



St. Nicholas Day is celebrated on December 6. St. Nicholas was a 4th-century bishop of Myra, Turkey. He is remembered for his generosity especially toward children.



In parts of northern Europe, particularly in some German-speaking areas, St. Nicholas Day has remained a time when children are given special cookies, candies, and gifts. In many places, children leave letters for St. Nicholas and carrots or grass for his donkey or horse. In the morning, they find small presents under their pillows or in the shoes, stockings, or plates they have set out for him. Oranges and chocolate coins are common treats that represent St. Nicholas's legendary rescue of three impoverished girls by paying their marriage dowry with gold. Candy canes, which have the shape of a bishop's crozier are also given.

Try a new tradition this year by learning about St. Nicholas and then putting shoes outside bedroom doors on December 5 to see what appears the next morning! Veggie Tales has a nice rendition of his life.