

* HOLIDAY RECIPES FROM OUR FAVORITE STORYBOOKS *

ALL OF THESE YUMMY RECIPES ARE INSPIRED BY ONE OF OUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY STORIES.
REMEMBER, ALWAYS ASK AN ADULT TO HELP YOU WHEN WORKING IN THE KITCHEN!

THE POLAR EXPRESS

IN THIS BOOK, A BOY LIES AWAKE ON CHRISTMAS EVE UNTIL HE HEARS A TRAIN STOP OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE. "ALL ABOARD!" THE CONDUCTOR CRIES. THE BOY BOARDS THE TRAIN, AND ALONG WITH MANY OTHER CHILDREN, HE TRAVELS TO THE NORTH POLE, WHERE HE MEETS SANTA AND ASKS FOR A SPECIAL GIFT.

HOT COCOA

Aboard the Polar Express, the children drink thick hot cocoa and anticipate seeing Santa and his elves.

In your favorite mug, combine:

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 dash of salt

Ask an adult to help you heat in a microwave-safe container for **1 minute** (or over low on a stovetop until steamy and hot):

- 1 cup of milk

Have an adult pour the hot milk into your prepared mug, and stir it with a spoon—or perhaps with a peppermint candy cane or cinnamon stick! You can also have fun with variations, like adding a little vanilla or peppermint extract, or a dash of cinnamon. After the cocoa's all nicely mixed together, top it off with whipped cream.



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SANTA HAT CHEESE SNACKS

When the Polar Express arrives at the North Pole, the streets are crowded with elves and Santa's already in his sleigh. These Santa hats make a yummy snack—or can be a fun activity with friends.

In this order, use a toothpick to spear together:

- 1 cheese cube
- 1 hulled strawberry, with the flat end atop the cheese
- 1 mini marshmallow, as a pom-pom



Arrange several on a plate and enjoy with a glass of milk.

