

St. Nicholas

(fourth century)

Name _____

Feast: December 6

The Spirit of Christmas

St. Nicholas was a bishop who lived a long time ago. There are many legends about Nicholas. One story tells how he threw three bags of gold into the house of a very poor man who had three daughters. Nicholas wanted to make sure the three girls would be taken care of. In some countries, children exchange gifts on St. Nicholas' feast day, just as we do at Christmas.

Make a St. Nicholas Day promise card to celebrate this generous saint. Fold a piece of construction paper in thirds. Cut out the bag of gold pattern and trace it onto the construction paper, making sure that the sides of the bag touch the folded sides of the paper. Cut away the paper from the top and bottom of the bag pattern, but be careful not to cut through the folds.

(When you unfold the paper, you should have three bags in a row.) Color, cut out, and paste the bishop's miter to the front of the first bag. Inside, on each bag, write one of the words below and add your own promise. (For example, for Justice, you can promise to always play fair; for Charity, to share your toys; for Love of God, to pray every day.)

Justice Charity Love of God

