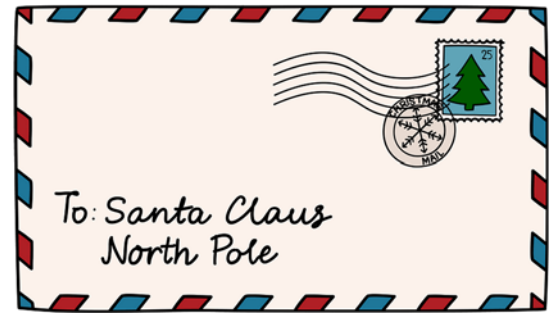


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## The Lost Letter to Santa

Ten-year-old Marcus had written the perfect letter to Santa Claus. He had carefully folded it, placed it in a red envelope, and planned to mail it after school. But when he checked his backpack-**the letter was gone**.



Panicked, Marcus retraced his steps. He searched under his desk, in the playground, and even behind the books in the school library. Still, no letter.

That evening, Marcus told his little sister Mia what had happened. “Well,” she said, “maybe it’s not too late. Let’s write another one together.”

So they sat at the kitchen table with candy canes and cocoa. Mia helped Marcus remember everything he wanted to ask for: a model train, a new basketball, and snow boots for the winter.

On Christmas morning, Marcus found all the gifts he had hoped for under the tree. There was even a note from Santa that read, “Thanks for the second letter—Mia’s candy cane drawing was a nice touch!”

### Comprehension Questions:

1. What problem did Marcus face?
2. What did Marcus do to try to solve the problem?
3. How did Mia help her brother?
4. What does Santa’s note suggest about the second letter?
5. What is the main message or theme of this story?