



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

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Level: Advanced B1–C1 Topic: Christmas, Faith and Modern Life

Activity 1: Agree or Disagree?

Choose a position for each statement and explain your reasons.

1. The religious meaning of Christmas should come before presents and decorations.
2. Christmas advertising puts too much pressure on families.
3. Giving time and help can be more meaningful than giving expensive gifts.
4. Schools should teach students about the Nativity story when studying Christmas traditions.
5. Family traditions are just as important as religious traditions.

Activity 2: Prepare for a Debate

Debate statement: “Modern Christmas celebrations focus too much on shopping and not enough on the birth of Jesus.” Prepare arguments for and against the statement.

For the statement:

- Advertising often focuses on buying gifts.
- Some people feel pressure to spend more than they can afford.
- The religious meaning can receive less attention. Against the statement:
- Many families still attend church and celebrate the Nativity.
- Gifts can express love and generosity.
- Family meals and decorations can support meaningful traditions. Add at least two arguments of your own.

3. Useful Debate Language

- I agree with this statement because
- I see your point, but
- One important reason is
- For example, ...
- On the other hand, ...
- I would argue that
- In conclusion, ...

Activity 4: Group Discussion

1. What helps people remember the true meaning of Christmas?
2. Can commercial traditions and Christian traditions exist together?
3. How can families celebrate Christmas without spending too much?
4. Should children learn the Nativity story at school? Why or why not?
5. Which Christmas tradition would you most like future generations to continue?

Activity 5: Final Reflection - Write three sentences:

- One argument I found convincing was _____.
- My opinion about Christmas celebrations is _____.
- One tradition I think is worth protecting is _____.