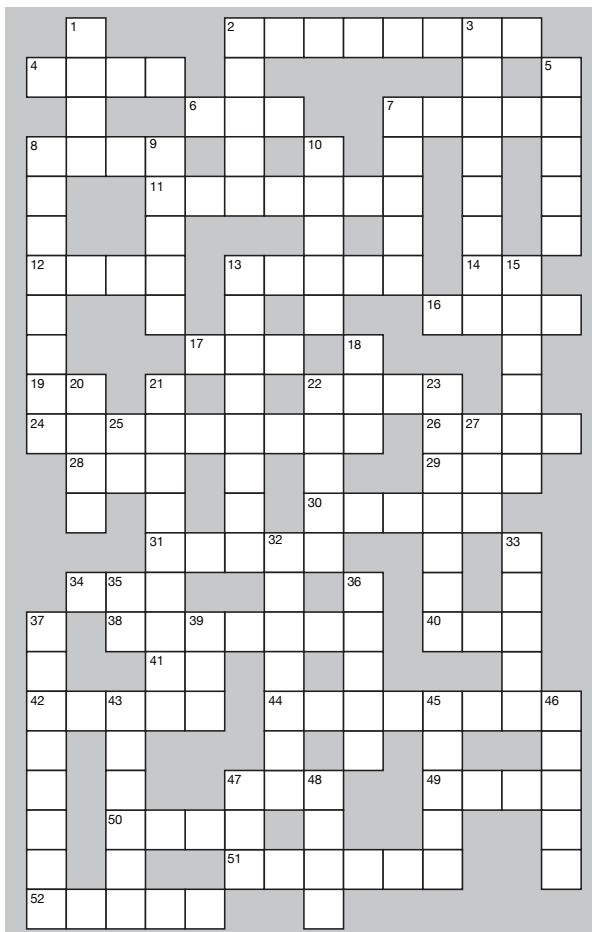
 Another Turkish legend demonstrates the importance of children to Nicholas: A wicked innkeeper murdered three boys and threw their bodies in a pickle barrel. While staying at the inn, Nicholas discovered the crime in a dream, and his prayers resurrected the children, who sprang from the barrel shouting "Hallelujah!"

 Nicholas was buried in Myra, Turkey, where he had been bishop. In 1087 Italian sailors stole his remains and brought them back to Bari, Italy where Pope Urban II placed them in a new basilica. Fragments of his bones have since been given to churches all over Europe.

## Minutes Before Midnight



Santa and the reindeer are waiting on the rooftop.  
Find your way through the workshop and up the chimney!



## Where's Buttercup?

Get out your magnifying glass and search for these things inside and outside Santa's Workshop:

### Easier

- A snowball fight
- Elfis
- Olive, the other reindeer
- A message from Hermey the dentist
- An elf on the shelf
- A "Charlie-Brown" Christmas tree
- Ten clocks
- A beautiful "fra-gee-lay" lamp
- Lo, how a Christmas cactus e'er blooming
- "You can't catch me, I'm the \_\_\_"
- A dancing Santa doll
- A fresh cup of eggnog



### Harder

- The pickle ornament on the Christmas tree
- A swallow, a chickadee, two dovebies and a puffin
- Two Balthasars, Melchiors and Gaspars
- Three small models of Santa's Workshop (bonus: can you find three more tiny drawings of the workshop?)
- A Chia Pet
- A cuddly poo emoji
- A julbock, caganer, and Befana
- A hungry arctic fox
- Hickory, dickory dock, the \_\_\_ ran up the \_\_\_

## What's your elf name?

The master craftsmen at the North Pole who hand-make all the toys for children never sign their handiwork, so their names are not well known. Say "hello" to these elves when you visit Santa's Workshop:

Albert	Dmitri	Kringle	Rupert
Algernon	Dumpling	Kris	Snowball
Almond	Ebenezer	Lou	Snowflake
Babka	Erasmus	Lucky	Sparkle
Bilko	Ernie	Marlon	Stan
Bing	Eubie	Marzipan	Stella
Bojangles	Francis	Merry	Tinkerbell
Bramble	Frangelica	Milo	Tinsel
Brockett	Fritz	Minerva	Treacle
Bryony	Garland	Moonbeam	Trilby
Buddy	Ginger	Mumbles	Trixie
Buster	Handy	Norbert	Turtledove
Buttercup	Hans	Ole	Ursula
Buttons	Hardrock	Otis	Uncle Porkchop
Candy	Harpo	Patch	Vinnie
Carol	Holly	Pepper	Viola
Casper	Ivy	Peter	Wayne
Clarabell	Jangle	Pfester	Wilbur
Clover	Jellybean	Pompom	Wilf
Coco	Jingle	Popcorn	Xander
Crumbs	Joe	Poppy	Yam
Crumpt	Judy	Quonset	Yarrow
Cupcake	Julius	Roland	Yip
Davey	Kibble	Ruby	Zesty

## Kringle Crossword Challenge

### Across

- 2 Wings receiver
- 4 Christmas crooner
- 6 Winter shiver
- 7 School vacation
- 8 Where children are nestled
- 11 Holiday fire starter
- 12 Mele Kalikimaka feast
- 13 Wants a hula hoop
- 14 On the housetop
- 16 Three kings' guide
- 17 Rudolph's schnozz
- 19 Half of 50 Across
- 22 Place for Skaters Waltz
- 24 Fairy Queen of Sugarland
- 26 Sleigh together with you
- 28 X-mas dish in Japan
- 29 Schubert's melody start
- 30 Santa smoocher
- 31 Pudding to bring us
- 34 Tree type
- 38 Jingle bells hanger
- 40 Geese a-laying
- 41 Start of Saint Nicholas
- 42 All I want is two of these
- 44 I'm \_ of a white Christmas
- 47 Holiday activity
- 49 Reindeer landing
- 50 The First \_
- 51 A jolly happy soul
- 52 Heard on high

### Down

- 1 Half of Santa's list
- 2 Holiday song
- 3 Open-fire roasted
- 5 Tree clothing
- 8 Snowman actor
- 7 Will shoot your eye out
- 8 Snowman actor
- 9 Buddy's spaghetti sauce
- 10 The other reindeer
- 13 Ten lords
- 15 Televised procession
- 18 Little crutch-bearer
- 20 Nativity story author
- 21 Nips at your nose
- 22 Type of tum tums
- 23 Punisher of the naughty
- 25 Messiah composer first name initials
- 27 Holiday greenery
- 32 Run over by caribou
- 33 One of Santa's team
- 35 Writer of 44 Across initials
- 37 Winter warm-up
- 39 Humbug
- 43 Spiced punch
- 45 Christmas qualifier
- 46 Wrapped items
- 47 North pole worker
- 48 Reindeer fun run

## Slippery Slope

Pick an elf from the inside cover as your game piece. Who will make it up the hill to Santa's Workshop first? Roll the game die down the chimney to see how many squares to move.

The board game grid is an 8x8 grid of squares, numbered 1 to 52. The grid is tilted to represent a hill. At the top right is Santa's Workshop. At the bottom left is a chimney. A path of numbers leads from the chimney up the hill to the workshop. Illustrations of elves are placed on various squares along the path. A Santa Claus sleigh is at the top of the hill.