

# SANTA CLAUS

VS

## *St. Nicholas*

***Santa Claus belongs to childhood;  
St. Nicholas models for all of life.***

***Santa Claus, as we know him, developed to boost Christmas sales—  
the commercial Christmas message;  
St. Nicholas told the story of Christ and peace, goodwill toward all—  
the hope-filled Christmas message.***

***Santa Claus encourages consumption;  
St. Nicholas encourages compassion.***

***Santa Claus appears each year to be seen and heard for a short time;  
St. Nicholas is part of the communion of saints, surrounding us always  
with prayer and example.***

***Santa Claus flies through the air—from the North Pole;  
St. Nicholas walked the earth—caring for those in need.***

***Santa Claus, for some, replaces the Babe of Bethlehem;  
St. Nicholas, for all, points to the Babe of Bethlehem.***

***Santa Claus isn't bad;  
St. Nicholas is just better.***

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