

SANTA CLAUS

CHOOSE ONE OF TWO MONOLOGUES

ONE – THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

[Santa sits with a big storybook on his lap, eyes twinkling as he looks out at the children.]

SANTA:

Ho, ho, ho! Merry Christmas, my dear friends. Tonight, I have a very special story to share with you. Not about reindeer or the workshop – no, this one is about something even more important... the magic of Christmas.

Now, some people think Christmas magic comes from the presents under the tree, or the shiny lights, or the jingling bells. And those things are wonderful, aren't they? But the *real* magic... is something you can't wrap up.

It's in the smiles you give, the hugs you share, and the kindness you show when you help someone else. Every time you share love, you are making Christmas magic. And the best part? It's the kind of magic that stays with you all year long.

[He closes the book with a soft smile.]

So, remember: Christmas isn't just a day on the calendar. It's a feeling. A sparkle you carry with you wherever you go.

[From offstage, Mrs. Claus calls, sing-song and warm:]

"Santaaa! The cookies are ready!"

[Santa chuckles, pats his belly, and stands with a grin.]

Well, now... I mustn't keep Mrs. Claus waiting, must I? Ho, ho, ho! Thank you, my friends, for sharing the magic with me tonight. Merry Christmas to all... and to all, a good night!

[He waves and starts to exit, laughing heartily.]

TWO – THE NICE LIST

[Santa unrolls an imaginary long scroll, squints, and runs his finger down it, muttering with playful exaggeration.]

SANTA:

Ho, ho, ho... let's see now... I've checked this list once, I've checked it twice... ahhh yes, here we are...

[pauses, squints, then looks up with a big smile]

– why, would you look at that? I've found your name right here on the Nice List!

Oh-ho, I see it shining brighter than tinsel on a Christmas tree.

Do you know why? Because you've been kind. You've been helpful. And you've been making the people around you smile. That, my dear, is exactly what makes Christmas magic.

Now, I can't tell you what's wrapped up for you under the tree – that's a surprise, of course! – but I can tell you this: Santa is very proud of you. Keep being you, keep spreading joy, and your name will stay right here at the top of my list, year after year.

[He rolls up the scroll with a wink and pats it proudly.]

Ho, ho, ho! Yes indeed, the world is a brighter place with your name on Santa's list.