

ST. NICHOLAS MEMORY GAME

Match the pairs of cards — what do they tell about Saint Nicholas?

1 player or 2–4 players

PURPOSE

- ★ Match pairs of cards with the same picture; each pair counts as one point.

HOW TO PLAY

- ★ Place the cards face down in six rows with eight columns.
- ★ The first player turns over two cards, one at a time; if they match, player keeps the pair and turns over two more cards.
- ★ Player continues until turning over two cards that do NOT match (leave these cards face up for a moment so all players can see them). Turn those cards face down again in exactly the same place and then it becomes the next player's turn.
- ★ Play continues until all cards are matched up in pairs.
- ★ The player with the most pairs (or points) wins.

VARIATIONS

- ★ When a matched pair is found, player tells how the picture relates to Saint Nicholas (i.e., St. Nicholas wears a miter, St. Nicholas is patron saint of sailors); if the player can't answer, the next player may answer and so on. Each correct answer counts as a bonus point.
- ★ One Person Play: Time yourself to see how quickly you can find all of the matching pairs. Try to get a faster time in a second game.
- ★ Simpler game for younger children: use fewer pairs of cards.

