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St. Nicholas of Myra (1294 Russian icon) from the Lipnya Church of St. Nicholas in Novgorod (Russia). Image online, courtesy Wikimedia Commons.

*Would you please tell her that you're not really Santa Claus? That there actually is no such person?*

Dorey Walker  
Miracle on 34th Street

Turns out, Mrs. Walker was wrong. There actually **was** such a person. His name was Nicholas of Myra. He lived in Asia Minor (now Turkey) in the 4th century.

Want to know about the true origins of Saint Nicholas (also known today as Santa Claus)? Join us on this virtual journey. You may learn a few things that surprise you.

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