SNACKPACK READS

Christmas reading guide

Pick a story for home or class. Use the age bands and time estimates as a starting point.

One More Story Before Santa

Ages 5–7 · 8–12 minutes · Read together
A quiet Christmas Eve story about two chicks trying to stay awake.

The Last Parcel Under the Tree

Ages 7–9 · 12–18 minutes · Read together or independently
A Christmas morning mystery with a parcel and a clue about who gets there last.

Captain Beakon and the Bell Across the Bay

Ages 12–14 · 25–35 minutes, or one chapter at a time · Independent reading
An older-reader mystery about a bell ringing from the wrong shore.

Times are approximate and leave room to pause over the pictures or discuss clues.

Talk about the story

1. What did a character notice that changed what they did next?
2. Which detail in a picture helped you understand something the words left out?

Draw the next moment

Choose a character. Draw what they might do after the story ends. Add one sentence about your picture, or tell it to someone.