

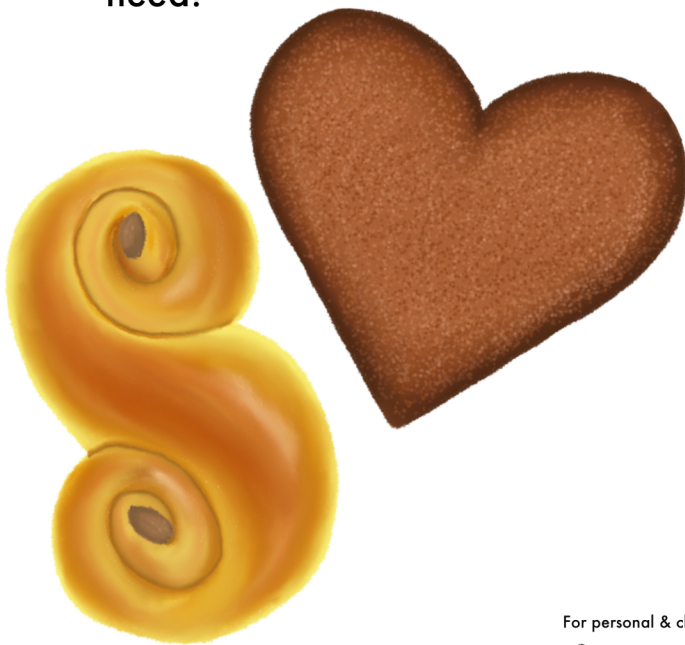


# *Santa Lucia Day*

## **Print & Play Set**

Includes: Lucia Crown, Attendant Crown, Star Boy Hat & Wand, Lussekatter (Saffron Buns), Pepparkakor (Gingerbread Cookies), Santa Lucia Informative Reader, and a Lucia Song Card in Swedish with a singable translation.

Full instructions provided on each page, print as many pages as you need!



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# Lucia Crown

Print this page and the next, use as many pieces as needed to fit the width of your head, layering and gluing the pieces together as needed. Sing as you wear the crown!



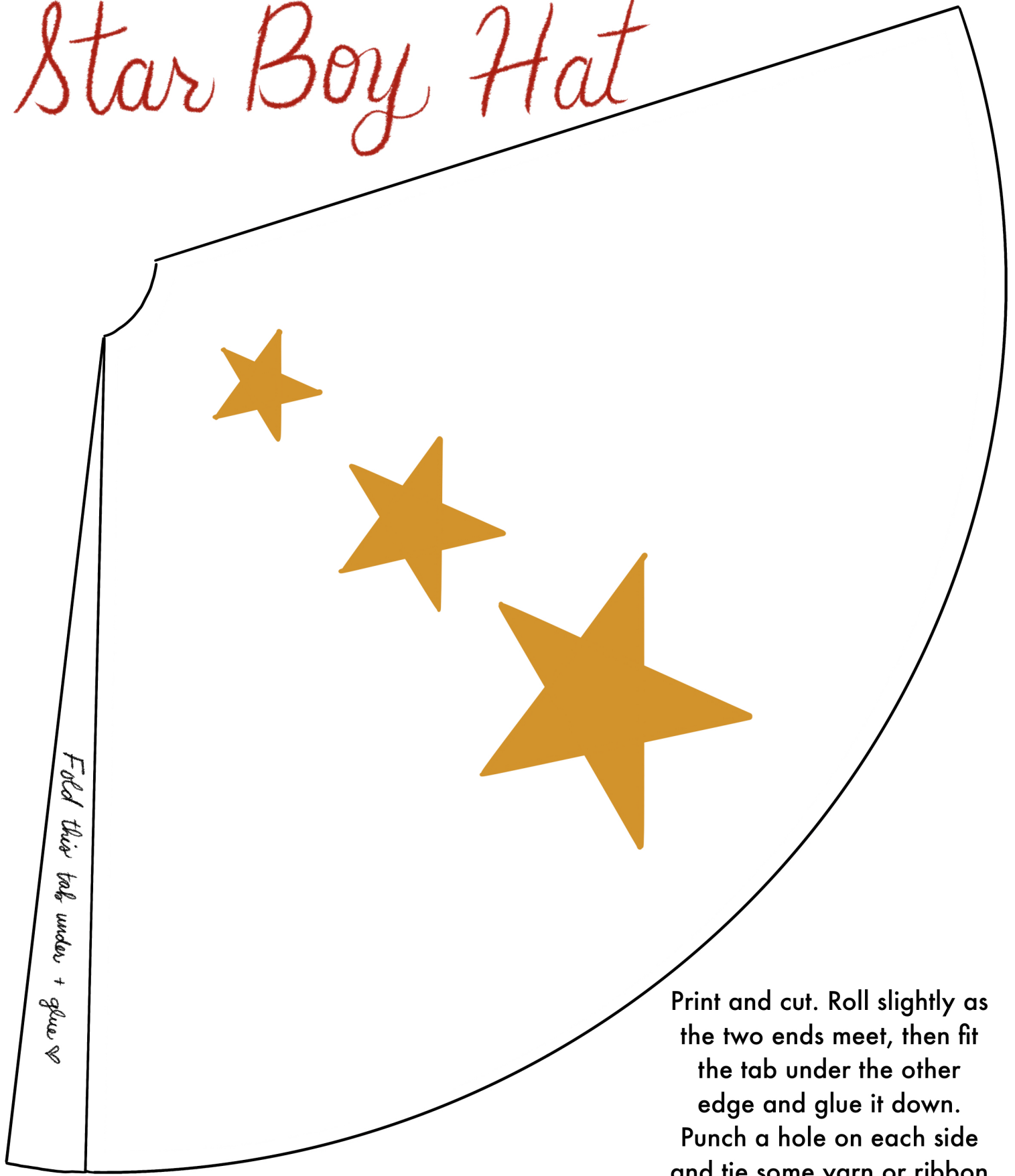


# Attendant Crown

Print as many copies as you need so the crown will fit. Cut and glue the two parts together. Attach yarn or a ribbon on each end to lengthen, if a larger size is needed to fit. Tie onto head and sing!



# Star Boy Hat



Print and cut. Roll slightly as the two ends meet, then fit the tab under the other edge and glue it down. Punch a hole on each side and tie some yarn or ribbon to each hole to tie it on.

# Star Boy Wand

Print and cut, then glue to a pencil, ruler, or dowel. Add sparkly ribbon tails under the star if desired!



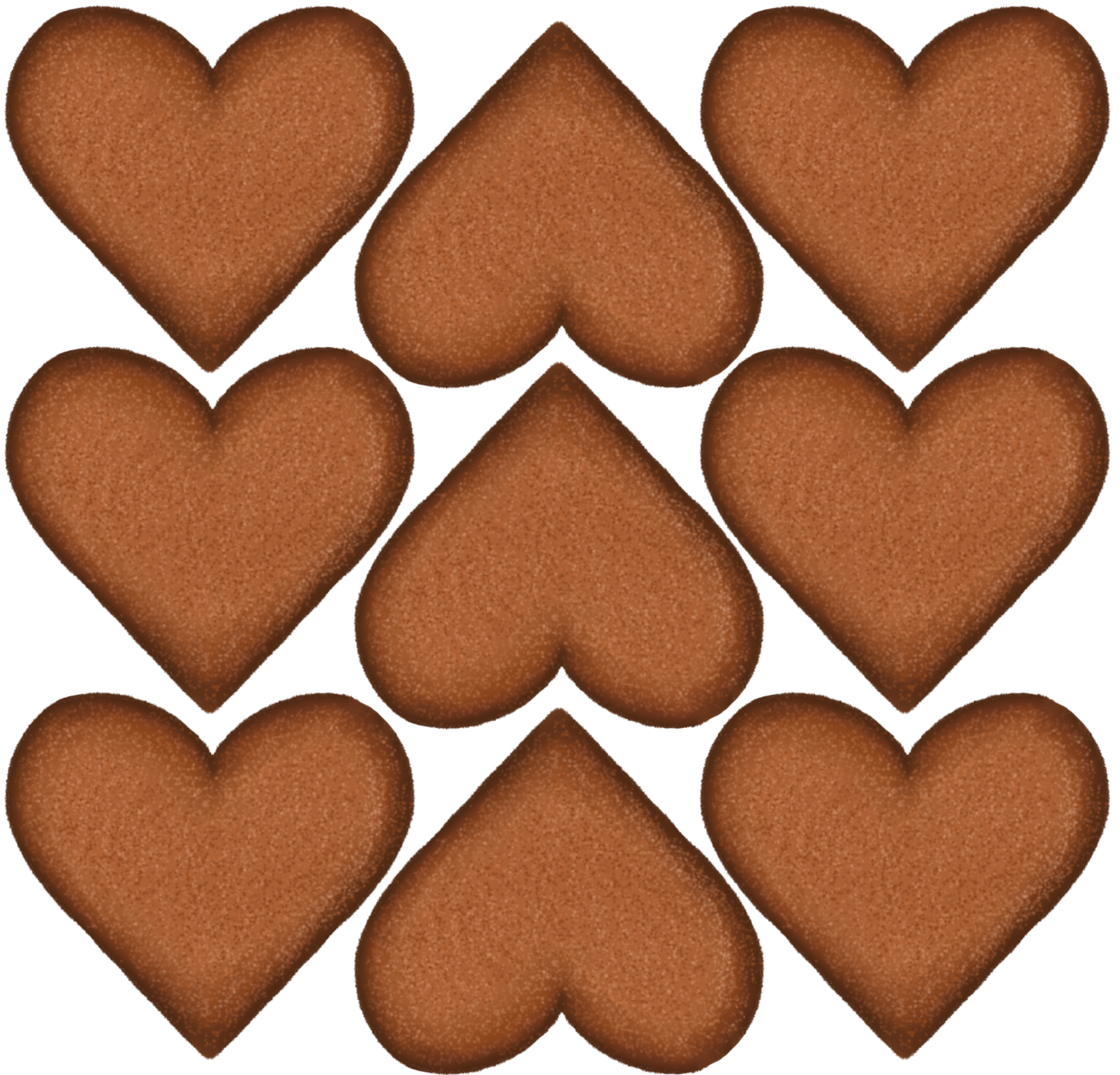
# Lucsekatter

Print and cut. Laminate if desired. Play and sing the Lucia song as you gift your friends, family, and neighbors warm, seet saffron buns.



# Pepparkakor

Print and cut, laminate if desired. Play and sing as you pass out scrumptious gingerbread cookies,







## *The Legend of St Lucia*

A long time ago, around the year 304 CE, a kind young woman named Lucia lived in Sicily, Italy. She was a Christian, and it was very dangerous to be a Christian at that time. Many other Christians had to hide in dark underground tunnels called catacombs. Lucia wanted to help them, so she brought food and supplies. To carry as much as possible, she made a wreath of candles to wear on her head, lighting her way through the darkness and keeping her hands free. Her bravery and kindness made her a hero, and even though she faced danger for her faith, her story has inspired people for centuries. Today, she is remembered as a saint, and her crown of candles is a symbol of hope and light.

## *Lucia Day in Sweden*

In Sweden, the holiday of Santa Lucia Day on December 13th mixes old traditions about lighting up the dark winter solstice with newer Christian customs. It's not necessarily a religious holiday anymore but more about bringing light and hope on the darkest day of the year. The celebration is lovely! A girl, often the oldest daughter, dresses up as Santa Lucia in a long white dress with a red sash and wears a wreath with candles (now usually electric ones for safety). She leads a group, carrying saffron buns and gingerbread. Other girls dress in white and hold candles, while boys, called "star boys," wear white with pointy hats and carry star wands. Sometimes little kids dress as gingerbread children too! They sing the special Lucia Song and walk around their homes and neighborhoods, giving their saffron buns and gingerbread away to friends, family, and neighbors. Schools also celebrate with singing and special performances for families.

# Song Card

Print, cut, and laminate. Sing along as you play with the other items in the play set!

## Sankta Lucia

Swedish Folk Song with Italian melody  
Translated by Lauren Olson

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Sankt - a Lu - ci - a, ljus - kla - ra håg - ring,  
Kom i din vita skrud, huld med din ma - ning.  
sprid i vår vinter-natt glans av din få - gring.  
Skänk oss, du julens brud, jul - fröj - ders a - ning.  
Dröm - mar med vin-ge-sus, un - der oss si a,  
tänd di - na vi - ta ljus, Sankt - a Lu - ci - a.  
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### Translation

1. Santa Lucia, Radiant and holy,  
Brighten our winter night, Lit by your beauty.

### Refrain

Dreams fly on wings of light,  
Peace spreading through the night,  
Shine with your candles bright,  
Santa Lucia.  
Dreams fly on wings of light,  
Peace spreading through the night,  
Shine with your candles bright,  
Santa Lucia.

2. Come in your robe of white, gentle and honest,  
Bring us the Christmas light, as we were promised.

### Refrain



## Activity

Choose one friend to be Sankta Lucia, who stands in front of the line. Turn off the lights and walk slowly around the classroom, home, or even your street while you sing. You can use a flashlight or get all dressed up in a Lucia crown!

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