

Winter Holidays



Read to me!

People celebrate different holidays in winter.



Some celebrate Christmas .

Some celebrate Hanukkah .



Some celebrate Kwanzaa.



Some families celebrate Christmas.



Christians celebrate Christmas as Jesus' birthday. Jesus' birth was so important because Jesus is the son of God and God sent Jesus to the world to forgive everyone's sins.



Christmas is celebrated every year by Christians as a time of joy and peace.

Christmas is celebrated with a number of traditions.

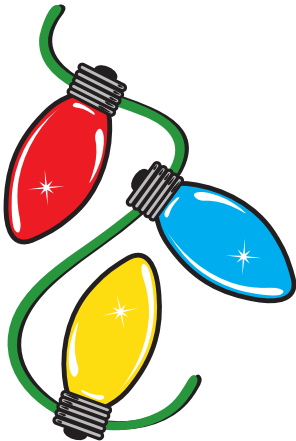


Christmas Tree

For many, the Christmas tree represents Jesus Christ's birth and resurrection.

Santa

Santa is the legendary patron saint of children, commonly identified with Saint Nicholas, who brings presents to children on Christmas Eve



Christmas Lights

Christmas lights are often seen as a symbol of hope and light in the darkness.



Merry Christmas!



Some families celebrate Hanukkah.



Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days because of the Hanukkah miracle, in which that tiny bit of oil lasted for eight entire days and provided light to people restoring the temple.



Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights. Hebrew word Hanukkah means "dedication," as the holiday commemorates the Jewish people's rededication to the Temple.

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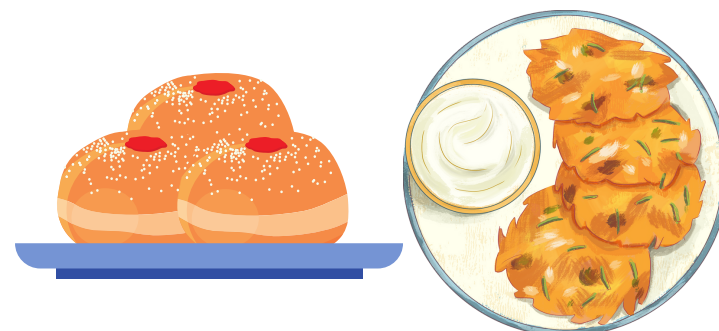


Lighting the Menorah

A candle is lit for each of the 8 days. There is a 9th candle on modern menorahs. This is a candle used to light the others.

Eating Fried Foods

Jewish people celebrate the miracle of the oil by eating foods cooked in oil. The two most common are latkes, which are fried potato pancakes, and sufganiyot, which are fried jelly doughnuts.



Playing Dreidel

Jewish people used dreidels when they would secretly study the Torah. Dreidels are now a symbol of resistance.



Happy Hanukkah!



Some families celebrate Kwanzaa.



Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American culture from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu.



Each day they light a candle to highlight the principle of that day and to breathe meaning into the principles with various activities, such as reciting the sayings or writings of great black thinkers and writers, reciting original poetry, African drumming, and sharing a meal of African diaspora-inspired foods.

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Lighting the Kinara

On each day of Kwanzaa, light a candle for that day's principle on your Kinara.

7 Principles of Kwanzaa

- 1. Umoja (Unity) To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.**
- 2. Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)**
- 3. Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)**
- 4. Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)**
- 5. Nia (Purpose)**
- 6. Kuumba (Creativity)**
- 7. Imani (Faith)**



Playing Drums

Kwanzaa begins with the playing of the drums.

Karamu Feast

Feast held on the 6th day of Kwanza.





Happy Kwanzaa!



Happy Holidays!

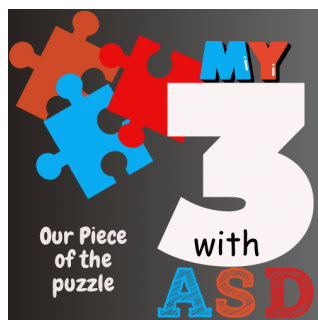


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