Christmas Around the World

Christmas traditions • Form time • KS3–KS4 • 15 minutes

THE FILM'S QUESTION

If the traditions all look so different, what is the same underneath?

Watch and match

5 MIN

Watch the film. Match each example to Australia, Ethiopia, Iceland or Mexico. Use each country once.

Example from the film	Country
A group sings at a door during Las Posadas.	
Some families share a Christmas Day picnic by the sea.	
Orthodox Christians celebrate Genna on 7 January.	
Some families read the books they exchanged on Christmas Eve.	

Same and different

5 MIN

Choose two examples from the film. With a partner, or in quiet notes, name one way they differ and one thing they might have in common. Give a detail from the film to support your idea.

Make room for someone

5 MIN

Plan one way to welcome someone at an end-of-term gathering or an ordinary lunch break. What would you do, and how could people join in if they wanted to? You can invent an example.

Answers in order are Mexico, Australia, Ethiopia and Iceland. Invite sharing without expecting anyone to explain what they or their family celebrate.

Mexico's Ministry of Culture on Las Posadas

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