The Real Story Behind Santa

St Nicholas • Form time • KS3-KS4 • 15 minutes

THE FILM'S QUESTION

Is a good deed worth less if you tell people about it?

Watch and sort

5 MIN

Watch the film. Decide where each detail belongs. Explain one choice.

H History L Legend S Later Santa storytelling

Detail from the film	H, L or S?
Nicholas was a bishop in Myra in the 300s.	
Nicholas secretly gave gold to help three daughters.	
Santa rides a flying sleigh in a nineteenth-century poem.	

Debate it

5 MIN

A pupil gives spare books to a classmate who needs them. Should they tell others?
In pairs, take one side each, then swap. You can also write both sides quietly.
When could telling inspire others? When might it make someone feel exposed?

Plan a quiet kindness

5 MIN

Pick a small act that would help someone without drawing attention to them.
What will you do? Would you tell anyone? Explain your choice.

Tutor check: H, L, S. The poem is a historical source for the sleigh story.

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