



**The Nation's Favorite Fun Family Newspaper  
Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet  
December Enrichment Activities  
Grades K-2**



**Students:** After reading "Connections," answer the following questions about Christmas and holiday celebrations around the world.

1. What are some of the different ways people celebrate the holidays?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why do people celebrate holidays differently?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What common characteristics do you see in all the celebrations?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. If you could create a new activity to celebrate the holidays you observe in your home, what would you do?

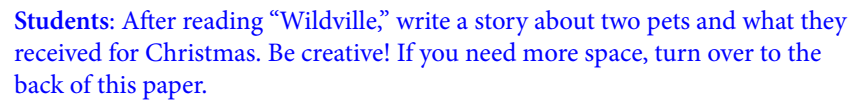
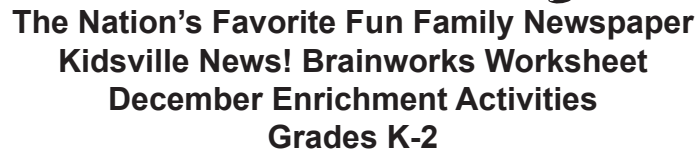


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**Students:** After reading “Around the World,” fill in the blanks below with the correct terms from the passage. The first letter of each answer is provided.

1. Las Posadas is a vibrant and meaningful t\_\_\_\_\_ that unites communities and celebrates the journey of M\_\_\_\_\_ and J\_\_\_\_\_ from Nazareth to Bethlehem and their attempts to find safe shelter before the birth of their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Joseph and Mary were unable to find lodging in B\_\_\_\_\_ and had to stay in a s\_\_\_\_\_ where J\_\_\_\_\_ was born.
3. The r\_\_\_\_\_ festival is celebrated primarily in M\_\_\_\_\_ between D\_\_\_\_\_ 16 and 24, but also in parts of the U\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ and elsewhere with high numbers of Mexican and Guatemalan i\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Posada is S\_\_\_\_\_ for “inn or lodging.” The celebration of Las Posadas involves a p\_\_\_\_\_ of carolers led by a small child dressed as an a\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The tradition can be traced back to the 16th C\_\_\_\_\_ when Spanish m\_\_\_\_\_ sought to teach native people about the Christian faith.
6. Over n\_\_\_\_\_ nights, participants reenact Mary and Joseph’s search for l\_\_\_\_\_, going from h\_\_\_\_\_ to h\_\_\_\_\_ in the community.
7. Those involved sing, carry candles and one pair dresses as the h\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_. Scripture is read during these visits, and mass—a series of p\_\_\_\_\_ and c\_\_\_\_\_ particular to the R\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_—is held each day after the procession.
8. Other things associated with Las Posadas include p\_\_\_\_\_, traditional f\_\_\_\_\_, n\_\_\_\_\_ scenes and c\_\_\_\_\_ involvement.

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**Answer Key**



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**Parents and teachers:** Answers are below.

**1. What are some of the different ways people celebrate the holidays?**

In Australia, they have seaside celebrations with seafood, beach visits and time outside. Krampus, a half-man, a half-goat creature, is celebrated with parades and other events in the mountain towns of the Austrian, German and Hungarian Alps. He is like a "bad Santa" figure. In Italian folklore, La Befana, a witch-like woman who, like Santa, delivers gifts to children throughout Italy except on Epiphany Eve instead of Christmas Eve, is a celebrated figure. Scandinavian and German cultures burn a Yule log for good luck and eat a Yule Log dessert cake.

**2. Why do people celebrate holidays differently?**

Christmas traditions look different based on where people live and their cultural traditions.

**3. What common characteristics do you see in all the celebrations?**

They are all fun and festive. Events and activities help people gather and spend time together.

**4. If you could create a new activity to celebrate the holidays you observe in your home, what would you do?**

Answers will vary.



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2. Joseph and Mary were unable to find lodging in Bethlehem and had to stay in a stable where Jesus was born.
3. The religious festival is celebrated primarily in Mexico between December 16 and 24, but also in parts of the United States and elsewhere with high numbers of Mexican and Guatemalan immigrants.
4. Posada is Spanish for “inn or lodging.” The celebration of Las Posadas involves a parade of carolers led by a small child dressed as an angel.
5. The tradition can be traced back to the 16th Century when Spanish missionaries sought to teach native people about the Christian faith.
6. Over nine nights, participants reenact Mary and Joseph’s search for lodging, going from house to house in the community.
7. Those involved sing, carry candles and one pair dresses as the holy couple. Scripture is read during these visits, and mass—a series of prayers and ceremonies particular to the Roman Catholic Church—is held each day after the procession.
8. Other things associated with Las Posadas include pinatas, traditional foods, nativity scenes and community involvement.

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