

Krampus is strong. He scares kids into behaving. He feeds off children's fears. He knows when children are bad. Good children are safe. Krampus won't harm good children.

Krampus carries bundles of sticks. Sometimes, he carries a whip. He carries a basket. The basket is strapped to his back. Krampus has sharp, scary claws. He grabs bad children. He puts children in his basket. He carries them away.



FUN FACTS ABOUT KRAMPUS

- In the 1930s, Austria was under fascist rule. Fascism means one leader controls everything. Believing in Krampus was banned. This means it was against the law. People couldn't celebrate Krampus Night. People who dressed as Krampus were taken to jail. In 1934, a newspaper wrote, "Krampus Disliked in Fascist Austria."
- There's a Krampus museum in Stallhofen, Austria. It has a short film about Krampus. It has about 20 Krampus masks. It has Krampus costumes and other things. It also has a Krampus cave. The story says that Krampus stays in this cave until Santa gets him out in December.
- Europeans give Krampus greeting cards. They've been doing this since the 1800s. They're called Krampuskarten. The cards read, "Gruss vom Krampus!" This means "Greetings from Krampus!" The cards have funny rhymes. They have funny poems. Krampus is on the cards. He's looming over children. He looks mean.