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# CHRISTMAS DELIVERY™

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Ho ho ho! Merry Christmas! It's the jolly old elf himself caught in mid-delivery with his bag of Christmas joy. There are toys galore for everyone on the nice list, and maybe even a few lumps of coal at the bottom of the bag for those on the naughty list (*you know who you are*)! Relive the joy of Christmases past while creating new family memories as you assemble this delightful folk depiction of St. Nicholas, or enjoy a giclée canvas reprint as one of your cherished Christmas decorations. Merry Christmas from folk artist Eric Dowdle!

1. Make sure to write a letter to Santa Clause this year! He lives at the North Pole!
2. The origin of the word 'toy' is unknown, but it is believed it was first used in the 14th century.
3. Santa Clause is known by other names through the world: Germany, Santa Kriss Kringle; France, Pere Noel; Italy, Le Befana
4. Our vision of Santa today comes from Clement Clarke Moores poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' (1822) and political cartoonist Thomas Nast who drew a image in 1881.
5. The story of Santa Clause originats from a bishop named St. Nicholas from Patara, Turkey born around 280 A.D.
6. The first gifts of Christmas were from the the Three Wise Men: gold, franckincense, and myrrh to Christ as a baby.
7. The earliest toy trains were made of lead and had no moving parts
8. The oldest spinning top toy recorded was in Iraq, dated nearly six thousand years ago.
9. Teddy Bears were made in the early years of the 20th century, and named after President Theodore "Teddy" Rossevelt.
10. Mr. Carrot, a cousin to Mr. Potato
11. You can't forget about Eric's rooster
12. The oldest known doll today is over 4,000 years old.
13. I caught a fish "this" big!
14. Soccerball or football?
15. Unicorn, the purest magical creature.
16. The perfect doll house for any child!
17. Let's fly high with the airplane!
18. Ride a rocking horse and he will take you to the best candy land!
19. You can't play a drum with out drum sticks.
20. Can you name both of these dinosaurs?
21. Somebodies been good this year, a princess you might say.
22. Even Santa delivers toys for good alien children.
23. Look at the those puppy eyes!
24. Santa's little helper
25. Oranges were originally placed in stockings on Christmas Eve.
26. The violin is a fun instrument to play Christmas songs.
27. Play the perfect game with a basketball from Santa.
28. Santa is always on time delivering his gifts.
29. The perfect sailboat for winning races!
30. Practice that perfect swing with this baseball bat.
31. Surprise! its a Jack-in-the-Box!
32. The game chess supposedly originated from India.