DO YOU BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS?

Based on Mark 10 v 21

**Puppets:** *(Human arm ideally)*
1 x Boy
1 x Girl

**Props:**
1 x Red hat
1 x Small gift bag
1 x Small glove puppet *(Just a Gingerbread-man shape)*

Boy: *(Wolf whistles)* I like the hat, really cool!
Girl: Oh, thanks! *(Touches the hat)*… do you think it suits me?
Boy: I sure do! *(Looks at her)*… the colour matches your nose!
Girl: Oh!… This is supposed to be the season of ‘Goodwill to all Men’.
Boy: Ah!… But, you’re not a man!… *(Holds up gift bag)*
Girl: Oh, very funny! *(Looks)*… what have you got there?
Boy: A present!
Girl: And who’s it for?
Boy: You.
Girl: Me! *(Excitedly, accepts it)*... Can I open it?
Boy: Yes, if you like.

*(Puts her hand into the bag and brings out & holds up, the little glove puppet)*

Girl: Wow!… A glove puppet! Thank you so much. *(Kisses him)*
Boy: Woh!… Too much gratitude…. but, I’m glad you like it.
Girl: You know, I’ve always fancied trying my hand at puppetry!

*(Both pause to look at present)*

Girl: I wonder what Santa Claus might bring us for Christmas.
Boy: *(Shocked)*… Santa Claus?
Girl: Yes.
Boy: Are telling me, you actually believe in him?
Girl: Of course I do!… The real one that is, not the fairytale one.
Boy: And… how old are you?
Girl: A lady never tells her age.
Boy: *(Puzzled)*… Umm?… Who’s the real one?
Girl: Saint Nicholas of course!… He, was the real one!
Boy: Oh?… So, who was St. Nicholas?
Girl: He was born in Asia Minor, about 280 years after Christ. Sadly, his very wealthy parents died from an epidemic. He then inherited all of their wealth at a very young age.
Boy: Gosh!… Go on.
Girl: He really loved the Lord Jesus and lived his life helping other people less fortunate than himself, particularly children.
Boy: Did he give away a lot of his wealth?
Girl: Yes, all of it!… He lived, by the words Jesus said, in Mark 10 v 21… “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor.”
Boy: I bet he was a popular man.
Girl: Actually, he suffered persecution, was imprisoned and tortured for his faith in Jesus.
Boy: Why?
Girl: Because in those days many people were very much against anyone who had a Christian faith... Yet, even in prison he still shared his love of Jesus by sharing his meager rations with the other inmates.
Boy: So, what happened to him?
Girl: Because of all his good works, which he did mostly in secret...
Boy: *(Interrupts)*... In secret?... Why, in secret?
Girl: So, Jesus would have the glory, and not him.
Boy: Gosh!... Really?
Girl: Yes!... Any way, because of his great witness to people everywhere, he was chosen to become the 'Bishop of Myra'.
Boy: Wow!... What an amazing man!
Girl: He sure was, I believe he later died from an illness at the age of 50.
Boy: That seems a bit unfair after all he'd done.
Girl: No, not at all. Because, in the second part of the verse that I read earlier it says, “and you will receive treasure in heaven.”
Boy: So, God rewarded him in heaven?
Girl: Yes.
Boy: *(Excitedly)*... Well, I'm going to tell my mum and all my friends that I too believe in Santa... the real one, who lived his life sharing his love of Jesus. *(Starts to exit)*... Bye!