

A Very
Corona
Christmas
Santa Stays Home
Activities

Created
for use in
primary schools

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A Very Corona Christmas Activities for Grades K-2

Basic Discussion:

Read the story *A Very Corona Christmas*. Then ask the children some of the following questions. You may use the illustrations attached as examples.*



1. Why were the elves so surprised?
2. How would you feel if you were one of the elves after Santa gave his speech?
3. How did you feel when you first went into lockdown and were not allowed to go to school anymore?
4. The elves in the story are told to stop working. Did your parents continue to work during lockdown? How have things been different at home since the pandemic began?



6. Imagine you are an elf. What do you think you would do all day when you are not making toys? What do you think Santa would do?
7. Did you write to Santa? What did you say?



8. If you could talk to Santa what would you tell him about your year?
9. Do you miss the way things were before the pandemic? What do you miss? Is there anything better now than before?
10. Are you looking forward to Christmas? Why or why not?

Writing Activity:

Write a letter to Santa telling him a little bit about your year. Are you looking forward to Christmas? What do you want more than anything this year?

Drawing Activity:

At the end of the story Santa's elves create for him a new Santa suit and update his sleigh. Imagine you are the illustrator. How would you draw a picture of Santa's new suit? What would his sleigh look like? What gadgets and improvements would you add to Santa's sleigh?

Santa's suit is missing. Can you draw him a new one?



A Very Corona Christmas Activities for Grades 3-6

Discussion:

In the story *A Very Corona Christmas* the author describes the way the North Pole might look during the 2020 pandemic.

1. Do you agree with the author?
2. How do you think things might look differently?
3. What would you have added to the story?
4. Do you think that Santa would be allowed to enter your country?
5. How have things changed for you since this pandemic began?
5. How do you think Christmas will be different this year?

Writing Activity Grade 3-6:

Imagine you are an elf at the North Pole during lockdown. Write a newspaper article for the Reindeer Times explaining how crazy things have gotten at the North Pole. You may use story details to add to your text, for example world leaders have written to Santa to cancel Christmas. You will need to choose the time period carefully. You can write your article either during the North Pole lockdown or after Santa has made a decision to indeed deliver gifts.

Vocabulary Activity:

Look at the following list of words from the text.

concern
glum
simultaneously
yearn

commotion
disbelief
sorrowfully
elated

predicament
reluctantly
quarantine
historic

1. Look up each word and write down the definition.
2. Underline each of the adjectives red and adverbs green.
3. Write 5 sentences using at least 5 of the words.

Drawing Activity:

At the end of the story Santa's elves create for him a new Santa suit and update his sleigh. Imagine you are an elf designer at the North Pole. How would your Santa suit look? How would you make a Covid 19-ready sleigh? Choose either Santa's suit or sleigh and draw your design explaining each of the elements and why your design is the best.

Dear Teachers and Librarians,

In addition to writing and illustrating, I have worked as a teacher for many years. I enjoy making lesson plans to go with my books because I know how much fun it is to read and discuss a book with a classroom full of children. I hope you enjoy these. Unfortunately, I have not had as much time as I normally would to create high-quality lesson plans as Christmas 2020 is just around the corner. Nevertheless, I hope that some of these ideas have been helpful. In addition to these activities, I also have a play about the book which can be used for a school production. You will find it on my website KelleyDonner.com.

Please be aware, you may use the images given only for internal school purposes directly related to the book, such as the activities listed above. If you make large posters or images that you hang up, please make sure they all state the name of the book and author clearly. Thank you. For other inquiries, please send me an email at Kelley.donner@gmail.com.

Please do send me photos and copies of pictures that children have created. I appreciate receiving every one. Have a merry Christmas!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelley D' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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