

## The Polar Express- Story Sequencing Strips

On Christmas Eve, as a young boy looked out his bedroom window, he saw a train standing perfectly still in front of his house.

The boy took the conductor's outstretched hand and climbed aboard the train.

On the train, children sang carols, ate candies with nougat centers, and drank hot cocoa.

As they traveled northward through the cold forests the children saw wolves watching the train as it traveled by.

The train climbed mountains so high it seemed as if they would scrape the moon.

When the train arrived at the North Pole City, Santa and his elves were waiting for all them.

The boy chose first gift of Christmas. It was a silver bell from a reindeer's harness.

After their exciting visit with Santa and his elves, the Polar Express took the children home.

The young boy was so disappointed to find out that the bell Santa had given him had fallen through the hole in the pocket of his bathrobe.

On Christmas Day, the boy discovered a package from Santa under his tree. Inside the boy found the silver bell Santa had given him with a note attached to it. The note told the young boy to get the hole in his pocket fixed.

Though the boy grew up, the bell still rang for him, as it does for all those who believe.