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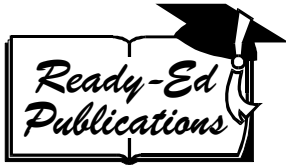
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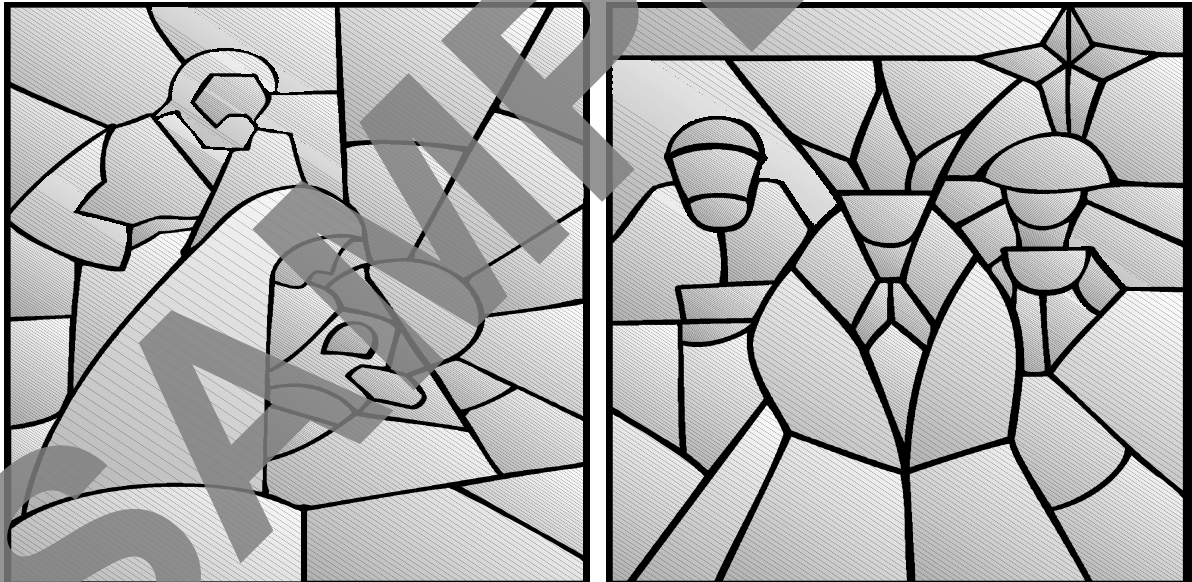


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# Christmas Around the World

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global Christmas customs and traditions.



For ages 8-12

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# Teachers' Notes

"Christmas Around the World" is an activity book for 8 -12 year olds that explores how different countries celebrate Christmas. The book provides children with a variety of research, art, craft and cooking activities designed to give children the opportunity to examine the Christmas traditions and customs of other countries and cultures.

Some of the research activities incorporate the use of the Internet as a research tool and a comprehensive list of Online References relating to Christmas is included.

## Using the Book

**Some suggestion for making the best use of the activities.**

Bookmark all the Internet sites before you begin this unit of work. If you have more than one computer available the sites for each country can be bookmarked on different computers and the children can rotate around the computers.

The activities are ideal for group work with each group looking at one country. The group can choose an art or craft activity and a recipe relating to the country from the book. At the end of the unit of work a presentation day and a "cooking and tasting" day can be planned. On the presentation day, the children can display their craft and give a talk on what they have learnt about how their country celebrates Christmas. On the "cooking and tasting" day, children from the each group could be responsible for providing the ingredients for the recipes and the tasting of the food could replace the traditional class Christmas party.

Sometimes Internet websites disappear. If you can't connect with the site immediately, try again at a later time. The site might have only disappeared temporarily or moved to another location.

If a site does disappear, the Online Reference page provides a comprehensive list of Christmas sites that can be used for the research activities. The list is only a fraction of the Christmas sites on the Internet and if the children can use the search engines they will be able to locate many more that could assist in their research.

**Please note: Due to the dynamic nature of the Internet, at times websites will disappear or undergo modifications. While every effort has been made to select stable and potentially long-term sites the publishers advise that they will not be responsible if any Internet websites used in this book change or cannot be located. Check this URL for updates to websites in this book:**

**[www.readyed.com.au/christmas/](http://www.readyed.com.au/christmas/)**

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- [eclecticesoterica.com/christmas.html](http://eclecticesoterica.com/christmas.html) - Joy to the World
- [www.santas.net/australianchristmas.htm](http://www.santas.net/australianchristmas.htm) - Santa Down Under
- [www.chebucto.ns.ca/~ai251/xstor.html](http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/~ai251/xstor.html) - Christmas Stories
- [www.lnstar.com/mall/main-areas/santafaq.htm](http://www.lnstar.com/mall/main-areas/santafaq.htm) - Santa FAQs
- [www.northpolesantaclaus.com/main.htm](http://www.northpolesantaclaus.com/main.htm) - North Pole
- [www.chebucto.ns.ca/~ai251/xart.html](http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/~ai251/xart.html) - Christmas Art
- [www.christmas.com/](http://www.christmas.com/) - Celebrating Christmas Around the World
- [www.santas.net/canadianchristmas.htm](http://www.santas.net/canadianchristmas.htm) - Christmas in Canada
- [www.kidsdomain.com/games/xmas.html](http://www.kidsdomain.com/games/xmas.html) - Christmas Games
- [www.rats2u.com/christmas/christmas\\_crafts.htm](http://www.rats2u.com/christmas/christmas_crafts.htm) - Christmas Crafts and Gifts
- [www.merry-christmas.com/recipes.htm](http://www.merry-christmas.com/recipes.htm) - Christmas Recipes
- [www.christmas.com/](http://www.christmas.com/) - Christmas Traditions Around the World
- [www.santaclaus.com/email.html](http://www.santaclaus.com/email.html) - E-mail Santa
- [www.christmas.com/worldview/](http://www.christmas.com/worldview/) - Christmas Around the World
- [northpole.net/world.htm](http://northpole.net/world.htm) - Christmas Around the World (again!)
- [www.kraftmstr.com/christmas/christmas.html](http://www.kraftmstr.com/christmas/christmas.html) - Christmas Stories
- [www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/xmas/around.html](http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/xmas/around.html) - Kid's Domain
- [www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/xmas/links.html](http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/xmas/links.html) - Christmas Links
- [www.rats2u.com/christmas/christmas\\_directories.htm#calendars](http://www.rats2u.com/christmas/christmas_directories.htm#calendars) - Advent Calendars
- [www.henry.k12.ga.us/pges/xmas\\_around.htm](http://www.henry.k12.ga.us/pges/xmas_around.htm) - Internet Scavenger Hunt
- [www.santaclaus.com/world.html](http://www.santaclaus.com/world.html) - More from Around the World

# Christmas Words

- What do these Christmas words mean and which country do they originate from?  
Use the resources in your library or search the Internet to find out.  
Refer to the Online Reference page (Page 4) for useful and informative Internet sites.

Noël .....

yule .....

wassail .....

carol .....

lebkuchen .....

frankincense .....

panettone .....

hallacas .....

bonbon .....

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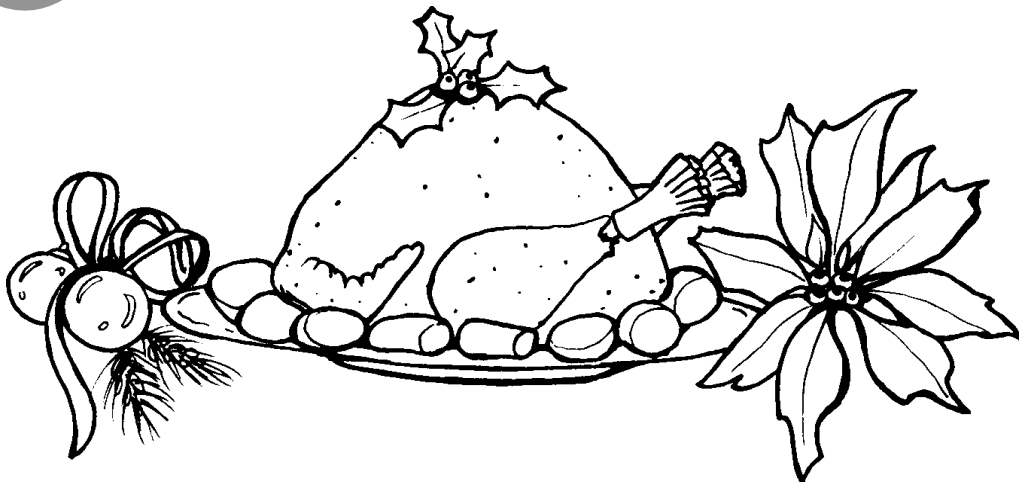
presepio .....

Piñata .....

posadas .....

Felis Natal .....

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# The People of Christmas

There are many different Christmas characters from all around the world.

Use the resources in the library or search the Internet to find out who these people were and what country they were from. Refer to the Online Reference page for some useful and interesting Internet sites. On another piece of paper do an illustration of what you think each character might look like.

**Kris Kringle**

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**Weihnachtsmann**

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**Swarte Piet**

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**La Befana**

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**Shengda Laoren**

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**Magi**

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**Jizo**

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