



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

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Activity 1: Reading – Christmas Traditions

Christmas is celebrated on 25 December by Christians around the world. It celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. For many people, it is a time for faith, family and giving. In Germany, Christmas markets sell decorations, gifts and seasonal food. In Mexico, many communities celebrate Las Posadas, a tradition that remembers Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay. In Australia, Christmas comes during summer, so some families celebrate outdoors. Church services, carols, special meals and decorated trees are common in many places, but traditions differ between families and countries. For many Christians, the most important part of Christmas is remembering the birth of Jesus.



Activity 2: Reading Comprehension

Answer in complete sentences.

1. What do Christians celebrate at Christmas?

2. What can people buy at German Christmas markets?

3. What does Las Posadas remember?

4. Why is Christmas different in Australia?

5. What is the most important part of Christmas for many Christians?

Activity 3: Match the Words to Their Meanings

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| 1. Faith | A. Connected to a particular time of year |
| 2. Tradition | B. A group of people living in the same place |
| 3. Seasonal | C. To do something special to mark an occasion |
| 4. Community | D. Belief and trust in God or religious teachings |
| 5. Celebrate | E. A custom passed from one generation to another |

Activity 4: True or False?

1. Christmas Day is 25 December.
2. Christmas can be a time for faith, family and giving.
3. Christmas happens in winter everywhere.
4. Las Posadas is a tradition celebrated in Mexico.
5. Every Christian family celebrates Christmas in exactly the same way.

Activity 5: Talk About the Reading

Discuss with a partner.

1. Which tradition in the reading would you like to experience?
2. What Christmas traditions are familiar to you?
3. Why do families keep traditions?
4. Which is more important to you: food, presents, family or faith? Explain your answer.

Answer Key

Activity 2:

1. They celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
2. Decorations, gifts and seasonal food.
3. Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay.
4. Because it is summer in Australia in December.
5. Remembering the birth of Jesus.

Activity 3: 1-D, 2-E, 3-A, 4-B, 5-C

Activity 4: 1. True 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. False