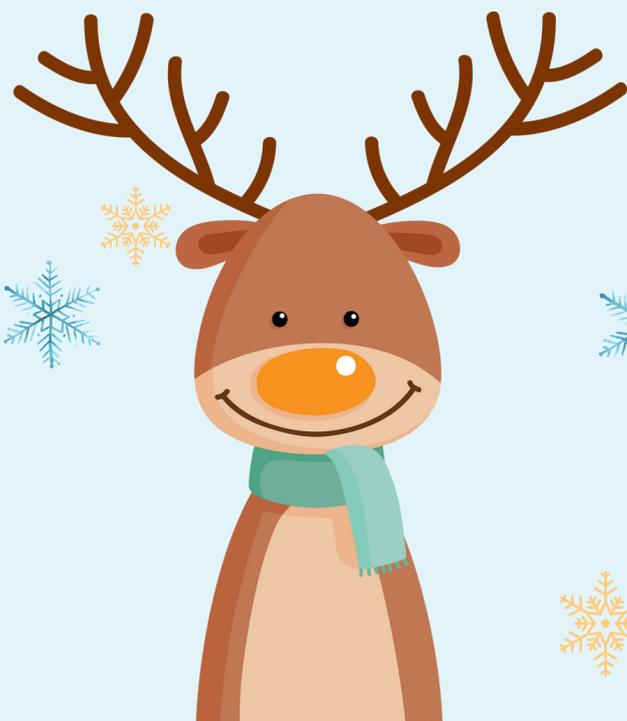




# A Christmas Gift



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Once upon a time,  
in the Snowy Wonderland,  
There was a Little Snowman

Hello!



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and Rudolph,  
The Reindeer.

They lived in a little house  
on the top of the hill.

There was snow everywhere  
and trees with no leaves.  
Nowhere could you see  
an evergreen tree.





"Oh, how I wish to have Christmas,  
like children do"  
"With lights and cookies  
and a Christmas tree too!"

One winter night,  
with shiny stars on the sky,  
they were reading a book about Christmas.



They read about children, decorating a Christmas tree.

A big, beautiful Christmas tree.

With a star on the top and many colourful baubles.



The children were happy,  
eating cookies  
and chocolate cakes.

But when they looked out of the window there was no snow.  
Their biggest wish was to have snow this year!



"We will bring them snow!"  
said the Little Snowman.

"Look, we have snow all around."



"Great Idea! Let's go!"  
They put on their hats, scarfs and mittens.  
And so they went.



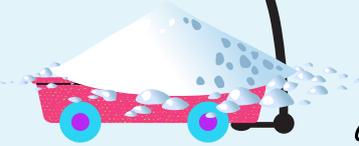
They walked and walked  
through mountains  
and through woods...



...until they found the house  
they had seen in their book.

Deep in the woods,  
with many evergreen trees around.  
They looked through the window  
and saw those happy children.





"Hello," said the snowman,  
as he walked into the room.  
"I'm the Little Snowman"  
"And I'm Rudolph,  
The Reindeer."

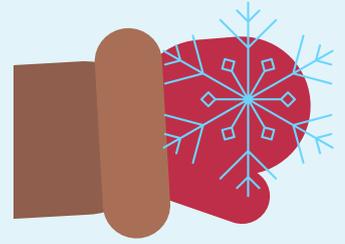
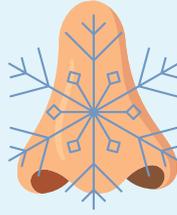
The children said Hi,  
and were happy from the snow, they put it in the garden  
and started a snow war.



They played and had a lot of fun.

Suddenly, the snow started to fall.

"Snowflake, snowflake, little snowflake, falling from the sky, falling on my head, falling on my nose, falling in my hand."



Soon, there was snow everywhere.

In the evening, when the stars came out,  
The Snowman and the Reindeer said Good bye!



"Have a cake before you go"



"And take a tree from our garden to  
make it your Christmas tree."



"Thank you!" said the happy snowman  
with a sparkle in his eyes



Good bye!

They slowly walked back home,  
to their house on the top of the hill,  
pulling the Christmas tree  
behind them.



They put it in their house.  
"Let's decorate it!" "Yes, a good idea,"  
First lights, then baubles, a bell and some stars.  
Candles, and a snowflake on the top.



"Good job! Well done!"

The next day it was Christmas.  
There were many gifts under the Christmas tree.



"Look, It's a car!"



"A toy train! YFY!"

Merry Christmas, Little Snowman.  
Merry Christmas, Rudolph the Reindeer!

Merry Christmas to you!

