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How Is Christmas Celebrated Around the World?

Visual lesson



Like you, everywhere?

Luca's tree has a golden star on top, for the star in the Christmas story. Dara looks at it. "Does everyone in the world have Christmas just like you?" Grandma Bea spins her old globe. "Let's find out!"





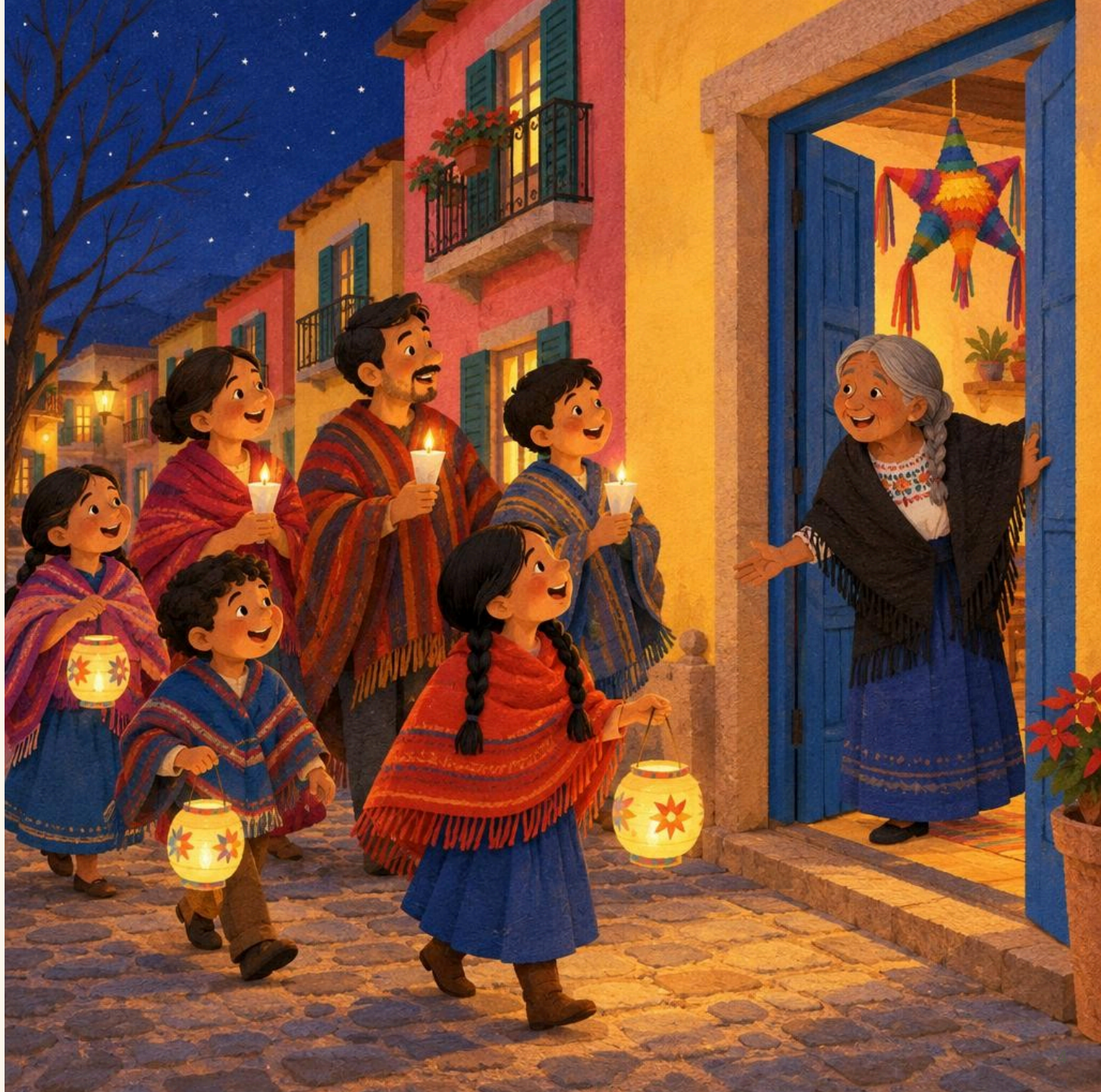
The Philippines

In the Philippines, families hang big, bright star lanterns called parols at their windows and doors. The Christmas season there is one of the longest in the world. Christmas songs start in September!

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> Why do you think a parol is shaped like a star?

Mexico

In Mexico, for nine nights before Christmas, families walk from house to house, singing. They are acting out Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay. At the last house, everyone is welcomed in. This is called Las Posadas.





Germany

In Germany, many children have an Advent calendar. It has a little paper door for each day before Christmas. Every morning, they open one door to find a picture or a treat inside.

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Three stars on the globe

Back at the globe, Luca sticks a tiny paper star on each place: the Philippines, Mexico and Germany. Grandma Bea turns the globe again. "Now let's go a long way south."





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Australia

In Australia, many families spend Christmas Day at the beach! They have a picnic on the sand, play games and keep cool in the shade.

TALK ABOUT IT

Why can families go to the beach at Christmas in Australia?

Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, many Christians celebrate Christmas on the seventh of January. People wrap themselves in soft white cotton shawls and go to church, some before the sun comes up.

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> Christmas in Ethiopia is on the seventh of January. Is that before or after the twenty-fifth of December?





A star at our window

Five stars on the globe! Christmas looks different all over the world. But almost everywhere, it means light, family and giving. So Luca and Dara make their own paper star lantern, for Luca's window. Which idea would you try?

Check your wonder

1 **What is a parol?**

- **A.** A star lantern from the Philippines
- **B.** A Christmas song from Mexico
- **C.** A paper door on a calendar

2 **In Las Posadas, who are the families acting out?**

- **A.** Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay
- **B.** The wise men following the star
- **C.** Children opening calendar doors

3 **Why is Christmas hot in Australia?**

- **A.** It is summer there in December
- **B.** Christmas is in July there
- **C.** Everyone stays at the beach all year

4 **True or false: every Christian celebrates Christmas on the twenty-fifth of December.**

- **A.** False
- **B.** True

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A 4-A

1. Yes! Parols glow at windows and doors. 2. That's it. At the last house, everyone is welcomed in. 3. Yes! In the south of the world, December is summer. 4. Yes! In Ethiopia, many Christians celebrate on the seventh of January.

THE END

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