



## ♦ LEGO: PLAY WELL!

You may know the plastic LEGO bricks that you can build practically everything with: small houses or toy trains. The first LEGO bricks were actually made of wood almost 100 years ago in the town of Billund, Denmark. The name LEGO is short for the Danish phrase “leg godt”, which means to play well. Today children play with LEGO bricks all over the world. And in Billund, where it all started, you can visit the theme park Legoland. Among a lot of amusements you can see small versions of famous cities and buildings – made entirely of LEGO bricks.

See more at [www.lego.com](http://www.lego.com)

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[Kids.denmark.dk](http://Kids.denmark.dk) – Denmark's official website for kids

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# DENMARK FOR CHILDREN





## ◆ THE QUEEN OF DENMARK



The monarchy in Denmark is one of the oldest in the world. Today the royals don't rule the country, but they are still put on the Danish stamps and postcards. Head of the royal family is Queen Margrethe II. She has been queen of Denmark for more than 40 years. She likes to draw and sew, and she has made costumes for a ballet. She lives at Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark.

## ◆ THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRINCESS



The heir to the throne is called Frederik. He had to go to Australia – on the other side of the planet – to find his beautiful wife, Mary. She was a common woman, but when she got married to Frederik in 2004 she became Crown Princess of Denmark. They have 4 kids: Christian, Isabella, Vincent and Josephine. They are all princes and princesses.

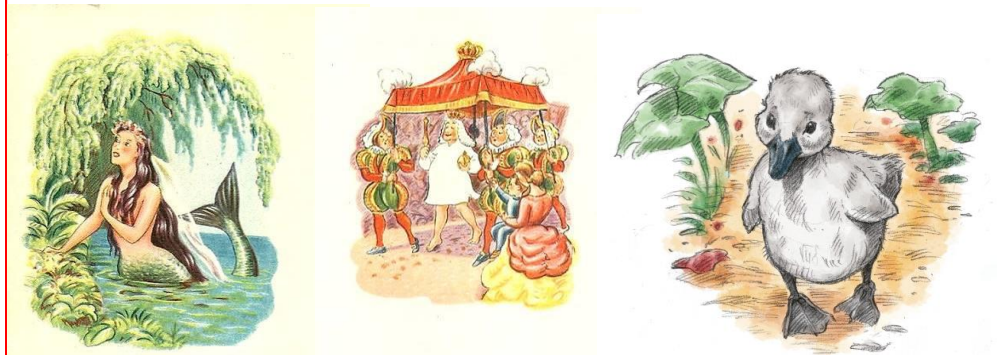
## ◆ HAPPY BIRTHDAY – "TILLYKKE!"

In the morning of your birthday, it's a Danish tradition that your parents wake you up by singing a birthday song and waving the Danish flag, Dannebrog. You'll have your family or friends over for birthday buns or a piece of "cake lady" or "cake man". That's a cake shaped as a lady with lots of candy on top.



## ◆ H. C. ANDERSEN: FAMOUS STORYTELLER

Hans Christian Andersen might be the most famous Dane who has ever lived. He wrote many fairy tales loved by children all over the world – perhaps you've heard of The Little Mermaid - the story about a young mermaid who wants to explore the world. She swims to the surface of the ocean, sees a handsome prince, and falls in love with him. Or the Ugly Duckling which is the story of a poor little duck that grows up and looks different from everyone else but then ends up becoming a beautiful swan. Another famous story is the Emperor's New Clothes, where the king is tricked by a tailor and ends up walking down the streets without clothes!



## ◆ DENMARK: WHERE CHILDREN GO BY BIKE

In Denmark, you learn how to ride a bicycle about the age of 3. You can have training wheels on your bicycle until you can hold your balance. Then, when you are ready to go to school, you can cycle all the way there. It is an easy and safe way to get around - and most Danes continue to go by bike when they grow up.

