

How Santa Got His Job

Career exploration activities for Grades 2-4, inspired by and to be used in conjunction with:

***How Santa Got His Job* by Stephen Krensky; ISBN-10: 0689846681**

Goal:

After listening to *How Santa Got His Job*, students will be able to identify the different jobs Santa had, and his career. Students will also be able to identify the interests and skills Santa discovered he had, at each job, and determine if Santa used all of those interests and skills in his career. Similarly, students will identify how expected behaviors and appearances can affect job success (loss), and that Santa uses effort, teamwork, and lifelong learning in his career.

Together the activities addresses the following Academic and Career Plan objectives:

EC1. Understand the concepts of job and career.

EC2. Understand that behaviors such as punctuality, courtesy, proper dress and proper language are essential to current and future success.

EC3. Understand the relationship of individual effort, hard work, and persistence to achievement.

EC4. Understand the importance of teamwork in working towards a common goal.

EC7. Recognize the benefits of both individual initiative and teamwork.

EC8. Recognize that the changing workplace requires lifelong learning.

EC9. Identify hobbies and interests.

EC10. Identify career choices through exploration.

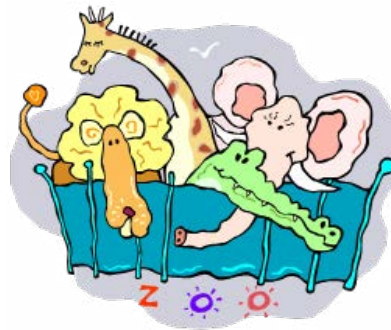
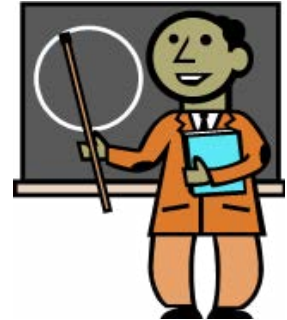
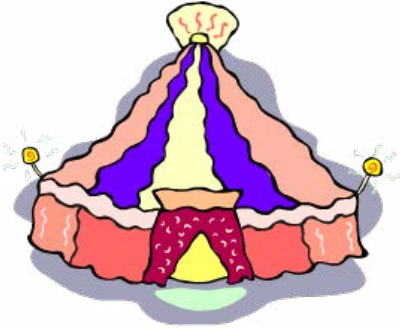
Discussion questions that can be used in conjuncture with these activities:

1. Santa learned some things about his interests and skills while doing jobs. What are some things you know about your interests and skills?
2. What have we learned from Santa's various jobs about punctuality, appropriate dress, being courteous, and using proper language for a particular job?
3. How did Santa's initiative in trying jobs and working help him find his career?
4. How did teamwork help Santa find his career? How did teamwork help Santa during his career?
5. How does Santa use the interests and skills he discovered in his jobs to find his career?
6. Why does Santa have to keep learning after he has found his career?*

*You can follow up this question with *How Santa Lost His Job* by Stephen Krensky; ISBN-10: 0689871473

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Circle all the jobs Santa had during the story. Put a square around Santa's career.



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What interest led Santa to choose his jobs?

Santa discovered new things he was interested in, or good at doing, in each of his jobs.

Draw a line to match Santa's new interests or skills with the job where he discovered it. One job may match more than one interest or skill.

Being organized.

Balancing on roofs.

Bringing people packages.

Filling orders for customers.

Flying through the air.

Reindeer.

Wearing a costume.

Working at night.

Surprising people with things they like.

Knowing if everyone was behaving or not.

Staying clean when going down chimneys.



Did Santa use these skills and interests in his career?

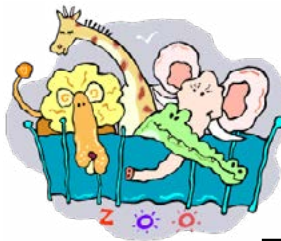
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How did Santa lose his jobs? Draw a line to match each job Santa had, to why Santa lost that job. On the line next to the picture, write what Santa could have done to keep that job.

His uniform was too clean, so no one believed he did his job.



He ate too much food and was gaining too much weight.



He did not bring people their packages when they were expecting them, which made people angry.



He spent too much time with the reindeer and made the other animals jealous.



He was laughing instead of pretending to be scared.



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Who helped Santa find his career?

Once Santa found his career, what did he have to do? Circle all the things Santa had to do for his career.

Practice driving the sled with the reindeer.



Make food for the elves.



Give the polar bears a bath.

Make toys all by himself.



Work as a team with the reindeer.

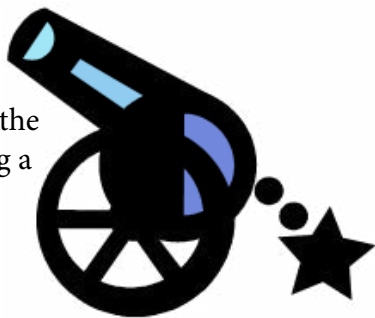
Clean chimneys.

Keep learning new things when he drives the sled and delivers toys.

Deliver toys all over the world.



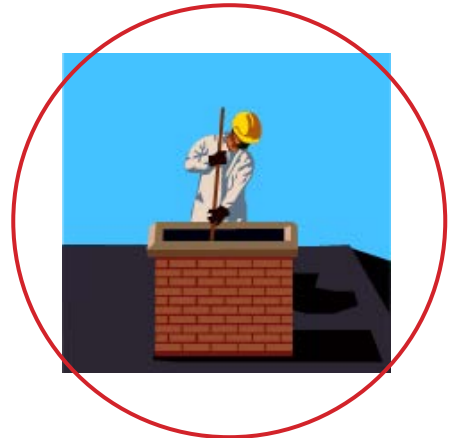
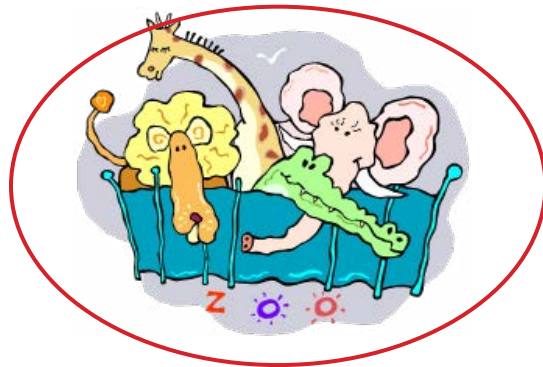
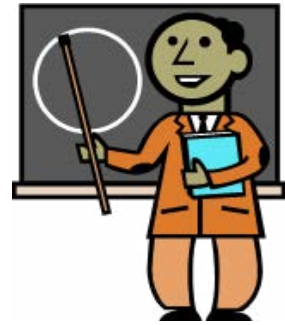
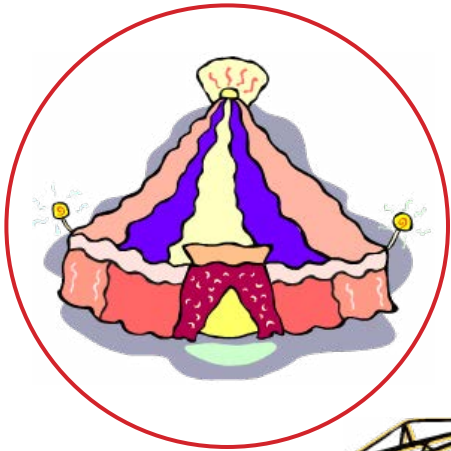
Fly around the world using a cannon.



Wake people up in the middle of the night.

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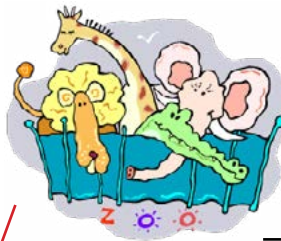
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Not eat all the food he makes, and exercise more.

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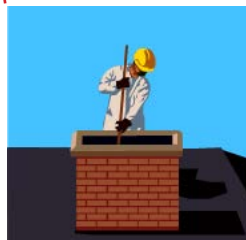
Pretend to be scared. Use proper language for the job.

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Deliver packages when people expect them. Be punctual.

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Get dirty. Wear a expected uniform for the job.

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