

CELEBRATE

ONE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Dear Bookseller,

It's time to celebrate Christmas Eve with this hilarious new book by Kes Gray and Claire Powell, inspired by Clement C. Moore's classic festive poem. We hope you love this book as much as we do, and to celebrate the release of the paperback, why not hold your very own *The Night Before the Night Before Christmas* event? We have created a fantastically festive pack full of activities and crafts which you can use, including a Make Your Own 'Santa, please stop here' Sign, a Christmas Wish List, tons of chances to colour and draw, and much, much more!

As well as all the activity-sheet fun, we've come up with a few other ideas to help you create your exciting event:

- Decorate your shop/section/area with Christmas decorations - hang up streamers, baubles and fairy lights to bring the festive cheer
- Read the book for a special Christmas-themed story time – ISBN: 9781444971965
- Play **Sleeping Santa** – a variation of the classic game **Sleeping Lions**. Have all the children lie as still as they can on the floor, and one by one eliminate anyone who wriggles or giggles until there's only one winner left
- Hold a **Christmas-Present Hunt** – like a treasure hunt but with clues that lead the kids to a present which has lots of chocolate coins or sweets inside it
- Hold a festive fancy-dress competition – ask everyone to dress up in their favourite Christmas gear (it could be as simple as a Christmas jumper) and hold a competition for best dressed

Good luck with your events, we're sure they'll be brilliant!
Wishing you a very happy (but early) Christmas Eve!

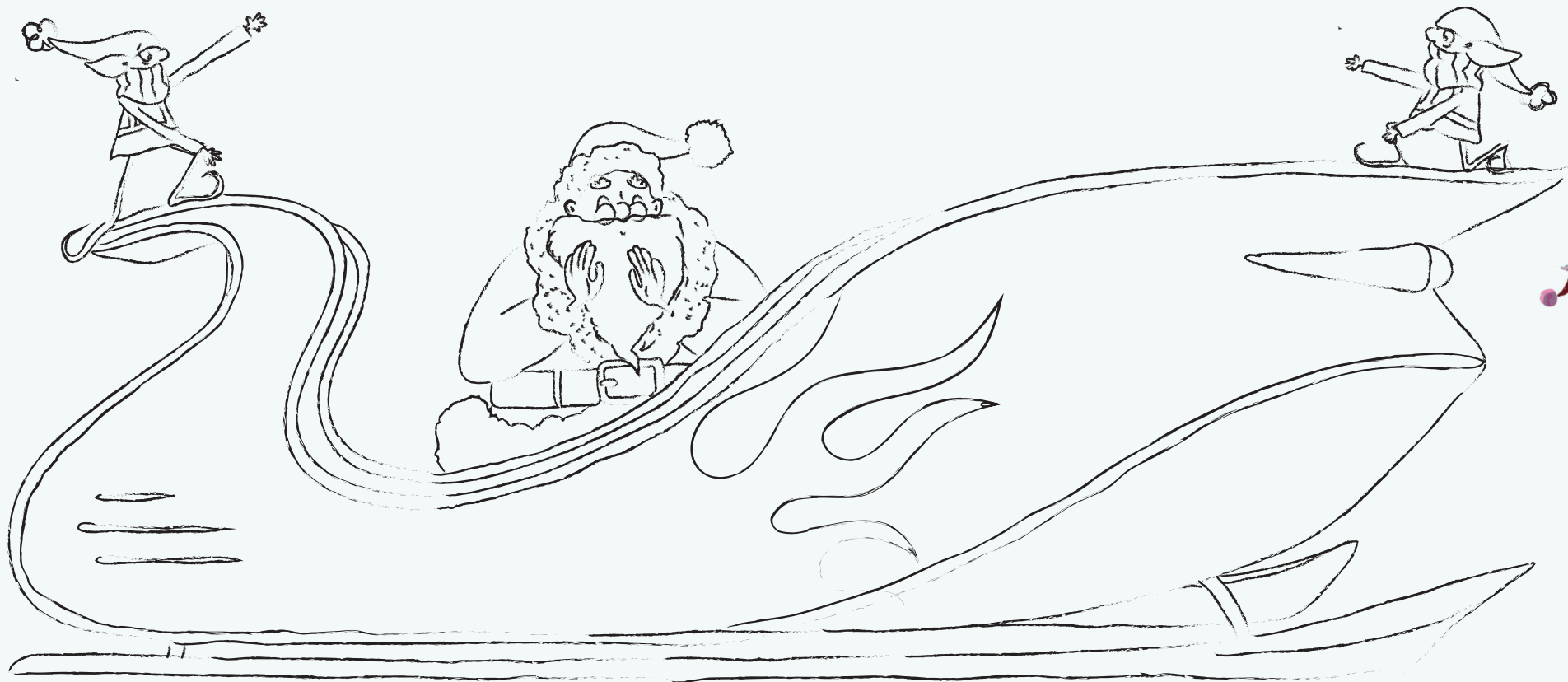
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COLOUR IN SANTA'S SLEIGH

Help the elves get Santa's sleigh ready
by using your brightest pencils to colour it in.



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MAKE YOUR OWN 'SANTA, PLEASE STOP HERE' SIGN

Colour, decorate and cut out your very own 'Santa, please stop here' sign.

Don't forget to add extra glitter so he can see it in the dark!

Santa,
please stop
here!



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CHRISTMAS CARD DOT-TO-DOT

You'll need card, a glue stick, scissors, and an adult's help for this activity! Connect the dots and colour in the picture below. Once you've done this, ask a grown-up for help to cut it out. Then fold your piece of card down the middle and stick your picture onto the front. Remember to write a merry message inside, and now your Christmas card is complete!



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WISH LIST

Santa is coming to town, and he knows you've been very nice!

Fill out this wish list with everything you'd like for Christmas so Santa knows what to bring.



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SANTA'S WORKSHOP SEARCH AND FIND

Uh-oh, things are very cluttered in Santa's workshop! Help the elves find these five toys in the picture below. Once you've found them all, you could choose some new ones to test your friends.

CAN YOU FIND:

A blue yo-yo A pirate ship A doll with ginger hair
Red-edged sombrero A baby's pram



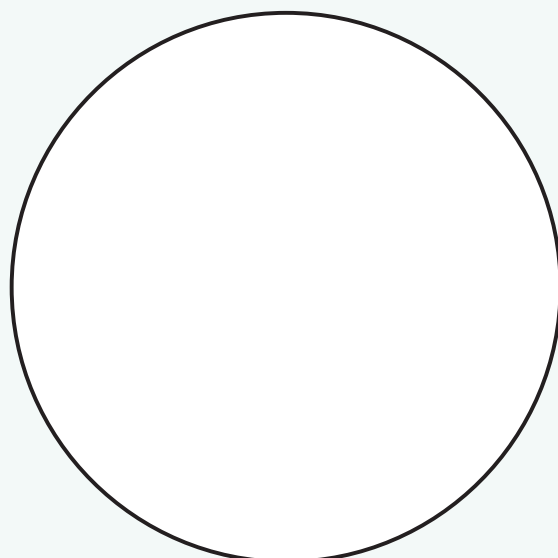
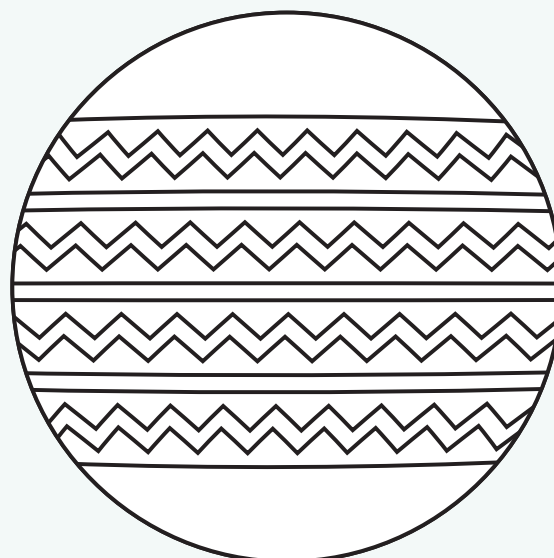
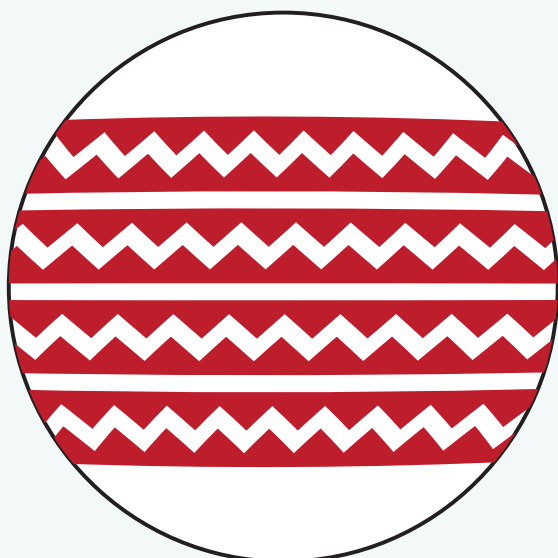
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MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS BAUBLES

Colour, decorate and design these Christmas baubles with your brightest colouring pencils, glitter, sequins, pompoms or anything else you can think of!

Then ask an adult to cut them out and hang them on your tree using thin ribbon or string.



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REINDEER WHO?

Fill in the missing letters to discover the reindeers' names.
If you get stuck, you'll find some clues in the story!

D _ S _ E R

_ A _ C E _

P R _ N _ E _

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C U _ I _

_ O N N _ R

B _ I _ Z _ N



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