



To Santa or Not To Santa



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01

Jean Piaget

Stages of Cognitive Development





Pre-Operational Stage

- Ages 2-7
- Transition from parallel play to cooperative play
- Development of conservation
- Transition from egocentrism to empathy



What does that have to do with Santa?

Egocentrism

- Write your Christmas list
- Send your letter to Santa
- Tell Santa all the things you want for Christmas



Empathy


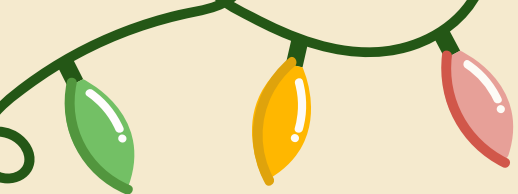
- Who are you giving gifts to?
- What would they like as a gift?
- Are you going to tell them it is from you or keep it a surprise?




02



Behavior Modification



“Not surprisingly, the results of implementing these behavioral programs sharply highlight and replicate a macro-system based on shame instead of support, control instead of empowerment, punishment instead of healing: a system that invalidates young children’s deeply-felt experience of their own lives.”



Blachly & Dean, 2019



Shame

Santa's Watching!

Shame is associated with maladjusted behaviors and negative self image in children





03

Equity



What does Santa have to do with equity?

Imagine these three kids in the same classroom after winter break.



Adam

Santa brought a new game system



Ben

Santa brought a toy from Christmas list, parents bought a new game system



Charlie

Santa brought a winter coat

**Christmas should
be about love
and caring**



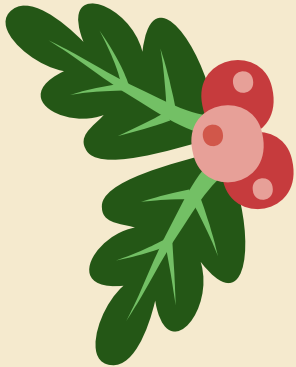


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