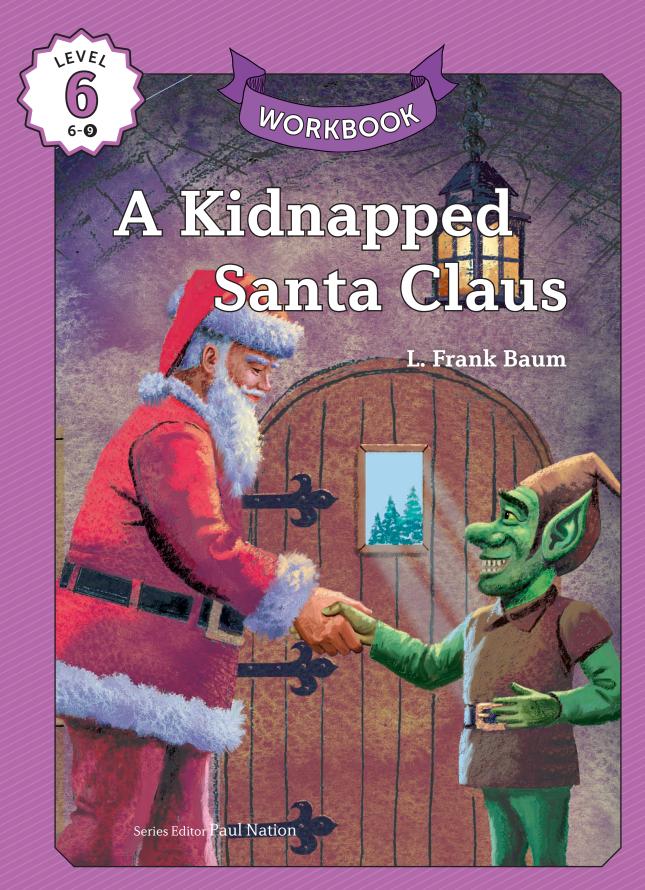
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# **Reading Activities**

# [ Chapter 1 ] The Laughing Valley

## **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 What do you think the Laughing Valley is like?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 7. Who are they? What are they doing?
- 3 What else can you see in the illustration?

## **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

Who brings joy to the children in this story?

- a. Raindeer
- b. Elves
- c. Santa Claus

В.	. Put a check 🖊 next to the correct information.		
	The children help Santa.	Santa Claus lives in the Laughing Valley.	
	The brook giggles and sings as it flows.	A road runs through the valley.	
	Santa makes toys for the children.	The elves deliver the presents.	
	Santa brings joy to all around him.	Santa spends half the year making toys.	

# [ Chapter 2 ] The Caves of Demons

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Where do you think demons live?
- 2 Look at the illustrations on pages 10 and 11. Can you guess the names of the demons?
- 3 Do you think the demons will help Santa Claus? Why or why not?

### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

What do the demons want?

- a. The children
- b. Santa Claus
- c. The elves
- B. Put the information in the right place.

### A person ...

- 1. First, \_\_\_\_ 2. Next, \_\_\_ 3. After that, \_\_\_ 4. In the end, \_\_\_
- a. moves to the cave of Envy
- b. moves to the cave of Hatred
- c. finds a narrow path to the cave of Repentance
- d. enters the cave of Selfishness

# [Chapter 3] A Plan

## **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Who do you think will make a plan?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 13. What are the demons doing?
- 3 What do you think the demons are planning?

## **After You Read**

#### A. Choose the best answer.

What is the demon's plan?

- a. Make the children visit Santa in the Laughing Valley.
- b. Visit the children and tell them to come to their caves.
- c. Tell Santa not to give toys to the children so they will come visit their caves.

#### **B.** Write T for True or F for False.

1.	The children often visit Selfishness's cave.
2.	The demons were complaining about Santa Claus.
3.	Envy thinks it's awful not to have the children visit.
4.	Hate has an idea to make the children visit.
5.	Repentance thinks that the children will be angry when they do not get their presents.
6.	Envy told Santa Claus that the children are annoying.
<b>7.</b>	Selfishness found Santa Claus making toys.
8.	Santa's toys are made to be enjoyed.

# [Chapter 4] A New Plan

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Why do the demons need a new plan?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 16. What is Santa Claus doing?
- 3 What do you think the demon is saying to Santa Claus?

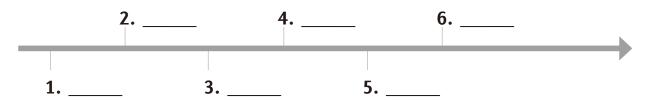
### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

What is the demons'new plan?

- a. To make Santa Claus jealous
- b. To make Santa Claus angry
- c. To kidnap Santa
- **B.** Write the information in the right place.
  - a. will kidnap Santa
- **b.** find out that Santa is not selfish
- feel envy
- c. find out that Santa does not d. find out that Santa does not feel anger
- e. think they need a new plan f. cannot get Santa to come to their caves

#### The demons ...



# [ Chapter 5 ] The Big Kidnapping

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Where do you think the kidnapping will take place?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 19. What is happening to Santa?
- 3 What day did the demons kidnap Santa? How do you know?

# **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

Why did the demons kidnap Santa Claus?

- a. To get all the toys for themselves
- b. To lure the elves into their caves
- c. To make the children angry so they come to their caves

#### **B.** Put the demons' actions in order from 1 to 7.

•	They pulled Santa out of the snowdrift.	
•	They waited for Santa to pass over the mountain.	
•	They threw a rope around Santa's arm.	
•	They lifted Santa onto their shoulders.	
•	They tied Santa up with the rope.	
•	They chained Santa to a wall in a secret cave.	
•	They carried Santa back to their caves.	

## [ Chapter 6 ] Elves to the Rescue!

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 How do you think the elves will rescue Santa Claus?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 21. What are the elves doing?
- 3 Do you think the children will get their Christmas presents? Why or why not?

## **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

What is the only mistake Kilter and Wisk made?

- a. They switched a girl's and boy's presents.
- b. They did not notice that Santa was gone.
- c. They could not deliver presents to all the boys and girls.
- B. Write the information in the right sentence.

switched/ pretended	delivered/ mistake	checked/ discovered				
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one Theythe presents of a boy and a girl. The children were						
surprised by the unexpected presents and eventhat						

they liked their gifts!

## [ Chapter 7 ] Repentance Repents

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- Who do you think repents?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 26. What are Santa Claus and the demon doing?
- 3 Do you think Repentance will help Santa return to the Laughing Valley?

### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

Who freed Santa Claus?

- a. Repentance
- b. Hatred
- c. Elves
- B. Match the sentence to the person who said or acted it.
  - **1.** "We should go prepare our caves for them." Repentance
  - 2. "Santa, I regret kidnapping you." Selfishness
  - **3.** "Thank you, Repentance." Envy
  - 4. "I can't wait for all the angry boys and sirls to visit my cave."Santa Claus

# [ Chapter 8 ] Freedom and Happiness

### **Before You Read**

Look at the chapter heading and illustration. Think about the questions below.

- 1 Do you think Santa will return to the Laughing Valley?
- 2 Look at the illustration on page 29. What is happening?
- 3 Who will be happy at the end of this story? Who will be unhappy?

### **After You Read**

A. Choose the best answer.

Who visited Selfishness's, Envy's, and Hatred's caves?

- a. The elves
- b. Santa Claus
- c. No one
- B. Put information in the right place.

