

*Learn the truth about Santa . . .  
and the truth about yourself*

Rumors are flying that Santa is not real, and that he takes away from the true meaning of Christmas. In *Santa's Greatest Gift*, Santa responds to these accusations, revealing his true identity and shedding light on the true identity of every soul on earth.

This reassuring letter from Santa guides the child in all of us through the rumors of falsehood to the amazing discovery that Santa is real and living as the Giving Spirit in everyone who plays the role of Santa. But Santa's greatest gift is the knowledge that the Spirit of God that lived and was made perfect in Jesus is also alive inside each person as the Christ Spirit. The honoring of the Christ Child in each girl and boy is, in fact, the reason that Santa has been bringing gifts each year, just as the wise men brought gifts for the Christ Child on that first Christmas day.

It is Santa's hope that the peace of Christmas will be found through the recognition of the Giving Spirit and the Christ Spirit inside ourselves and everyone we meet.

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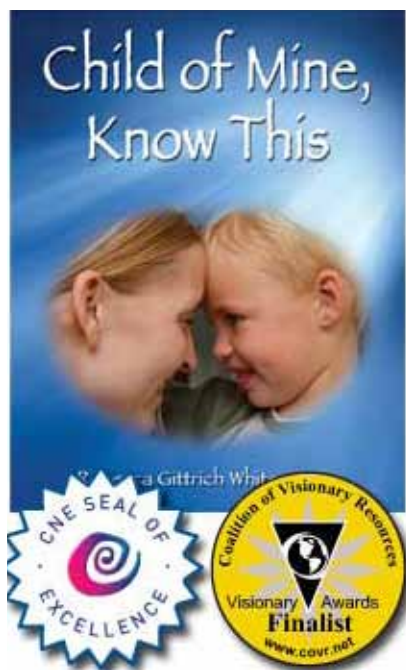
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## How to make Santa's Greatest Gift into a booklet

The following directions are for printing the booklet using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you're using another pdf reader, you may have to make some adaptations.

For all pages, make sure you have these settings:

- **Page Scaling: None\*** (many printers are able to print outside Adobe's printer margins. If your printer cuts off more than 1/4 inch, you can scale the pages to fit, but you will need to trim it.)
- **Auto-Rotate and Center** (box should be checked)

1. **Print Page 1** onto photo paper if you have it, using your preferred photo settings.
  2. **Print page 7** on regular paper. (If you have double-sided printing available on your printer, you are so lucky! Just print pages 7 to 10 double-sided and skip to #8).
  3. **Take page 7 out of your printer**, paying attention to how it came out. **Put it back in the paper feed** of the printer so that the next page will print on the back, with the words facing the same direction.
  4. **Print page 8**. Check that it is not upside down (this may take some trial and error).
  5. **Print page 9**.
  6. **Take page 9 out of your printer and put it back in the paper feed** so that the next page will print on the back.
  7. **Print page 10**. Check that it is not upside down.
  8. **Put the black and white title page on top of the first page of the story** (My Dear Child...). This should put the pages in order. **Fold the pages in half**. Fold the cover in half and put the pages inside the cover.
  9. To **staple the book on the crease** using a regular stapler, open the book and gently bend the back pages under, but don't actually crease it. Slide these curved pages under the stapler until you can reach the crease, and staple in two spots. (If you are making a lot of books, you might want to take them to a copy place that has a booklet stapler.)
- The resulting book will fit in a standard-sized 5.5 x 8.5 envelope.

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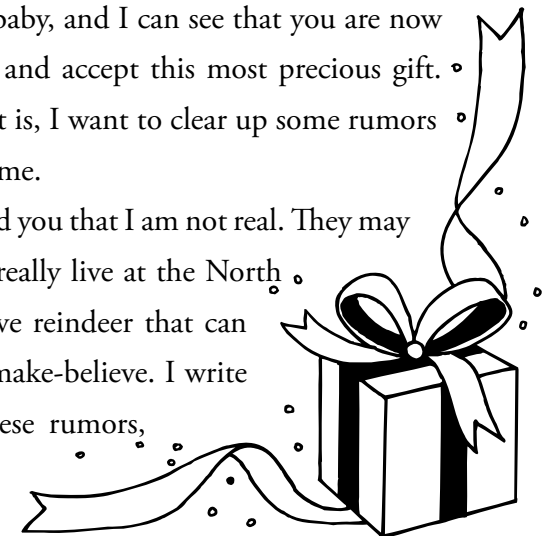
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you may have heard about me.

Some kids may have told you that I am not real. They may have told you that I don't really live at the North ◦  
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and to let you in on a most ◦  
amazing secret.



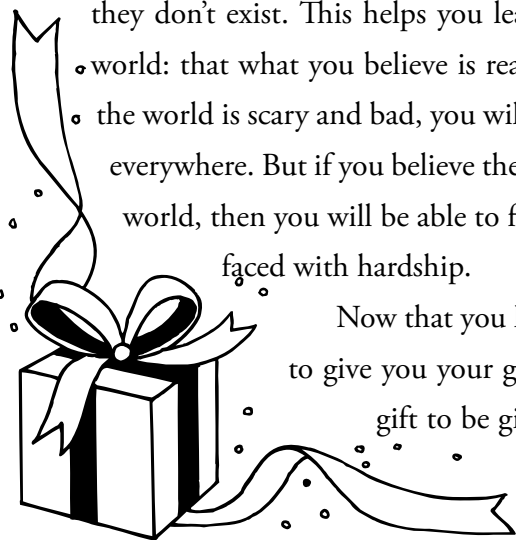
I am real. I am as real as your mother or father or grandmother are real. I am as real as the person who loves you enough to give you gifts each Christmas in my name.

It's true that I am not only one person who lives at the North Pole. I know you thought that was pretty amazing, but the truth is really better than that. I am one Spirit — the Giving Spirit — who lives in everyone who chooses to be Santa Claus for someone they love. The miraculous thing is that so many people, everywhere, love children so much that they want them to experience the awe and wonder of Santa Claus. As your own personal Santa Claus, I spend countless hours thinking about you and filling your stocking with the things you enjoy. I don't do this so you will think I'm wonderful for giving you such good "things." I do this in secret, so you can understand the Giving Spirit, which is in the heart of everyone who is Santa Claus.

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Now that you know who I really am, I want to give you your greatest gift. Really, it is not a gift to be given, but a gift to be revealed or uncovered, because it has always been within you. I

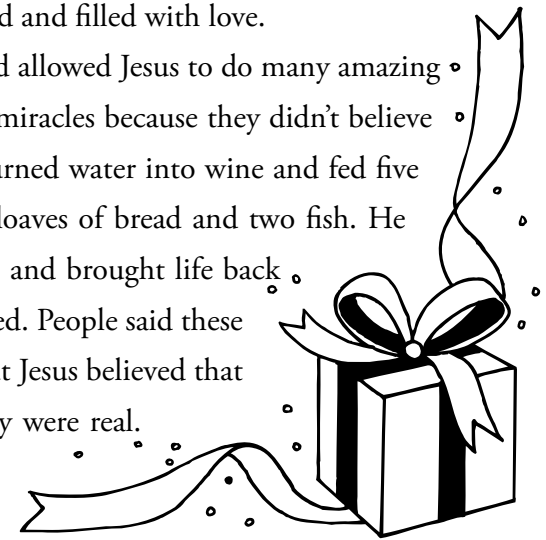


want you to know who you really are, because that is what Christmas is all about.

Long, long ago, there was a child born in Bethlehem, and his name was Jesus. He lived a life so perfect and pure that now people work to follow his example and be like him. The stories in the Bible about the life of Jesus tell of a man who showed love and kindness to everyone, even if they were his enemies. He was compassionate and understanding, and by sharing his wisdom Jesus was able to help people understand how to be closer to God. Just as important, Jesus was willing to forgive others for their mistakes and hurtful actions, even when other people were going to kill him.

How could someone be so good all the time, you might ask. Well, even though Jesus was a human being, just like you, he always felt connected to God. His power and love came from the Christ Spirit, which is a part of God that lived inside Jesus all the time. Jesus knew he had the Christ Spirit within himself, and he listened with his heart to that Spirit every minute of every day. Because of this, everything Jesus did was guided by God and filled with love.

This guidance from God allowed Jesus to do many amazing things. People called them miracles because they didn't believe they could happen. Jesus turned water into wine and fed five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish. He even made a blind man see and brought life back to a girl whose body had died. People said these things could not be real. But Jesus believed that he could do them, and they were real. The best part is that Jesus told us that we would be

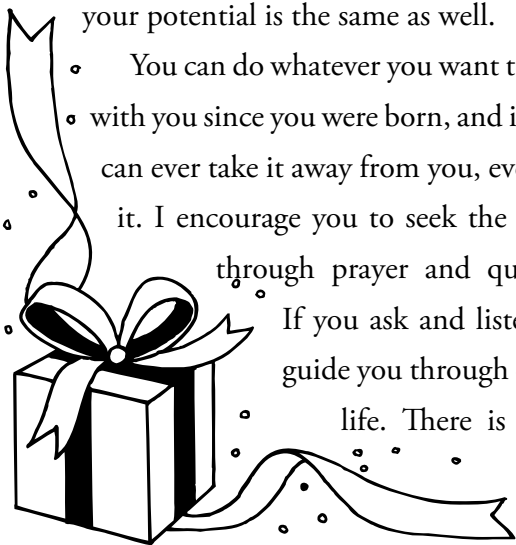


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My gift to you this year is the knowledge that you have that Christ Spirit within you. This is who you really are. You are not Jesus, but you have your own shining light of Christ, which can be every bit as powerful.

If you look inside yourself, and inside every person you meet, you will find that Christ Spirit. It shines in you when your heart is full of love and joy and forgiveness. This Spirit is part of the same Christ Spirit that was in Jesus. The only difference is that Jesus lived every moment of his life connected to that Spirit, and we often forget who we really are. Jesus was so in touch with the Christ Spirit inside himself that every thought and action started there. We, on the other hand, sometimes only get glimpses of our Christ Spirit because we are distracted with other things or too busy thinking about our daily activities. But the Spirit inside you is part of the same Spirit that was inside Jesus, and your potential is the same as well.

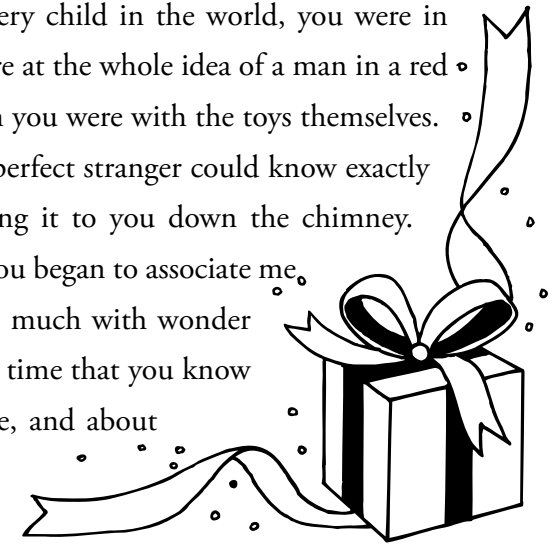
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- with you since you were born, and it will always be yours. No one can ever take it away from you, even if you forget that you have it. I encourage you to seek the Christ Spirit within yourself through prayer and quiet meditation or listening. If you ask and listen, the Spirit inside you will guide you through even the hardest parts of your life. There is no greater treasure than to know that God is a part of you, and with you always.



You may wonder why this knowledge is my gift to give. Many people believe that I, Santa Claus, take away from the real meaning of Christmas. They say Santa is simply built on material things and greediness, which go against the teachings of Jesus. But Santa Claus is not really about toys as much as about the spirit of giving, in secret. It's about giving for the simple reason of seeing joy and happiness on a child's face, with no expectation of something in return. In my purest form, Santa Claus is the perfect example of the Giving Spirit, just as Jesus was the perfect example of the Christ Spirit.

Since you were born, I have known that you have this precious gift of God inside you. In fact, the gifts that I have been bringing you over the years were to honor the Christ Spirit in you. You probably remember that the story of Jesus' birth tells of wise men who traveled from afar to honor Jesus, the Christ Child, with gifts. In the same way, I came from afar to honor the Christ Child in you. That's why the knowledge of what is inside you is my greatest gift.

When you first found out about me, with my flying reindeer and ability to bring toys to every child in the world, you were in awe. You were amazed more at the whole idea of a man in a red suit bringing you toys than you were with the toys themselves. You were surprised that a perfect stranger could know exactly what you wanted and bring it to you down the chimney. But as the years wore on, you began to associate me more with toys and not as much with wonder and magic. That's why it is time that you know the greater truth about me, and about yourself. That is why it is now time for you to



BE Santa Claus, to be the Giving Spirit. You can choose to be Santa Claus on Christmas, for your parents or for someone you know that needs something you can offer. Or, you can show your Giving Spirit every day in many different ways: by giving someone a smile, carrying groceries for your mom, holding open a door, helping someone with no expectation of reward, or simply telling someone how much you love them. It is through these daily acts of giving that the Christ Spirit within you begins to shine, and your life will be forever richer.

Of all the gifts I have ever given, this special knowledge is my favorite because it holds such great potential. People all over the world have recognized within themselves the Giving Spirit, and they show it through their acts as Santa Claus. Just imagine what will happen when those same people also recognize their own Christ Spirit and live from that as well. It is then that we will find heaven on earth.

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Take a closer, spiritual look at family relationships in this loving message from parent to child.

Through my human eyes  
I see you as a child.  
Through my spiritual eyes  
— the eyes of God —  
I see you as  
an ageless expression of love.

*Child of Mine, Know This* is a loving message reminding children of all ages that their physical bodies are just a small part of who they are. It's an inspirational message for parents who believe that their children's beautiful spirits are thousands of years old and wiser than we can imagine. It's a heartfelt reminder of the bond between parents and children, and the promises we made to each other before we embarked on this journey of life. When parents and children are able to see each other through spiritual eyes, they can look past the illusion of separateness and enter into the unconditional love of oneness with Spirit.

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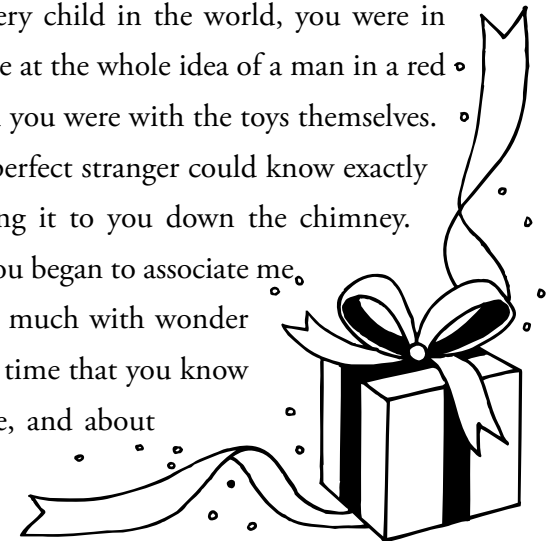
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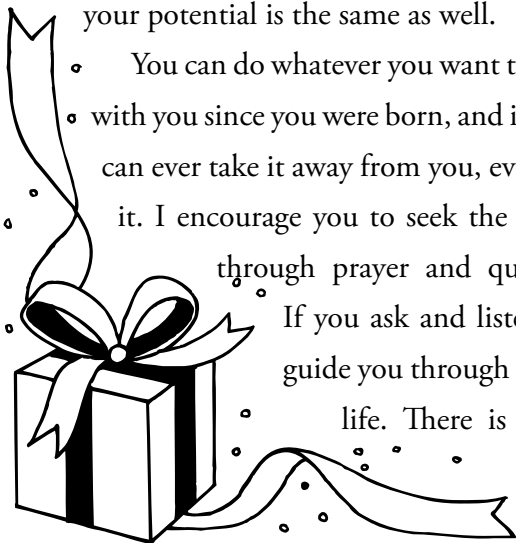


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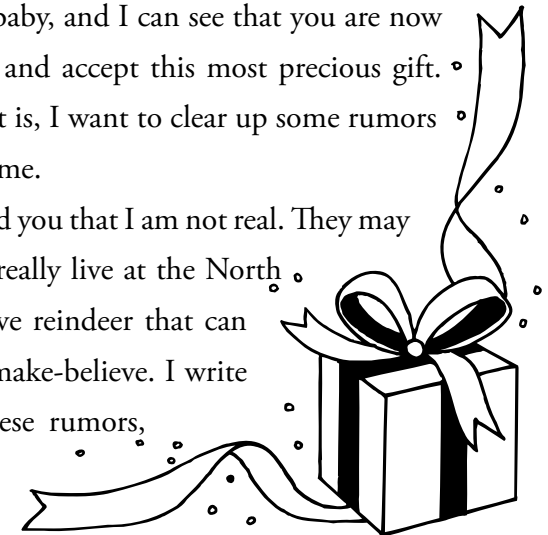
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