



## Remember when...? – Santa money

### Description

Yes, it is that time of year when kids will make a long list of presents for Santa. This can also become a tough situation when families can't afford items on that list. Parents have to find a plausible explanation for why Santa won't or didn't bring in what the kids asked for.

### Later story

I don't particularly remember what the story was about Santa and the presents he would bring. However, since I have a much younger brother, I remember the story that was told to him. I can't be sure if the story was the same for me, as the situation was different when I was that age.

### Not much money

My parents separated when my brother was 4 years old, and my Mom had to work often 2 jobs to make ends meet, so it was unlikely that we would get big presents. She would save all year so we would get nice presents but forget those that cost hundreds of dollars, back then. But like most kids, we were making our Christmas list too, so my Mom had to devise a strategy.

### Santa is not free

Since the financial situation had to be addressed, my Mom explained to us (well, mostly my brother) that although Santa could manufacture toys and games, the parents still had to pay for those presents, so whatever we would get was dependent on the price parents could pay. I guess Santa should be bringing the bill with the toys!

Nowadays, some parents have other strategies to deal with the otherwise unfair distribution of presents to the kids, by Santa. What stories did you hear about that? Did you ever have to make up a particular story to address this? Were you told a particular story? Share those in the comments below. I am very curious.

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