

Level 4-9

**The Life and Adventures of
Santa Claus**

Workbook

Teacher's Guide & Answer Key

Teacher's Guide

A. Summary

1. Book Summary

In the Forest of Burzee live Fairies, Knooks, Ryls, and Nymphs. They are immortal. One day, Ak, the Master Woodsman, found a baby. He let a nymph raise it, and she called him Claus.

When Claus grew up, Ak took him back to the mortal world. Claus loved children and started making toys for them. The evil Awgwas made children bad. But because of Claus, children were starting to be good. That made the Awgwas angry, and they tried to keep Claus away from the children. The immortals came to his help and destroyed the Awgwas.

With snow in the winter, Claus needed a way to deliver his toys to children. Two reindeer came to help him, and he went in locked houses through the chimney while people were asleep. The children wondered how he got in their houses, and their parents said that he was a saint. They started to call him Santa Claus. An immortal gave Claus ten reindeer to use, but only for Christmas Eve.

When Claus grew old and was about to die, the immortals decided that he should be like them. They put the Mantle of Immortality on him, and he became immortal. Feeling young again, Claus wanted to make toys for every child in the world, so Ak sent him a Fairy, a Knook, and a Ryl to help him. They ride in his sled with him on Christmas Eve to deliver toys all over the world.

2. Chapter Summary

► Chapter 1

The Forest of Burzee, a place unknown to men, is where the Fairies, Knooks, Ryls, and Nymphs live. They are immortal, never growing old and never dying. The Ryls watch over flowers and plants. The Nymphs watch over trees. The Knooks watch over animals. And the Fairies watch over people. One day, Ak, the Master Woodsman, brought a baby he had saved from a lion, and the nymph Necile wanted to keep it. The law of the immortals did not allow this, but Ak let her.

► Chapter 2

The baby was named Neclaus, Necile's little one, but she called him Claus. Claus loved the immortals he lived with, and they loved him. When he was older, Ak took him to see the world. Claus saw other people for the first time, but he loved children the most. Ak said it was time for Claus to live in the world of men, so Claus moved to the Laughing Valley.

► Chapter 3

The Laughing Valley was a nice place to live, but there were no other people. Also, Claus needed a house, so the immortals built one for him. Claus went outside the valley to meet other people. He found houses with children, who were happy to see his smiling face. The parents were happy that he wanted to play with their children.

► Chapter 4

Winter came to the Laughing Valley, and Claus couldn't leave his home. He got bored and began to cut a piece of wood. When it was done, it looked like his cat. Claus had made the first toy. He made more toys and delivered them to children everywhere. The children were very happy, and their parents were, too.

► Chapter 5

The Awgwas were big, ugly, and bad. People couldn't see them, but they made children do bad things. When Claus came to the Laughing Valley, children became good, and the Awgwas didn't like this. They tried to keep Claus away from the children. They tied him up and put him in a cave, but he got out. Then they took his toys, and they even made the children unable to find his house. Claus stayed home and filled his house with toys, but he couldn't give them away. He asked the immortals for help, and they destroyed the Awgwas.

► Chapter 6

Claus had lots of toys to deliver, but in winter he had a hard time carrying his bag in the snow. Then two reindeer named Flossie and Glossie agreed to take him on a sled to deliver his toys. He put reins on their heads (that's how they became reindeer), and they took him to the village. But they got there late and the doors were locked. Glossie suggested going down the chimney, and that's what Claus did. The children and their parents wondered how he did that, and they said he was a saint. That's how the name Santa Claus came about. Then an immortal lent Claus ten reindeer, but only for one night a year. That was on Christmas Eve.

► Chapter 7

Claus was getting old and was going to die. The immortals were sad. They decided that if any man should have immortality it was Claus. While Claus was sleeping, Ak put the Mantle of Immortality on him, and it became a part of him. Feeling young again, Claus wanted to make toys for every child in the world, so Ak sent three immortals to help him. That's how a Fairy, a Knook, and a Ryl came to help Santa, and they ride with him on his sled every Christmas Eve.

B. Background and Themes

★ **Immortality:** The immortals never die, and Claus was given the gift of immortality for the good he did for the world.

★ **Love:** Claus's love was pure and selfless. He enjoyed making children happy with his toys, and his actions flowed out of a heart of pure love.

★ **Evil:** The Awgwas represent the evil that is always in the world, the evil that makes children do bad things.

★ **Good:** Except for the Awgwas, everyone in the story is good.

★ **Fantasy:** In the world of fantasy, everything is easily solved by wishing a thing to be or not to be.

Answer Key

Part A Story Focus

Before You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Introduction

1. L. Frank Baum wrote it.
2. He was from America.
3. His most famous work is *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

► Characters

1. Claus: kind, hardworking
2. Necile: loving, good
3. Ak: magical, wise
4. Awgwas: evil, ugly

While You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Chapter 1

A. Preview Questions

1. They look like a nymph and a wizard.
2. It is the child of the forest.
3. I think they will raise the baby.

B. Review Questions

1. They are immortal.
2. He found a baby.
3. She asked if she could keep the baby.

► Chapter 2

A. Preview Questions

1. He is taking Claus away from the forest.
2. I think it is because Claus is not immortal.
3. I think he will live in another place.

B. Review Questions

1. He thought it was time for Claus to see the world.
2. He took Claus on his back.
3. He made his home in the Laughing Valley.

► Chapter 3

A. Preview Questions

1. It is the Laughing Valley.
2. He seems happy there.
3. I think the immortals helped him.

B. Review Questions

1. He didn't have any tools.
2. He wanted to meet other people.
3. They were happy to see his smiling face.

► Chapter 4

A. Preview Questions

1. He is making a toy.
2. I think it will look like a cat.
3. I think it is winter.

B. Review Questions

1. Claus couldn't leave his house.
2. He became bored, and he missed the children.
3. He gave the toys away.

► Chapter 5

A. Preview Questions

1. They are the evils.
2. I think they don't want him to make toys for children.
3. I think the immortals will help him.

B. Review Questions

1. They made children bad.
2. They wanted to keep him away from the children.
3. They destroyed the Awgwas.

► Chapter 6

A. Preview Questions

1. They are reindeer.
2. They are pulling a sled with his toys on it.
3. I think it is Christmas Eve.

B. Review Questions

1. He could not carry his heavy bag very far in the snow.
2. Two reindeer visited him.
3. They said Claus was a saint.

► Chapter 7

A. Preview Questions

1. I think he is dying.
2. I think it will make him immortal.

3. I think Claus will make toys and deliver them to children forever.

B. Review Questions

1. He grew old and tired, and his life was ending.
2. It would let him live forever.
3. Three immortals wanted to help him.

Mini Quiz

a. It's better to give than to receive.

→ There is greater reward in giving gifts than in getting them because we are happier when we make other people happy.

b. It's no use crying over spilled milk.

→ We can't change the mistakes we have made, so we should forget them and move on with our lives.

c. It's the early bird that catches the worm.

→ People who go to work early or get to an event early usually get some extra benefit.

After You Read

(Answers may vary.)

► Pattern Practice

4. A: My dad made me wash the car.

B: He did?

5. A: The boring movie made me fall asleep.

B: It made me fall asleep, too.

► Challenge

1. He found a baby.

2. He made the first toy.

3. They made children do bad things.

4. They thought he should have immortality.

Part B Skill Focus

Vocabulary Preview

A.

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| 1. f | 2. j |
| 3. a | 4. c |
| 5. g | 6. h |
| 7. d | 8. l |
| 9. e | 10. b |

B.

1. grow old and die
2. made sure the weeds
3. cut wood with a knife
4. deliver them to children
5. put him in a cave
6. agreed to destroy
7. ten reindeer each year

Reading Comprehension

► Beginning: Chapters 1–2

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. T

B.

1. He is Ak.
2. He is the Master Woodsman.
3. He finds a baby.
4. He takes Claus to see the world.

C.

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. c

► Middle: Chapters 3–5

A.

1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. T

B.

1. Blinkie
2. Claus
3. The Immortals
4. The Awgwas

C.

1. a 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. a

► End: Chapters 6–7

A.

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. T

B.

a → b → d → c

C.

1. b 2. c 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. b

Think and Write

Cause 1: Ak saves baby from lion.

Cause 2: Necile wants to keep baby.

Event 1: Claus grows up happy.

Consequence 1: Claus is kind to others.

Cause 3: Claus is dying.

Cause 4: immortals want Claus to live forever.

Event 2: Claus becomes immortal.

Consequence 2: every Christmas children get gifts

Vocabulary Review

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| 1. kill | 2. destroyed | 3. tied | 4. filled | 5. chimney |
| 6. sleds | 7. empty | 8. village | 9. ugly | 10. rich |

Summary

A.

c → f → a → d → b → e

B.

1. Necile wanted to keep the baby.
2. Claus made the first toy.
3. Flossie and Glossie helped Claus deliver his toys.

Book Report

Story 1. Woodsman 2. Nymph 3. bored 4. immortal 5. gifts