

## WHY SANTA HAS A BEARD

SANTA

NORTH POLE

SLEIGH

WORKSHOP

"Ho Ho Ho"

"Way Up there" (point North)

"Jingle, Jingle, Jingle"

"Wizzz, Bang, Pop"

You've all heard many stories about SANTA and his WORKSHOP at the NORTH POLE. You have also heard stories about his SLEIGH and reindeer. But there is a story about SANTA that very few people know, so if you will listen very closely, I'll tell you about how SANTA decided to grow a beard.

As you know, the weather is very, very cold at the NORTH POLE where SANTA has his WORKSHOP. He works very hard throughout the year with his little elves, making toys for his Christmas Eve visit. Like everyone else, SANTA needs relaxation, and a chance to get away from it all. His way to relax was to take a leisurely ride in his SLEIGH.

With such cold weather at the NORTH POLE, SANTA always had to bundle up tightly before taking a SLEIGH ride. Once he forgot to bundle up as tightly as usual and he failed to wrap his heavy wool scarf around his face as he went SLEIGH riding. When SANTA got back from his ride and walked into the WORKSHOP where Mrs. Claus and the elves were happily working, he had the most beautiful white icicles hanging down the sides of his face and chin, just like a beard.

When Mrs. Claus looked up and saw him, she squealed with delight, "Why, SANTA you look absolutely marvellous with your sparkling white icicle beard". Well, when SANTA saw how delighted his wife was, he was very flattered and decided right then and there to grow a long, flowing white beard and moustache. And that is what he did!

By doing this, SANTA caused two things to happen. He made himself so handsome that whenever Mrs. Claus passed by him in the NORTH POLE WORKSHOP, she gave him a big smile. This made SANTA blush so much, that to this day, he is still blushing. That's why his cheeks always look rosy. And now he doesn't have to wrap a scarf around his face when he goes SLEIGH riding at the NORTH POLE. Mrs. Claus has even started going on SLEIGH rides with SANTA.