

Santa's three sacks

Nicholas was born on March 15, 270 AD in Patara (Turkey).

Nicholas was not a poor man. His parents were cloth merchants. They were already old when Nicholas was born. They raised Nicholas to be a person who was sensitive to the needs of others. Nicholas of Myra's life changed suddenly when his parents contracted the plague and died. He grew up in his uncle's family. Nicholas was very hardworking and clever. He loved walking around his city in the evenings. He listened when people talked and looked closely when there were people in the city who needed help.

He decided to distribute his wealth to the poorest. This began a series of benefits and miracles that have been attributed to the saint over the years - some rightly, some probably invented or attributed to other people. His relics are still associated with it worldwide today.

St. Nicholas died on December 6, 343 AD in Myra (Turkey). To this day we celebrate the day as the name day of St. Bishop Nicholas.

Once Nicholas helped a poor man and his children.

The man was so sick he couldn't work and his wife had died. They had many children. The family had nothing to eat and nothing to wear. This is what Nicholas saw and heard.

One morning there was a large sack at the door. When the children opened the sack they found flour and bread inside. Now they no longer had to go hungry. They wondered where these things came from. The next morning there was another sack at the door. When the children opened the bag they found many items of clothing inside. There was something for every child. Now they no longer had to freeze. The man wondered where these things came from. There was no one to be seen anywhere. The man told the town and some suspected that Santa could be behind it.

The eldest daughter had an idea. She wanted to bake a cookie with some of the flour. She put all kinds of spices in the dough. She had collected these from nature throughout the year. She placed the finished pastries on the windowsill in the evening. So they wanted to say thank you to the stranger.

In the evening everyone in the house wanted to keep a close eye on whether he would come to them again. They waited until their eyes closed. The father tried to stay awake, but he also became more and more tired. Suddenly he heard a noise outside the door. He jumped up and ran out as quickly as he could. He recognized Nicholas from afar and called after him. - Thank you very much - .

When he wanted to go back into his house, he saw another sack standing in front of the door. He woke up his children and they opened the bag together. They found shoes in it. Until now they had been walking barefoot. When they wanted to put the shoes on, they noticed that there was still something in the shoes. When they took it out, everyone recognized a small toy. They were very happy. You had never been given a toy in your life.

The man told the whole city that he had recognized Santa Claus. The people went to Nikolaus' house and shouted: **"Nikolaus, you are a good man. You should become our bishop."**