

# Survival Santa

Setting: *Santa's Workshop at the North Pole. Almost everyone is busy at Santa's workshop. A few elves are working hard building and painting toys. The reindeer however, are playing cards, playing nintendo, and watching TV. One elf comes in with a bundle of hay in a bowl and sets it down by the reindeer watching TV. They snack on the hay like potato chips. Santa enters.*

Santa: Ho Ho Ho - only 2 months till Christmas! How are the toys coming along?

Elf 1: (puts down paintbrush, looks at the reindeer in disgust) Well Boss - we've got a few problems.

Elf 2: A few of us are working really hard - but we're way behind schedule.

Elf 3: We're doing all the work, while all those reindeer do is eat, sleep and watch TV -

Reindeer Rudolph: That's not true - is it? (*looks at the reindeer*)

All reindeer: Nooooo.....

Reindeer Rudolph: We have to pull the sleigh all around the world on Christmas Eve. Right?

All reindeer: Right!

Reindeer: We need to rest up for the big day!

Elf 4: Well if you need your rest, how come you were all partying last night?

Reindeer Rudolph: Well we're getting excited because Christmas time is here!

All reindeer: Yah!

Start tape:       **Reindeer Love to Boogie**

Boogie to the bottom, boogie to the top  
Boogie all around, don't let your boogie stop  
Just boogie, reindeer love to boogie  
Just boogie, 'cause Christmas time is near

Twist to the bottom, twist to the top  
Twist all around, don't let your twistin' stop  
Just twist, reindeer love to twist  
Just twist, 'cause Christmas time is near!

Monkey to the bottom, monkey to the top!  
Monkey all around, don't let your monkey stop  
Just monkey, reindeer love to monkey  
Just monkey, 'cause Christmas time is near!

Dance to the bottom, dance to the top!  
Dance all around, don't let your dancin' stop.  
Just dance, reindeer love to dance.  
Just dance, 'cause Christmas time is near!

*Stop tape - reindeer exit (except Reindeer Rudolph)  
Accountant Elf enters with clipboard.*

Accountant Elf: Santa - the reindeer aren't our only problem.

Santa: What do you mean?

Accountant Elf: We're way over budget! Gas, electricity, .... hay ..... everything has doubled in price! We need at least a million dollars before we can finish the toys.

Elf 1, 2, 3, 4: *(all together)* A million dollars??

Santa: Where are we going to get a million dollars?

Elf 1: We could cash in our stocks - we have some great tech stocks.

Accountant Elf: Sorry - they're not worth a million dollars anymore.

Elf 2: You could go on the Millionaire show Santa.

Santa: I don't think I could answer the questions.

Elf 3: Maybe you could go on that other game show - I heard that the next episode of Survival is going to be at the North Pole.

Elf 4: Great idea - we could all try out so we'd have a better chance of winning!

Accountant Elf: We can't spare any elves - you're all needed to make the toys. *(They all turn to stare at Reindeer Rudolph)*

Elf 1: Say Rudolph - maybe you could go on the Survival show with Santa.

Rudolph: Me?? No way - I eat hay - not bugs!

Elf 2: But if you and Santa are both on the show we'll have a way better chance!

Elf 3: It's not like you're really doing much around here.

Rudolph: *(grudgingly)* All right - I'll try out.

All the elves: Hip hip hooray! Hip hip hooray! Hip hip hooray!

Accountant Elf: I'll send in the applications - you start packing your bags. And remember Rudolph - you're not allowed to sneak any extra food in your backpack.

Santa: No cookies? I'm going to starve!

*All Exit. Stage helpers remove workshop toys and tools. The Survival Show is set at the North Pole, so leave the picture of the North Pole that is part of the backdrop.*

*Game Show Host enters: (much applause - if you can, tape the music from the TV show to play as your game show host enters)*

Host: Welcome to Survival 3. Our third episode of Survival is in an environment so extreme, that few can survive it's challenges. To add to our excitement, we have a special celebrity guest. Ladies and gentleman - introducing two brand new Survival teams - the Hollyberriez and the Misteltoze!

On the Hollyberriez we have Roger, Tina, Gerri and Santa! *(They enter to great applause.)* On the Mistletoze we have Jenna, Kelly, Richard and Rudy! *(They enter to great applause.)*

Host:: Ladies and gentlemen - Only one of these contestants will be the ultimate survivor and the winner of a million dollars! Since we are in this unique location, our challenges will all have something to do with Christmas. Our first challenge is to fill the stockings. The contestants will work as a relay team - the first team to fill the stocking, wins immunity. Are you ready?

Contestants: (ad lib) We're ready! Let's do this. We're up for this!

Host: Audience - you're going to help these teams out by cheering for the one that's on your side of the stage. This side (*points to the left side of the audience*) - Give a cheer for the Hollyberriez! This side (*points to the right side of the audience*) - give a cheer for the mistletoze! Contestants - You may begin now!

### Relay Set up:

<i>stocking</i> —————	<b>Hollyberriez</b> <b>4 contestants:</b> <i>Roger, Tina, Gerri, Santa</i> <i>* this team WINS</i>	<b>Mistletoze</b> —————	<b>4 contestants:</b> <i>Jenna, Kelly, Richard, Rudy</i> <i>* this team must lose</i>	<i>stocking</i>
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Play CD# accompaniment 'Fill my stocking' while contest is happening.

Host: And the winner is the Hollyberriez! (*contestants collapse and watch the singers*)  
Now let's hear what the kids want in their stockings!

Kids call out: Candy! Chocolate! Oranges! CD's! Money! Car keys!

Host: Car keys? What next?

Start CD#2 : **Fill my Stocking**

Please give me some candy in my stocking.  
Candy canes with stripes of white and red.  
All that sugar makes a tasty breakfast.  
And makes me jump till Mom gets out of bed!

Choreography notes:

(*jump 16 times*)

Please give me a CD in my stocking. The  
loudest rock and roll one that you've found.  
I can listen to it on my diskman.  
The music makes me want to dance around!  
And jump!

(*dance and snap fingers 8x*)

(*dance and snap fingers 8x while jumping*)

Please give me some oranges in my stocking.  
Christmas oranges always taste the best.  
My hands and face get juicy and quite sticky, so I  
wipe them on my PJ's - "What a mess!!!"  
And dance!  
And jump!

(*wipe hands on legs 8x*)

(*wipe and dance*)

(*wipe, dance and jump*)

Please give me some chocolate in my stocking  
Chocolate is my favorite kind of treat  
Wrapped in shiny paper it's delicious  
The chocolate makes me want to kick my feet!  
And wipe  
And dance!  
And jump!

(*kick one foot 8x*)

(*wipe and kick*)

(*wipe, kick and dance*)

(*wipe, kick, dance and jump*)

*Kids exit. (close curtains)*

Host: The tribal council is about to begin. (*Contestants go offstage to get their flashlight torches and place in Christmas tree holders*) Mistletoze have to vote one member off of your team. It's going to be a tough decision. Cast your ballots. (*Jenna, Kelly, Richard, Rudy write out ballots - all vote Jenna off, except Jenna. She votes for Rudy*) It's time to count the votes. (*Host picks up the ballots and reads them off*) I'm sorry Jenna - it's been nice having you on the show. (*Jenna turns the light off in her torch and leaves the stage - applause*)

Roger: What do you think the next challenge will be Santa?

Santa: I hope its not bugs - I can't eat bugs!

Tina: Oh Santa - you can do anything that you really want to.

Gerri: Yah, right - he just barely managed to fill that stocking!

Kelly: You better be nicer Gerri, or Santa won't fill your stocking next year!

Richard: Oh let her be nasty. That way she'll be the next one voted off.

Rudy: We're the tougher team - we're going to win the next challenge.

All the Mistletoze: Yah - we're going to beat you guys!

Santa: Ho Ho Ho! You just do your best - remember that I need that million dollars to finish the toys for Christmas!

Host: Our next challenge is going to be sweet - really sweet. Here to tell you about the next challenge are the 'Candy Cane Kids!'

Open Curtains:

Start CD #3: **I am a Candy Cane Kid**

*Chorus: Candy cane, candy cane, yummy yummy candy cane  
Candy cane, candy cane, yummy yummy candy cane  
Candy cane, candy cane, I am a candy cane kid*

I like eating candy canes, nothing tastes so fine.  
Minty flavor is the best. I eat it all the time.

*Chorus:*

Hang them on the Christmas tree, they make a pretty sight  
A tasty treat just waiting for me, in the middle of the night!

*Chorus:*

Candy canes of red and white, pink and purple too.  
I love every size and shape, bet you love them too!

*Chorus:*

Candy cane, candy cane, yummy yummy candy cane  
Candy cane, candy cane, yummy yummy candy cane  
Candy cane, candy cane, I am a candy cane,  
I am a candy cane, I am a candy cane kid. Yah!

*Stop tape. Class exits. Close Curtains. (next class enters behind curtains)*

Host: Contestants - Which team can hang the most candy canes on the Christmas tree? You have 2 minutes to hang as many candy canes as possible. Once again, you'll be doing this as a relay.

*(Stage assistants bring out two trees, and two buckets of candy canes)*

Host: On your marks, get set, begin!

*(Play accompaniment for 'Candy Cane Kid' as contestants play. Santa is very slow at getting them hung. His keep falling off. )*

### Relay Set up:

<i>stocking</i>	_____	<i>Hollyberriez</i>		<i>Mistletoze</i>	_____	<i>stocking</i>
		<i>4 contestants:</i>		<i>4 contestants:</i>		
		<i>Roger, Tina, Gerri, Santa</i>		<i>Kelly, Richard, Rudy</i>		
		<i>* this team must lose</i>		<i>* this team WINS</i>		

Host: And the winner is the Mistletoze! *(contestants collapse and watch the singers)*

Gerri: Thanks a lot Santa - maybe next time you could try going a little faster!

Tina: That wasn't very nice Gerri - he tried his best.

Roger: Yah - I think Santa was doing pretty well for an old guy.

Kelly: way to go Mistletoze! I knew we could do it!

Richard: We showed them didn't we!

Rudy: Santa might not be real fast at hanging up candy canes, but he's a good guy. When you get to know him, he's a real cool guy!

*Open Curtains: Class is on stage and risers with backs to the audience, hip rocks through intro, turn around when they begin to sing.*

Start CD#4: **Santa Claus is Cool**

Santa Claus is a friend of mine, he comes around at Christmas time.  
He brings a sleigh that is filled with toys, for the good little girls and boys.  
You might think he just Ho Ho Ho's, but there's more to him than you might suppose.  
Santa is a real ... cool.... guy!

Sometimes Santa is dressed in red, with big black boots and cap on his head.  
I've seen him dressed another way. Leather coat and expensive shades.  
You might think he just Ho Ho Ho's, but there's more to him than you might suppose.  
Santa is a real ... cool.... guy!

*16 bar sax solo - Add 'Blues Brothers' type choreography  
turn left, pull elbows in and snap 4 times turn right, pull elbows in and snap 4 times  
turn left, pull elbows in and snap 4 times turn right, pull elbows in and snap 4 times*

His reindeer can fly. Way up in the sky.  
He follows a glow. Through ice and the snow.  
His sleigh goes as far as any race car.  
Santa is a real cool, Santa is a real cool,  
Santa is a real cool guy. Cool!

*Stop tape. Class exits. Close Curtains. (next class enters behind curtains)*

Host: Santa Claus is cool guy - and so is our next challenge. One of the challenges of living at the North Pole is to survive long, cold winters. Instead of hiding in a cabin all winter, northerners have to get out and enjoy winter. We're sure you're going to enjoy the next challenge - the snowball throwing contest. The teams are tied - 3-3. The team that gets the most snowballs into the bucket will win immunity.

*Play CD accompaniment of 'Snowy Day' while contest is going on.*

**Snowball Throwing Set up:**

**bucket**  
*Place in  
the  
audience  
in an  
aisle*

*Audience*

**bucket**  
*Place in  
the  
audience  
in an  
aisle*

*edge of the stage*

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**Hollyberriez**  
**4 contestants:**  
*Roger, Tina, Santa  
\* this team must lose  
\* Santa misses every shot*

**Mistletoze**  
**4 contestants:**  
*Kelly, Richard, Rudy  
\* this team WINS*

Host: And the winner is the Mistletoze! You would have a lot of fun on a Snowy Day.

Open Curtains:

Start CD#5: **Snowy Day**

Its a snow day, it's a great day, for playing in the snow  
We'll make a giant snowman or two.  
We'll build a fort to hide in, and have a snowball fight 'cause it  
Snowed in the middle of the night.

Roll snowballs till they're huge and round and we just can't push them anymore  
With a 1 - 2 - 3 we'll lift one to the top and our snowman friend is born.

*16 bars: Snowman dance or you can sing Frosty the Snowman if you wish*

Its a snow day, it's a great day, for playing in the snow.  
We'll make a giant snowman or two.  
We'll build a fort to hide in, and have a snowball fight 'cause it  
Snowed in the middle of the night.  
Build a fort that is big and strong and then we'll all get out of sight.  
Make a hundred snowballs small and round and we'll start the snowball fight!

*16 bars: Snowball fight: roll up white socks and toss back and forth or sing Frosty the Snowman*

Its a snow day, it's a great day, for playing in the snow.  
We'll make a giant snowman or two.  
We'll build a fort to hide in, and have a snowball fight 'cause it  
Snowed in the middle of the night.

*Stop tape. Class exits. Close Curtains. (next class enters behind curtains)*

Santa: I must be really out of shape - I haven't thrown a snowball since I was a kid - about five or six hundred years ago!

Tina: That's OK Santa - you tried your best.

*Sorry - we can't give the ending to the play, or no one would buy it! (Remember - public performance rights are only given to the school when the play is purchased)*

*The teacher guide also includes:*

- \* choreography suggestions*
- \* costume ideas*
- \* piano/vocal scores (Piano accompaniments are interesting, but not too difficult.)*

*The CD for this play is recorded with a full performance, and then with accompaniments only. The accompaniments are fully orchestrated. (not just piano)*