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**Ages 3  
and up**



## Letters to Santa — a Christmas tradition

A much loved tradition across SDN Centres, this letter to Santa experience can be done at home in the lead up to Christmas. Children can use their creativity and emotions to write to Santa about their year, their own family's Christmas traditions, what's on their wish lists and more.

### Learning benefit/skill development

- Developing their hand-eye coordination and pre-writing and writing skills.
- Promotes their ability to follow a set of instructions and a process.
- Learning about social concepts such as writing and sending letters.

### What you'll need

- Christmas themed or any kind of paper
- Textas, pencils, pens, scissors and glue stick
- Red paint or other Christmas colour paint
- Stamps (old or new) and envelopes
- Large cardboard box (tip: reuse a nappy or meal kit delivery box or similar)

- Christmas stickers OR print Christmas pictures online (optional). Some free options here:
  - [Option 1](#) | [Option 2](#) | [Option 3](#)

### Instructions

1. Create the mailbox—using the cardboard box, paint it red and wait until dry to decorate with Christmas stickers and / or glue pictures.
2. Using pen and paper, encourage your child to draw or write a letter, starting with “Dear Santa” and ending with “From \_\_\_\_\_”.
3. Once finished, your child can fold the letter, place into an envelope and put a sticker/ stamp on the front and address to “Santa” before placing into the mailbox.