

Gaspard the Fox series

# Gaspard's Christmas



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## Vocabulary

Lingers  
Scurried  
Complaining  
Saint Nicholas  
Connoisseurs  
Protested  
Trudged  
Greece

## Front cover

### Discussion

Who can you see on the cover?

What is he wearing?

What is falling from the sky?

The name of the author and illustrator are also on the cover – what are their names?

Have you sat outside in the snow at night?

### Activities

Make paper snowflakes from different types of paper to hang above a display.



## Inside spread

### Discussion

Talk about the text and picture on these pages.

Do you think being kind is important?

Discuss the QR code – what happens when you scan it with an iPad or phone?

### Activities

Create a scan and find game around the school using QR codes.





**Pages 12 & 13**

**Discussion**

How do they know who the man is?

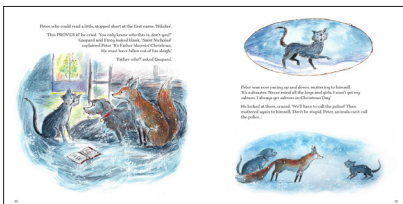
They find his wallet – do you have a purse or wallet?

What do we keep inside them?

Who did Peter think the man was?

**Activities**

Think of as many different bags or holders as you can and what they're used for eg purse, envelope, lunch bag, handbag, file etc.



**Pages 14 & 15**

**Discussion**

Peter was sure the man was Father Christmas.

What did he think was the best thing to do next?

Call the police – what is the number we call for the police?

**Activities**

Talk about the emergency services and other people who help us.



**Pages 16 & 17**

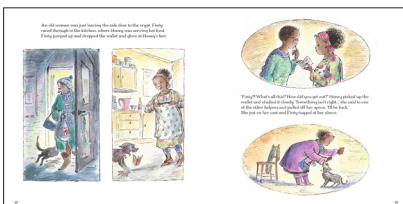
**Discussion**

Finty went to fetch Honey – what did she take?

Where was Honey? Can you see the building?

**Activities**

Look at different buildings and name them – what are the buildings used for? Look at iconic or well-known buildings all over the world.



**Pages 18 & 19**

**Discussion**

What was Honey doing in the church?

Finty managed to get her attention – do you think Honey was worried?

**Activities**

Do you help people?

Think about ways you can help: friends, family, pets



**Pages 20 & 21**

**Discussion**

Honey followed Finty all the way to the bus stop – who was there?

**Activities**

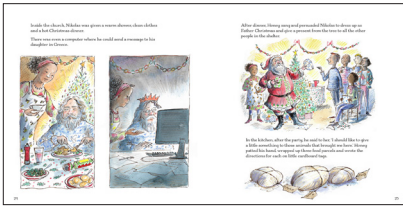
Create a helping hands tree by making handprints and writing ways of doing kind things to help.



**Pages 22 & 23**

**Discussion**

Can you see them all walking? Where are they going, do you think?  
Who is up high on the noticeboard?



**Pages 24 & 25**

**Discussion**

Nikolas was looking much better. He had some food, and who did he email? His daughter in Greece.

Nikolas wanted to give the three friends some gifts to say thank you.

**Activities**

Look at a map or globe to see where Greece is – what is the weather like in Greece? What is their national dress, food? Find out about other countries which does Santa Claus visit first?



**Pages 26 & 27**

**Discussion**

Can you remember what he gave Gaspard as a gift?  
Do you think he was happy?

**Activities**

Make a stocking and put three things inside that you would like to have for Christmas or the three favourite toys you have already had.



**Pages 28 & 29**

**Discussion**

He also took a gift to Finty and Peter – he was just like Father Christmas.



**Pages 30 & 31**

**Discussion**

Nikolas went back to the church. Can you see his footsteps in the snow?

Look – what is in the sky?

**Activities**

Make a footprint map of a local journey or a map to show the journey in the story (include the houses, the bus stop, the church).



**Pages 32 & 33**

**Discussion**

Read these pages and learn the song.

Read the letter and find out more about the charity.

**Activities**

Create promise gifts with the children to give their parents/ grandparents/carers. They decide what the promise is and for whom. Decorate them and place inside a cracker you have made with them eg I promise to help, I promise to fold my clothes, I promise to put my toys away.



**Back cover**

**Discussion**

Talk about the information on the back cover.

Explain the ISBN number.

Whose footprints do you see on the back cover?

Who do you think the old man was?

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