

“YES, VIRGINIA” SIMPLIFIED TEXT

This text is designed to go with my [Yes, Virginia lesson plan](#). This is a simplified version of the famous article. The original text is [here](#)

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. My father says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's true. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

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Virginia, your friends are wrong. They think that if they cannot see something, it is not real. But they do not know that people do not know everything in the world. There are many things in the world we cannot understand.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists just like love and generosity and kindness exist. The world would be very boring if there were no Santa Claus. Without Santa Claus there would be no poetry, no romance, no fun and no childhood.

Now, if your father hired men to watch all the chimneys in the world, they would never see Santa Claus. But that does not mean Santa Claus is not real. There are many things in the world that we cannot see, but we know that they are real. You can open a car and look at the engine and see how it works. But you cannot open up love or faith and see how they work.

Santa Claus lives and he will live forever. In one thousand years, in ten thousand years there will be a Santa Claus to make children happy!