



TOPSANTA LETTERS

How to Approach the “Santa May Not Be Real” Stage with Your Child

Christmas can be a wonderful time of year when your children are little! Then they hit that age when **they start questioning whether Santa is real or not**. This can be an awkward time for the both of you! As much as you do not want the magic to end for them, this can open a whole different opportunity in the way you celebrate Christmas!

One of the best things to do as a parent is to remind your child what Christmas is really about. There can still be a Santa for them as long as they have love in their heart for all those around them. Remind them that Santa is not only for the young, but also the old. **For the older people, he is not a person**, but is instead a feeling deep in their heart. He stands for the love that people feel for each other - he stands for the magic that is in the air at Christmas!

Also remind them that Santa represents everything that they should strive to be. **He represents traits such as love, happiness, unselfishness** and above all, the desire to share all of these things with the people that surround him. Most importantly, let your children know that Santa is not just present at Christmas time, but rather something that can be kept in their heart year round.

One of the best ways to convey this idea with your child is to **write them a Christmas letter** that explains all of this. The letter is a great way to put down your feelings of the importance of Christmas and the meaning behind Santa. The letter will be something that your child will cherish. It might even become a source of comfort to them when they are older.

Once the secret is out start getting them involved in community things where they can be Santa for a needy family. Also, let them be a part of playing Santa in with the family. This will help to strengthen the idea of the true meaning of Christmas with them and they will begin to see how Santa really works.

And even though a child may not believe in Santa anymore, there is nothing wrong with still keeping his spirit alive. Still give them a present from “Santa” and when they look at you, **deny that you had anything to do with it**. They may know better, but it will still keep the magic of Santa from completely leaving!