

# \* Interesting Christmas Facts \* For Children

## Christmas Tree Facts



★ In 1856, Franklin Pierce, the 14th President of the United States, set up a Christmas tree for the first time in the White House.

★ Evergreen trees were traditionally the most popular Christmas trees.

## Santa Claus Facts

★ Saint Nicholas inspired the name Santa Claus.

★ Since the early 19th century, giving Christmas gifts has been a custom of this holiday, influenced by St. Nicholas' kindness in helping others.



## Christmas Carol Facts



★ According to popular belief, James Lord Pierpont wrote the "Jingle Bells" as the Thanksgiving hymn around the year 1850.

★ "Silent Night" is the most popular recorded Christmas carol in the United States.

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