



Christmas Scavenger Hunt – World Book Student

Christmas is a day commemorated by Christians around the world. Learn more about this Christian celebration on the World Book Web and then find the answers to the following questions.

Find it!

1. What does Christmas commemorate?
2. When did Christians begin celebrating a religious feast based on Bible accounts of Jesus's birth?
3. What is Advent?
4. Where do some of the Christmas customs celebrated today come from?
5. Who was St. Nicholas?
6. Who is Ebenezer Scrooge?
7. During the 1800's in the United Kingdom and United States, many people who lived in urban areas away from their rural homes would do what to commemorate Christmas with their loved ones far away?
8. Christmas around the world. Match the country with their Christmas tradition.

United Kingdom	Christmas markets
South Korea and Japan	Bouche de Noel
Australia	Santa Claus
Ethiopia	Dia de los Reyes
Ireland	La Befana, a witch, delivering gifts
Germany	Elaborate, creative light displays
Mexico	Plum pudding
France	40 day fast (no food)
United States and Canada	Oplatek
Italy	Candles in windows
Poland	Huge carolling events

Did you know?

- The modern Santa Claus originated from Saint Nicholas, a bishop who lived in Turkey in 300's and gave gifts to children.
- During the Reformation in England, Christmas was outlawed between 1649 and 1660.
- Not all Christians celebrate Christmas on December 25. Some celebrate according to the Julian calendar where Christmas falls on January 7.
- Boxing Day (December 26) traditionally included giving money and other gifts to charitable institutions, needy individuals, and people in service jobs.

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- Click here to learn more about St. Nicholas!
<http://www.worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar390700>
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<http://www.worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar072980>

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ANSWERS:

1. The Nativity, the birth of Jesus Christ.
2. A.D. 300's
3. A period of four weeks during which Christians prepare spiritually for Jesus's birth.
4. Pagan, Roman Pagan and Early European customs.
5. St. Nicholas was a bishop who gained a reputation as a kindly man who helped people in desperate situations, especially children, by bringing them gifts.
6. Ebenezer Scrooge is a character in Charles Dickens story *A Christmas Carol*.
7. People living in urban areas would send greeting cards to their loved ones.
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