

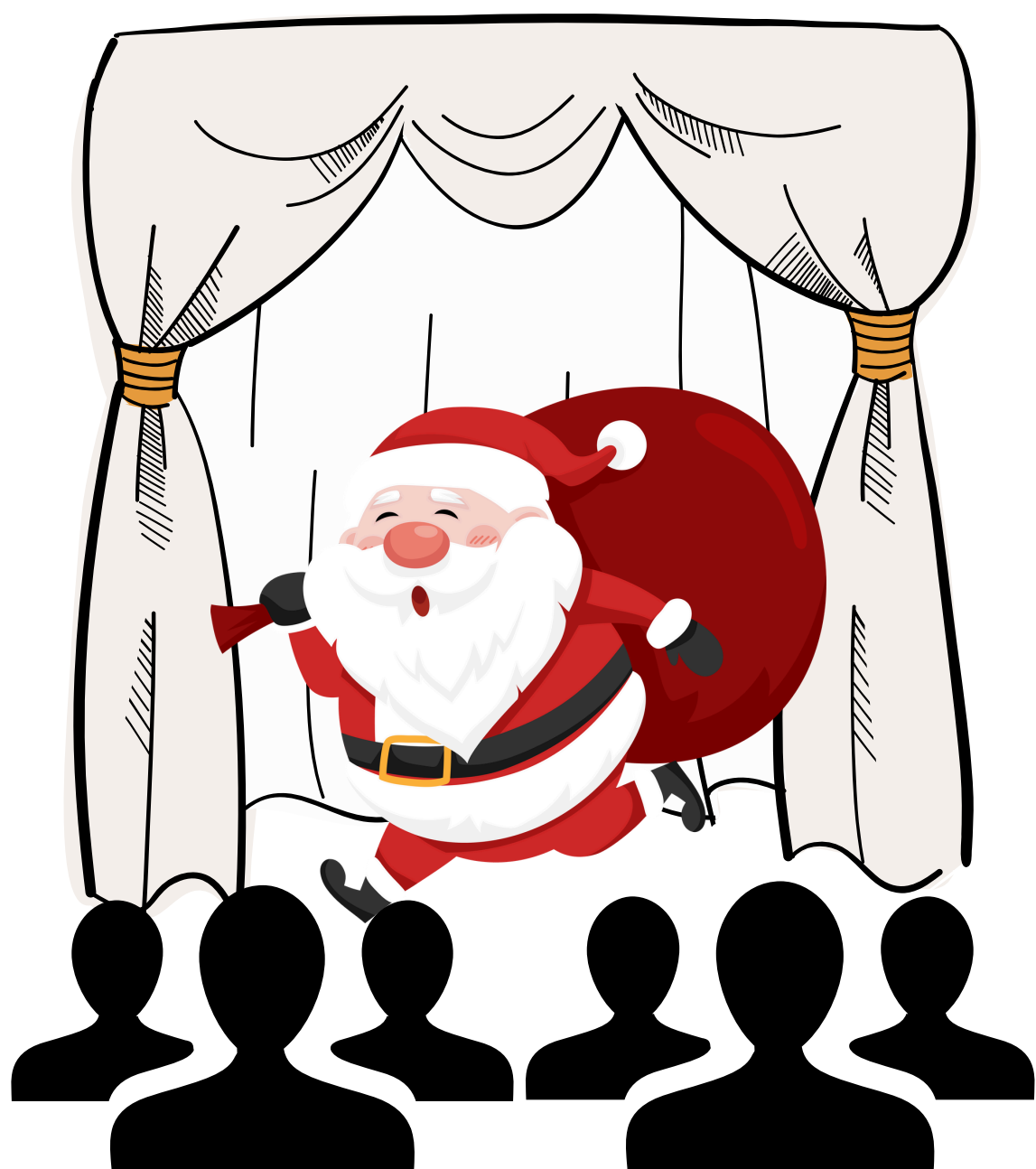


Father Christmas

An Easy Read Story

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Father Christmas is a play.

A play is a story told by people on a stage.



In this play, there are puppets. The animal characters:

Dog, Cat, Hen and Reindeer, are all puppets operated by a puppeteer.



There is also music and songs in this play.

THE CHARACTERS



This is Father Christmas. He is a grumpy old man.

His job is to deliver presents to children on Christmas Eve.



This is the musician.

The Musician plays lots of different instruments.

The Musician also sings and creates some of the sound effects.



This is the Puppeteer.

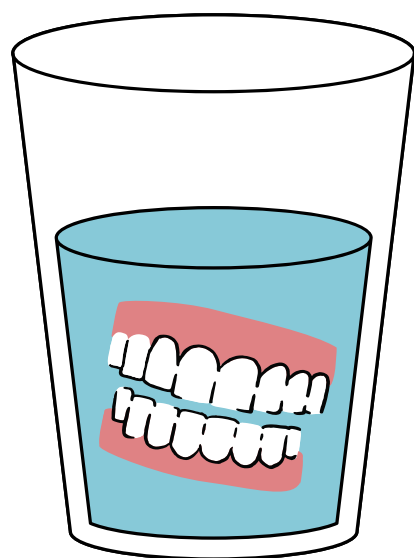
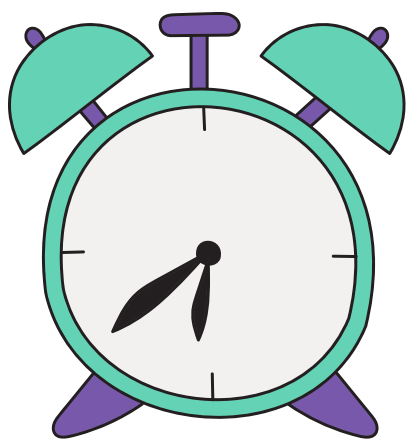
They operate the puppets of: Cat, Dog, Hen and the Reindeer, which are Father Christmas' pets.

THE STORY

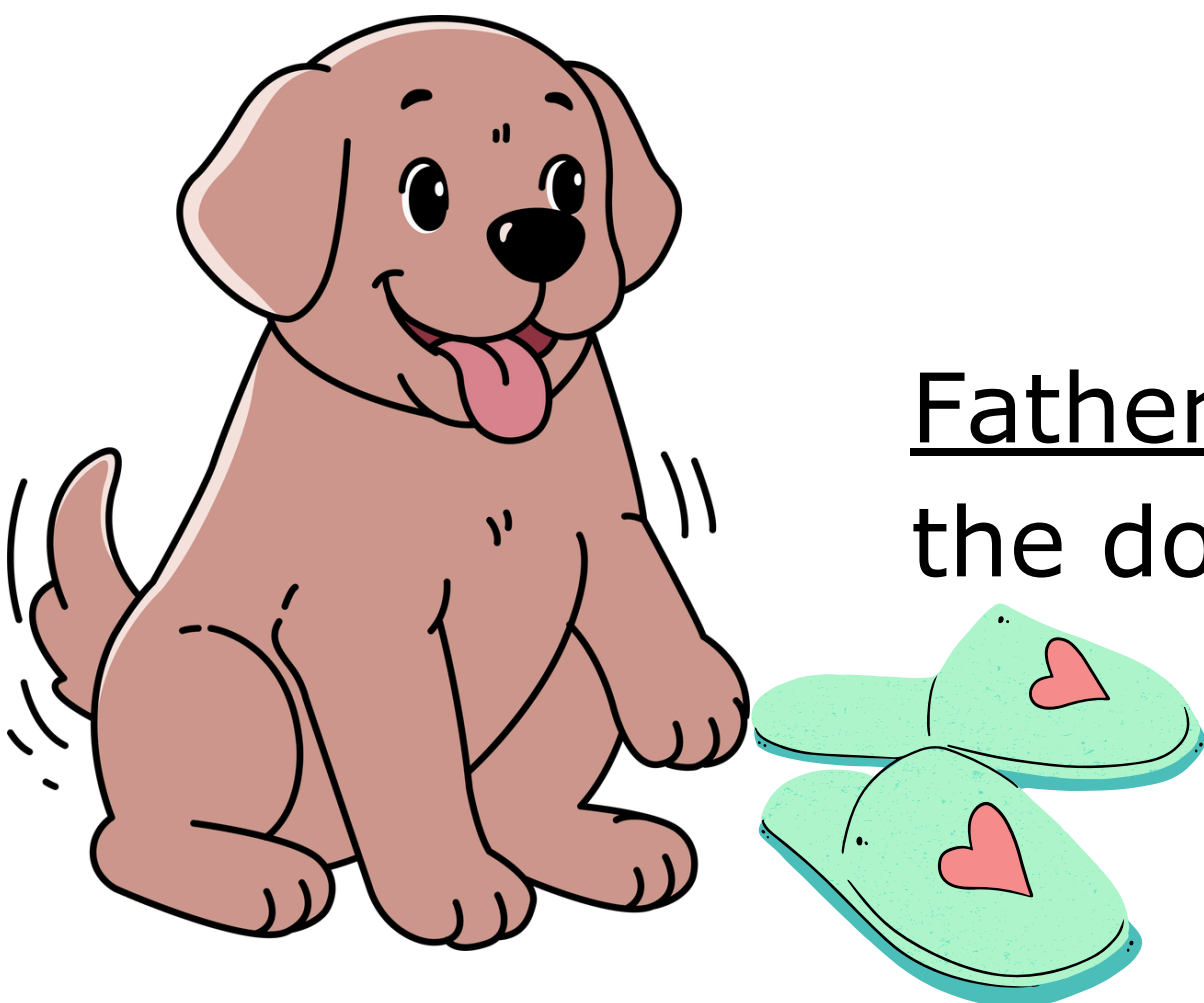


Father Christmas is dreaming in bed.

Cat sleeps next to him.



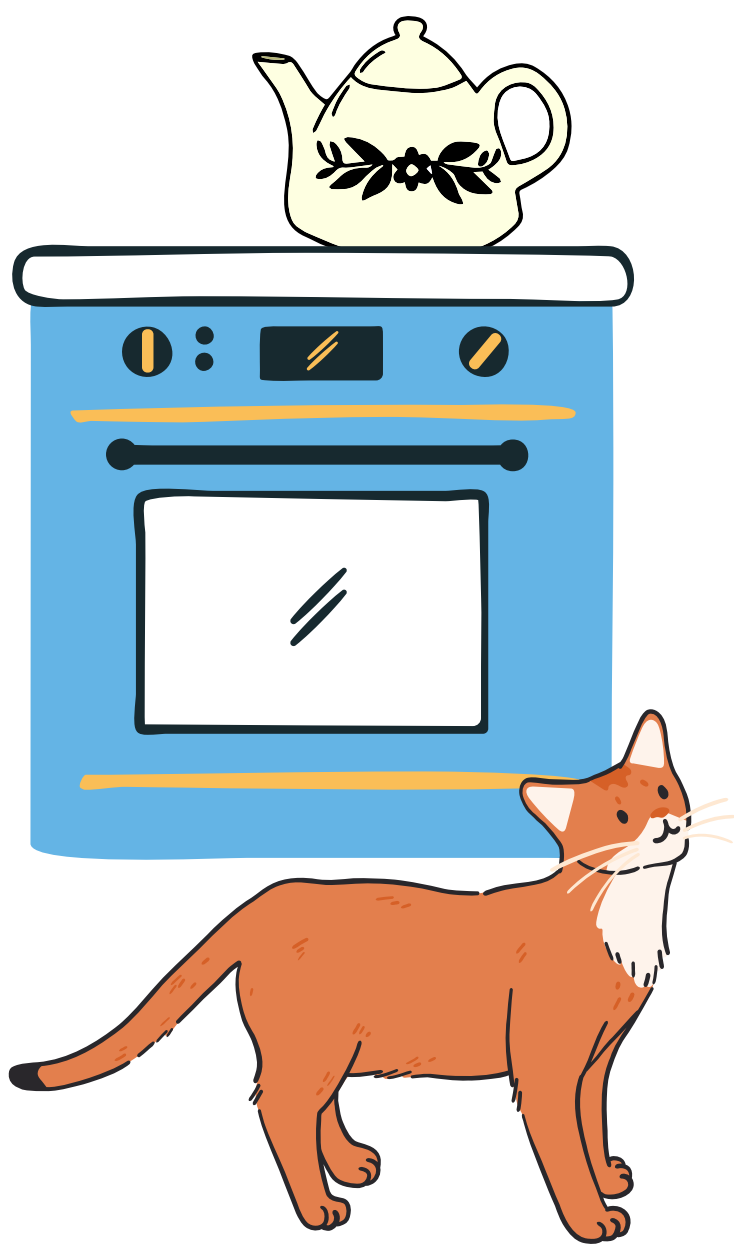
It's time to wake up! The alarm clock rings. Father Christmas takes out his dentures and puts them in a glass.



Father Christmas gets up. He realises the dog has taken his slippers!



Father Christmas looks at his calendar. It's Christmas Eve! He looks out the window at the snow. He is a bit grumpy!



Father Christmas puts the kettle on and says hello to Cat.



Father Christmas goes outside to his toilet. It's cold!



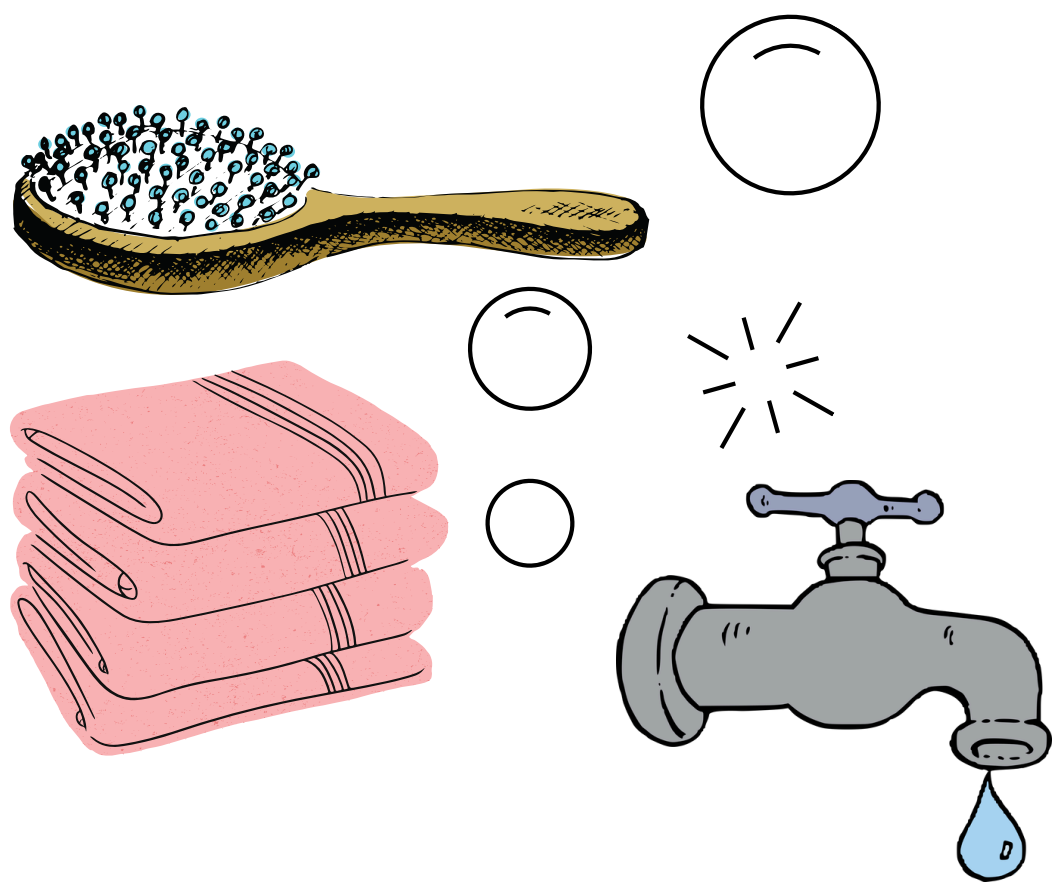
Father Christmas sits on the toilet. He looks at holiday brochures. He wipes and flushes.



Father Christmas feeds the Reindeer.



Father Christmas pours the kettle to finish making his cup of tea.



Father Christmas washes his face and body and brushes his hair.



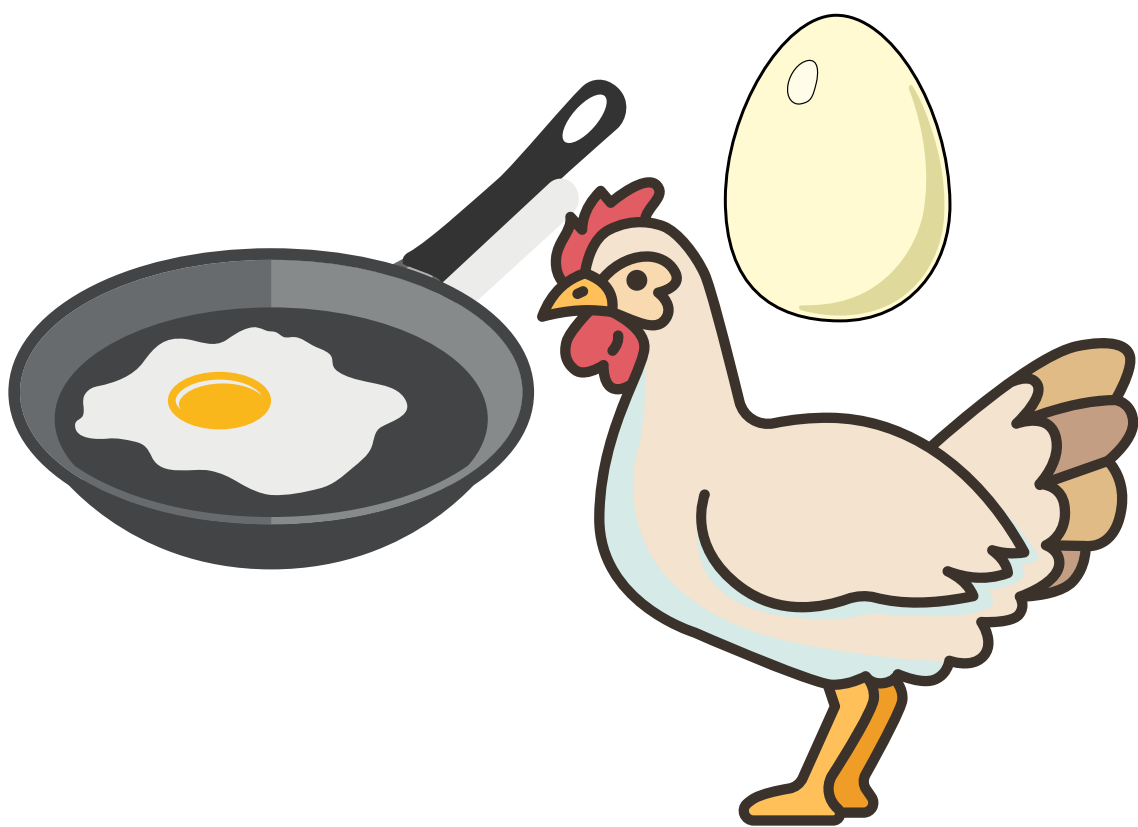
Father Christmas feeds Cat and Dog.



Father Christmas drinks his tea and listens to the radio. The weather forecast on the radio says it will be cold.



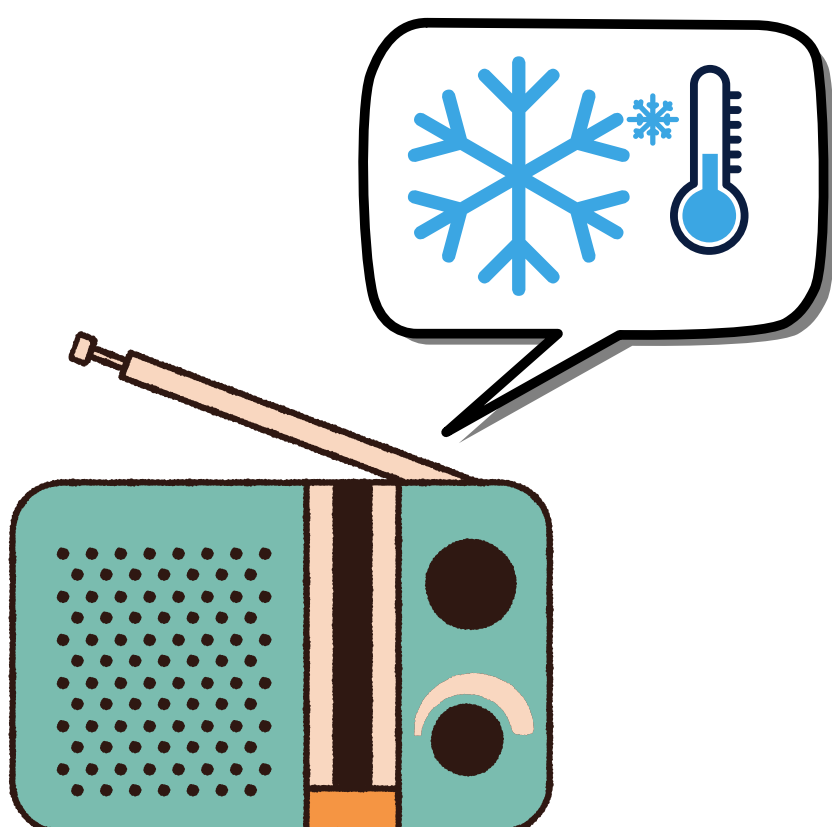
Father Christmas gets dressed.



Father Christmas gets two eggs from Hen. He fries the eggs to make his breakfast.



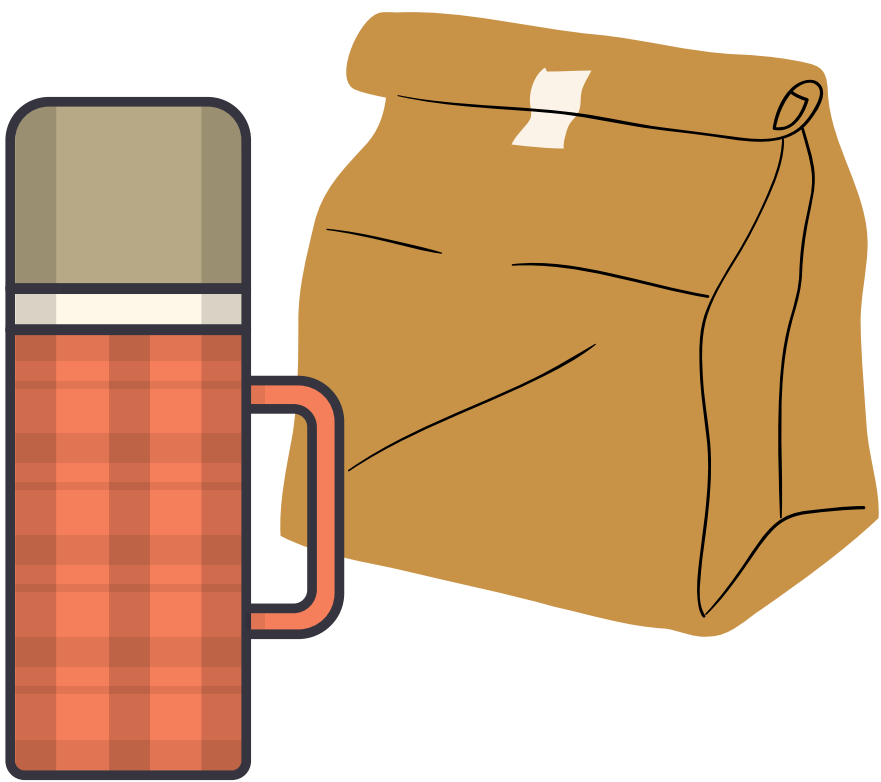
Father Christmas enjoys eating his breakfast.



The radio reminds Father Christmas again that it will be very cold and snowy.



Father Christmas fills his sleigh with presents using a wheelbarrow.



Father Christmas grabs his packed lunch ready for his journey.



Father Christmas says goodbye to Cat and Dog.



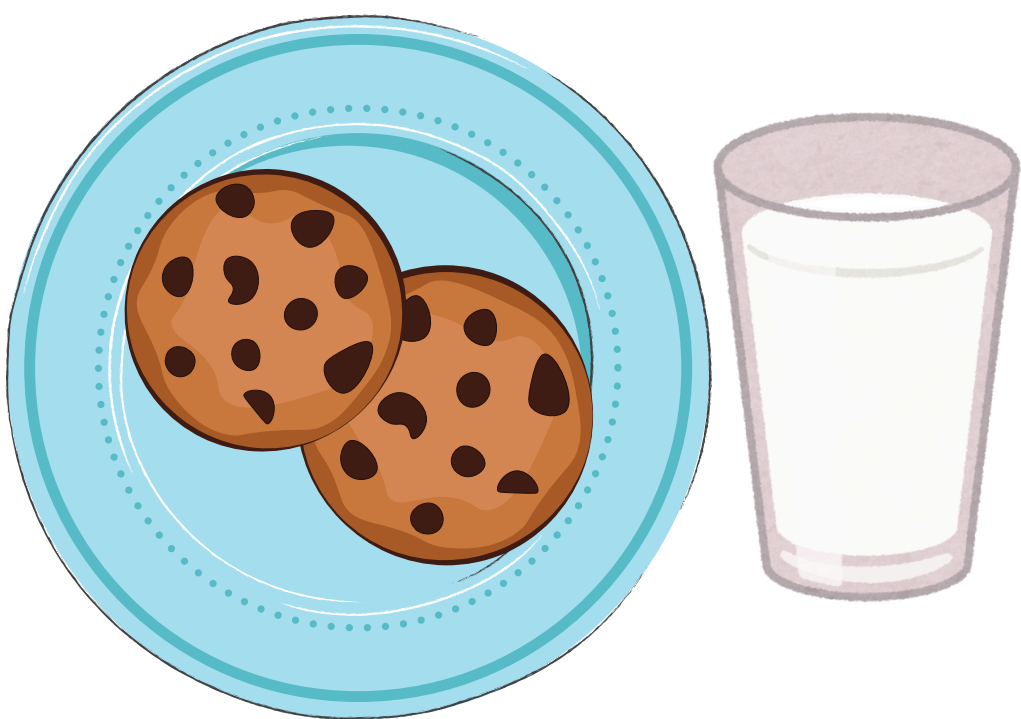
The sleigh appears. Father Christmas climbs aboard.



The sleigh takes off!
Father Christmas and the Reindeer fly through storms, fog, and snow.



Father Christmas lands the sleigh and climbs down his first chimney.



Father Christmas finds cookies and milk that have been left out for him.



Father Christmas finds a sign showing him where to leave the presents.



Father Christmas leaves a stocking at the end of the bed, and presents under the tree.



Father Christmas climbs over the rooftops of other houses, and hears what is going on inside.



Father Christmas sits on a rooftop with the Reindeer and has a picnic.



Father Christmas listens to the radio.
The Musician sings a Christmas song.



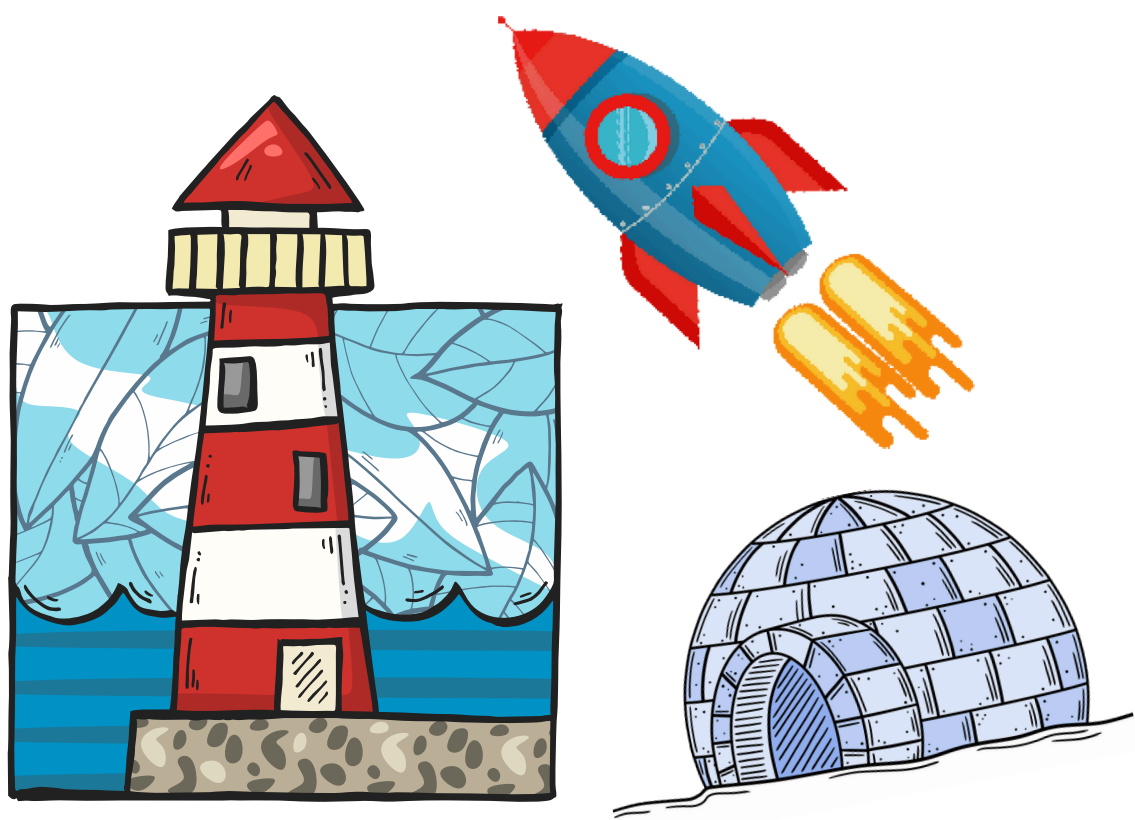
As Father Christmas leaves, a little boy sees him through the window!
Father Christmas tells the boy to 'Sssh!'



The little boy tells his mum that he saw Father Christmas. The boy's mum tells the boy to go back to sleep.



Father Christmas delivers presents all around the world in his sleigh.



Father Christmas visits an igloo, a light house, and even a spaceship!



Father Christmas flies over landmarks in places like Egypt, France and Italy.



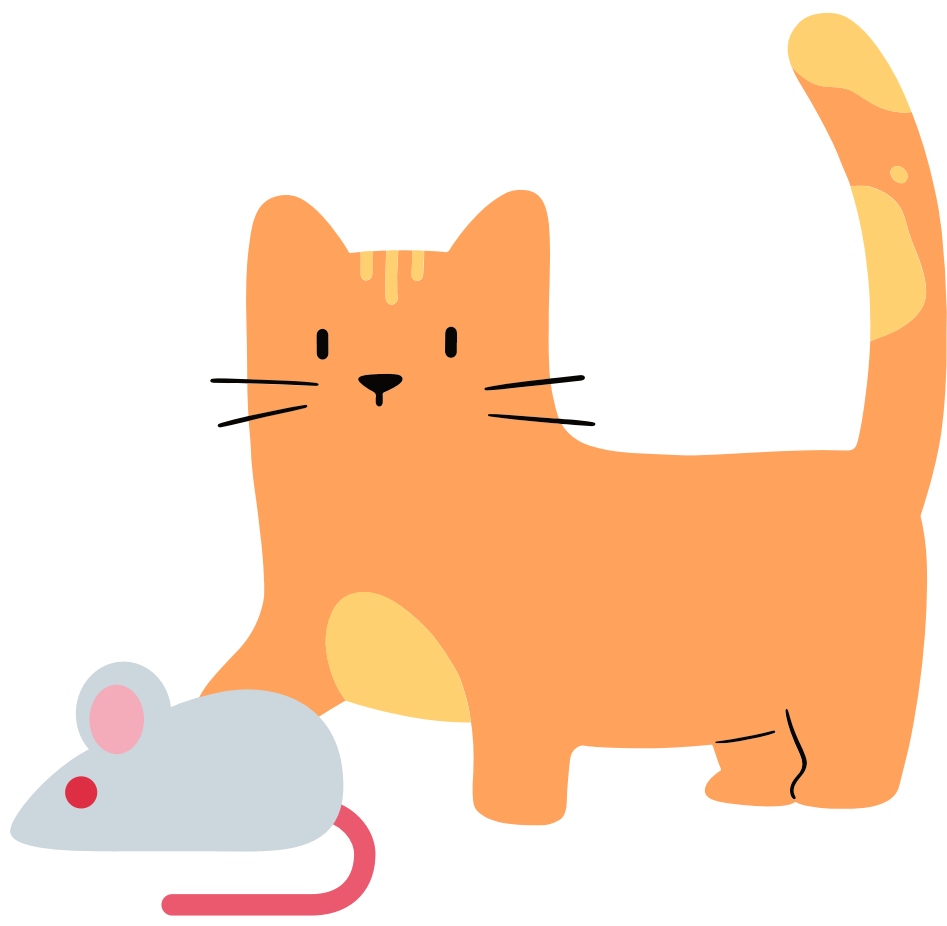
The final delivery is to Buckingham Palace!



Father Christmas gets home at sunrise.



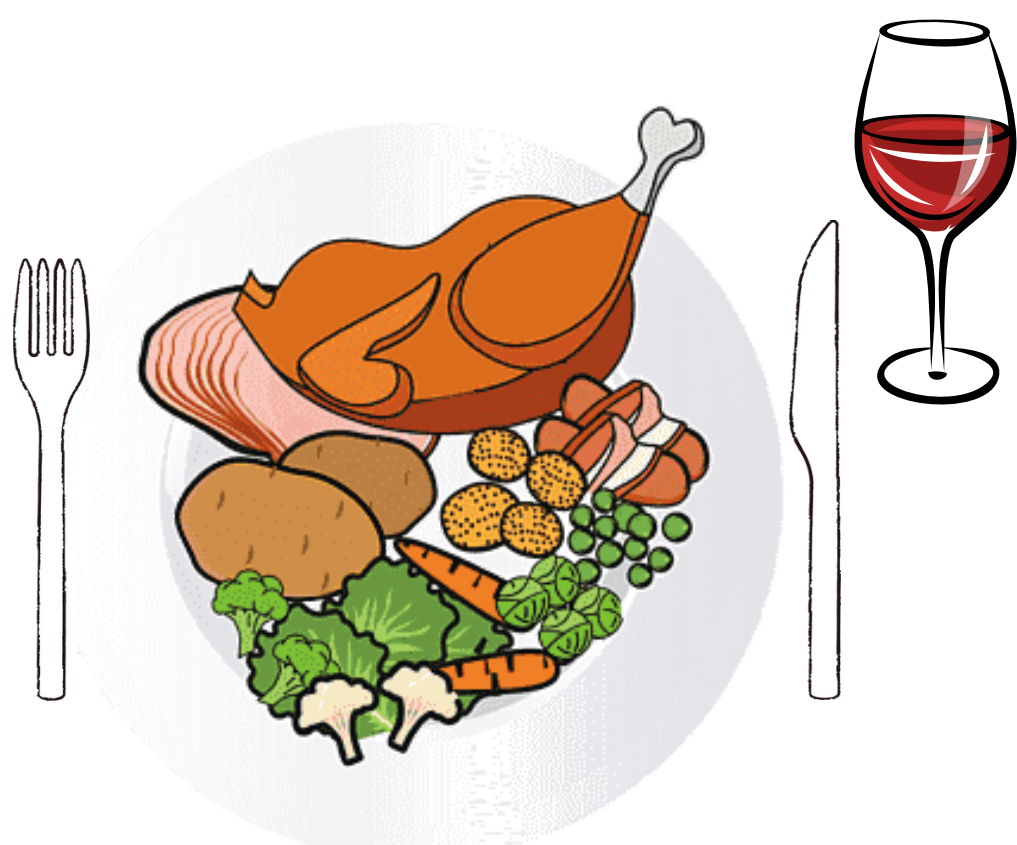
At home, Dog has stolen Father Christmas's pjamas and slippers! Father Christmas gets them back and puts them on.



Father Christmas says hello to Cat and gives Cat a mouse toy.



Father Christmas cooks a Christmas dinner.



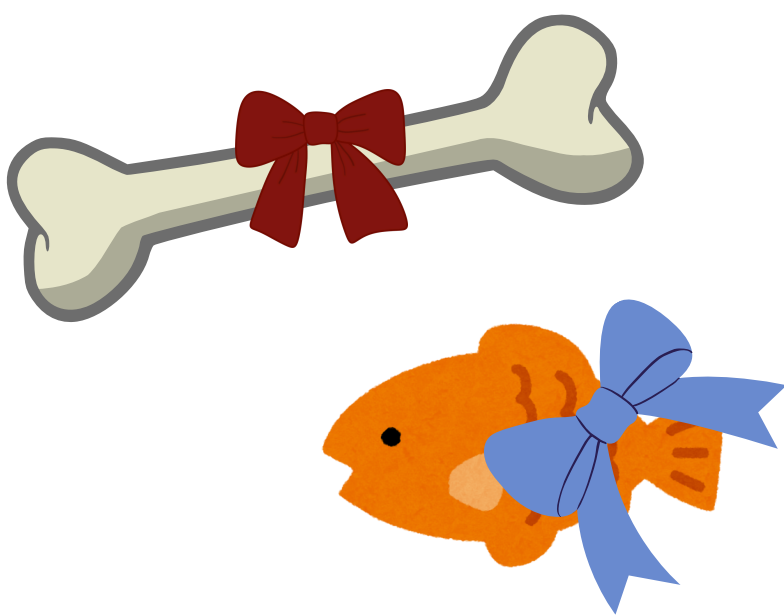
Father Christmas eats his dinner.



Father Christmas opens his Christmas presents. He gets a tie, some socks, and some brandy.



Father Christmas has a cup of hot chocolate in bed.



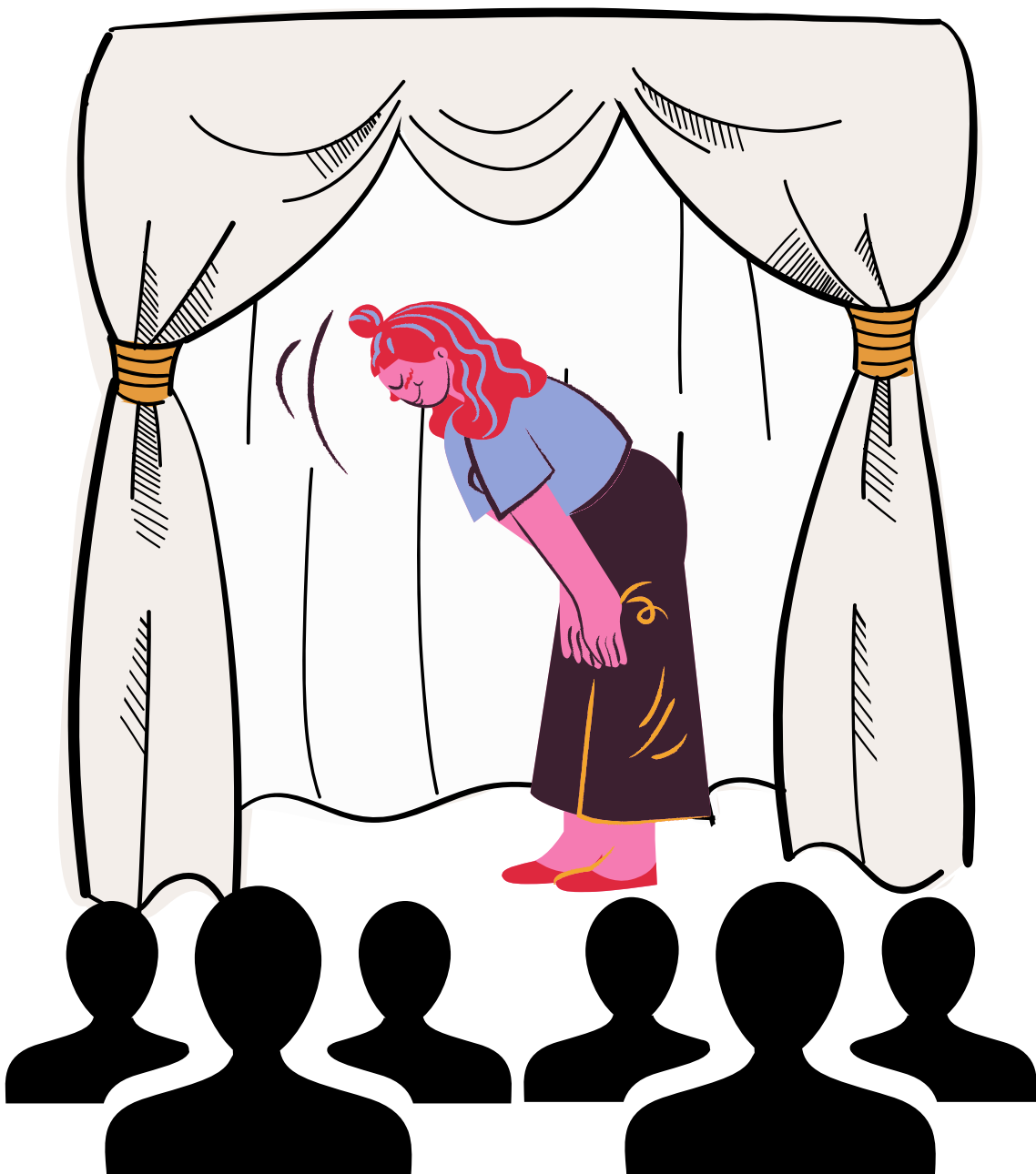
Father Christmas gives presents to Cat and Dog.



Father Christmas wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, and goes to sleep.



The play is finished. It's time to clap!



All the actors bow, and the audience keeps clapping until they leave the stage.