



## Merry Christmas!

HO HO HO! Are you ready for Christmas? Oh, the North Pole is buzzing and humming, from the Toy Workshop to the Candy Factory to Mrs. Claus' Bake Shop. There's so much to do before the holidays, and they're coming up quick. But I just had to take a moment to write to you. I see from my Santa Book you have been so good this year!

You love adventure, don't you? So do I. That's why I travel all over the world on Christmas Eve. I love to deliver toys to all the good boys and girls, but I also love to visit all the different cultures and sample the different foods. There is so much to see and do the world over. But I also love flying. Over the rooftops, the wind in my beard, the stars just over my head. I can almost reach out and touch them. There is no feeling in the world quite like riding in my magic sleigh. Everything below looks so small below, and yet the whole world feels so big.

I hear you have been terrific about helping out at home. That's what I like to hear! The elves and I work as a team. If we didn't, I couldn't get all the toys ready in time for Christmas. I'm so proud of you! And for being such a great team player, I am making you an honorary elf. Because that is what Christmas is all about: working together. Joining hands to make the workload lighter, and making the world a better place. For even if you do one nice thing for one person, you are making the world better.

Well, I'd better get a move on, and check on how things are going filling the sleigh. You are such a good elf, I could use you on my team. Ho, Ho, Ho! I'll see you soon, but in the meantime enjoy everything the holidays have to offer, including cookies. I love cookies! I'll tell the reindeer to make a soft landing so we don't wake you. Rudolph sometimes goes a little too fast, because he's so excited about Christmas. And he makes a thud on the roof! I keep telling him we have plenty of time, but he won't listen! HO, HO, HO!

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Love,

**Santa**

