

St. Nicholas Challenge



Have you heard of Saint Nicholas? Nicholas was born during the third century in Patara, Turkey. Nicholas was a Christian priest who was made a bishop while he was still quite young. In the town where Nicholas lived, there was a poor man who did not have enough money to provide a dowry for his three daughters. In those days, fathers needed to provide something of value, a dowry, to offer to prospective husbands. Without a dowry a woman was unable to marry and unmarried women were often sold into slavery. St. Nicholas heard of this father's need, and on three occasions dropped a bag of gold coins into the family's home through an open window. These gifts of coins provided a dowry so each daughter could marry. The father suspected it was St. Nicholas who had given the coins, so when the coins appeared the third time, he tried to catch St. Nicholas to thank him. St. Nicholas, when he was caught, told the father that God alone should be thanked and made him promise to never reveal where the gold came from. After his death, St. Nicholas became well known for secretly helping many people. He lived by Jesus' words, "Your giving should be done in secret. Your Father can see what is done in secret, and he will reward you" (Matthew 6:4).



December 6th is the day we celebrate St. Nicholas' life.

We challenge you & your family to celebrate this day by serving someone in secret.

Do something to help someone in need and do your best not to get caught!

If you do get caught, follow St. Nicholas' example and tell them to thank God and ask them not to reveal your secret!

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