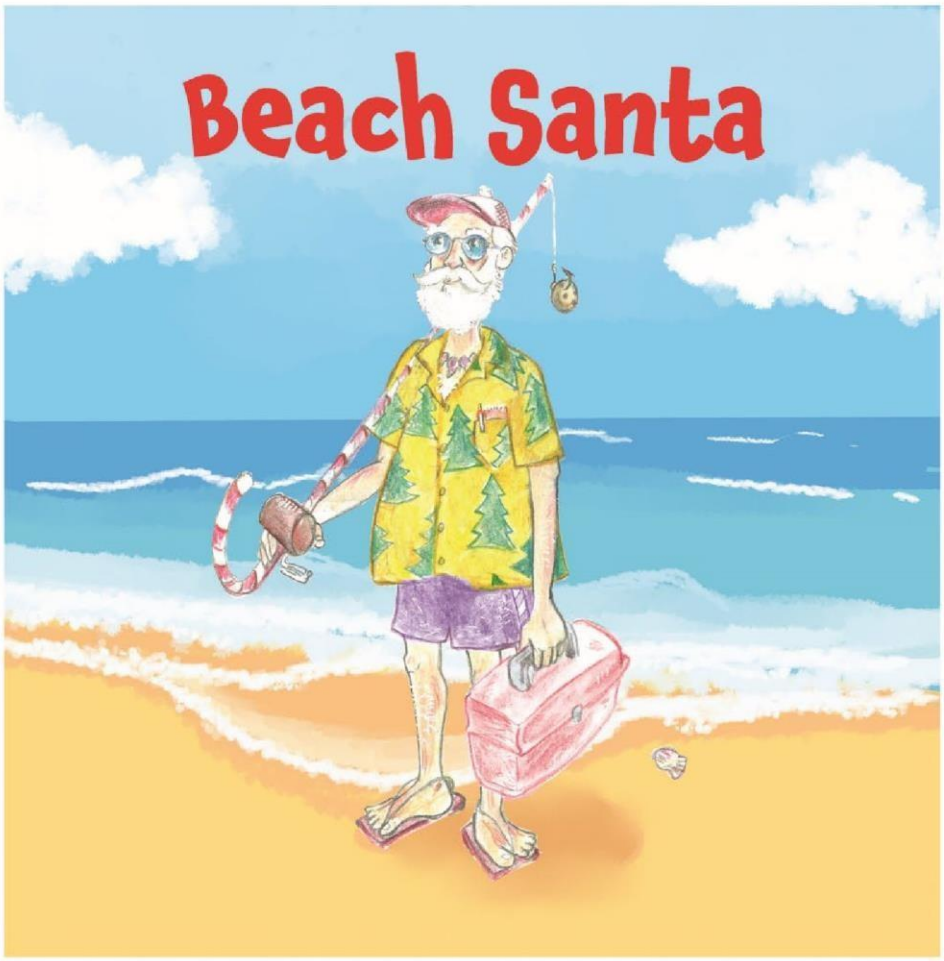
Beach Santa

Story hour kit



A picture book by M.B. Paradise

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Intro:

Did you ever wonder what happens the day AFTER Christmas? Santa needs a little rest but he's also up for some fun-filled adventures. We'll be reading the picture book, Beach Santa. The book will tell us if Santa ends up "Off-Duty" and we'll also get a peek at the SURPRISING AND GENEROUS things Santa and his friends are up too.

With this kit, you can:

1. Make your own tiny beach and Beach Santa (we promise, this is not too messy!)
2. Color three different outfits and create your own version of 'Santa in Disguise'
3. Complete a "Fishing Bait" activity page
4. Create your own scavenger hunt with mini candy canes

The packet contains:

~Suggested preparation ~ Reproducible Activity Pages ~Instructions for activities

The "Prep"

Buy a copy of the Beach Santa by M.B. Paradise. www.beach-santa.com! It's also available at select retailers and Amazon

Make copies of the activity pages

Gather book, glue sticks, tape, crayons, child scissors, white paper

plates, sand (from craft store 2.99 for 1.5 lbs), mini candy canes,

popsicle sticks OR drinking straws, exacto knife or scissor (for the

adult in charge)

TALKING POINTS

"Have you ever been to the beach? If so, what is your favorite thing to do: build sandcastles, jump waves, search for shells?"

"In the beginning of the story, what does Santa set out to do?"

"What is Santa using for bait?"

"In the story, there are several examples of kindness. Have YOU done something kind for anyone lately? If so, what was it?"

ACTIVITIES

1. Re-create Santa's Beach Scene (Let's re-create Santa on the beach with our very own sand and sky)

A. Ahead of time, an adult can cut a straight line through the center of white paper plates leaving an inch on either side, print out the Santas (page 6 of this packet), then cut the Santa's into rectangles.

B. Color in your Santa however you wish! Then, tape your Santa to a popsicle stick (OR drinking straw)

C. Using the white paper plate, color the sky (the area above the pre-cut line) however you wish…blue sky, sun, clouds, rainbow, sunrise or sunset…use your imagination.

D. Now the real fun begins, using a glue stick…smudge glue below the pre-cut line (aka the bottom half of the plate and then sprinkle a small amount of sand to make the beach).

E. Finally, insert the popsicle stick into the pre-cut slit and, Viola!...You now have your very own Santa on the beach!

2. Color Santa in Disguise

3. Complete a Fishing Bait Activity Page

4. Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt with mini 'fishing poles'

Each student can find mini candy canes (or substitute with red crayons)
Here are a few clues to get you started:

i. This one is near something green, maybe by a plant, it can be seen

ii. This one is NOT on the floor, but you may find it near a door

iii. This one is NOT near a stencil, it might be where you sharpen your pencil

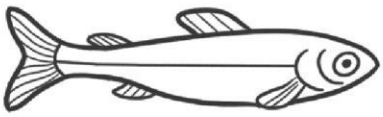
Santa In Disguise

Do you think chocolate chip cookie dough is the best bait to catch a fish?

No! That's silly! CIRCLE the items below that you WOULD use to catch a fish, then COLOR the items that you WOULD NOT use to catch a fish.

Hot Cocoa

Cupcake

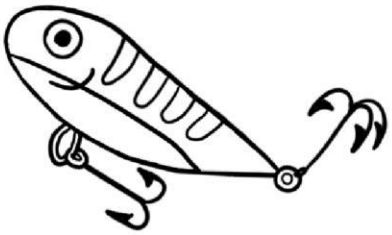


Minnow

Worm

Gingerbread Man

Chocolatechip Cookie



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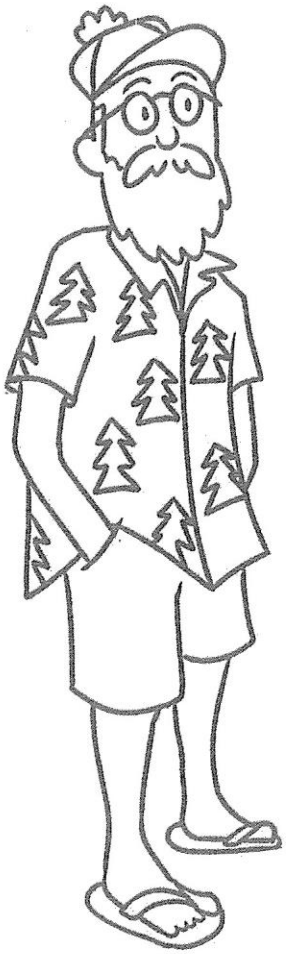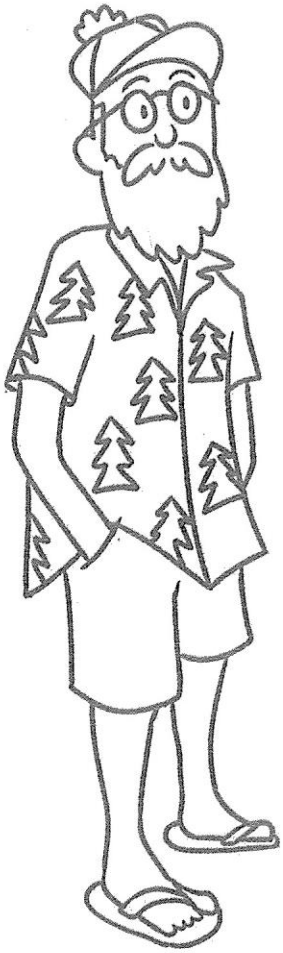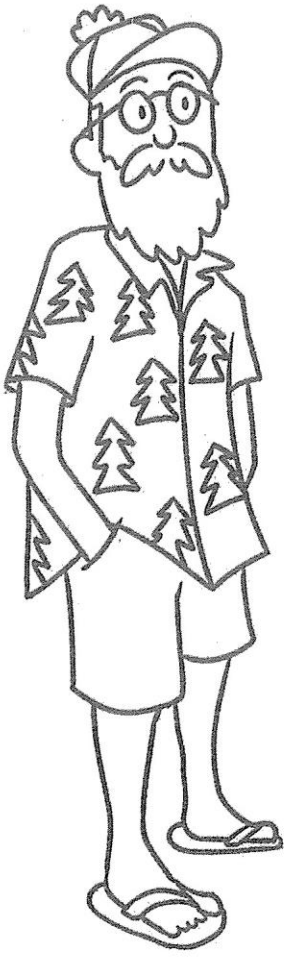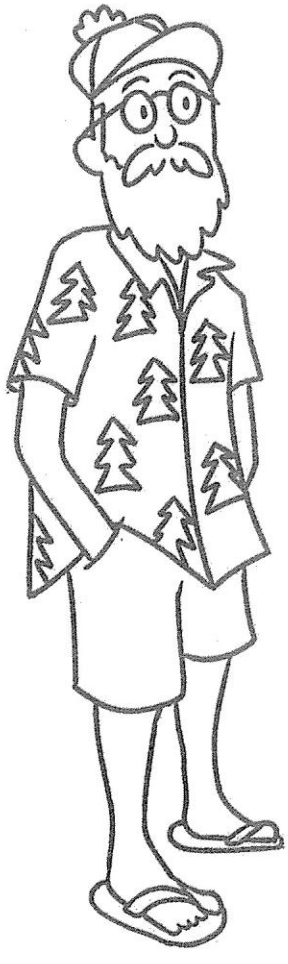
Candycane