

# CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



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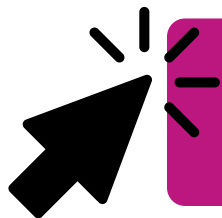
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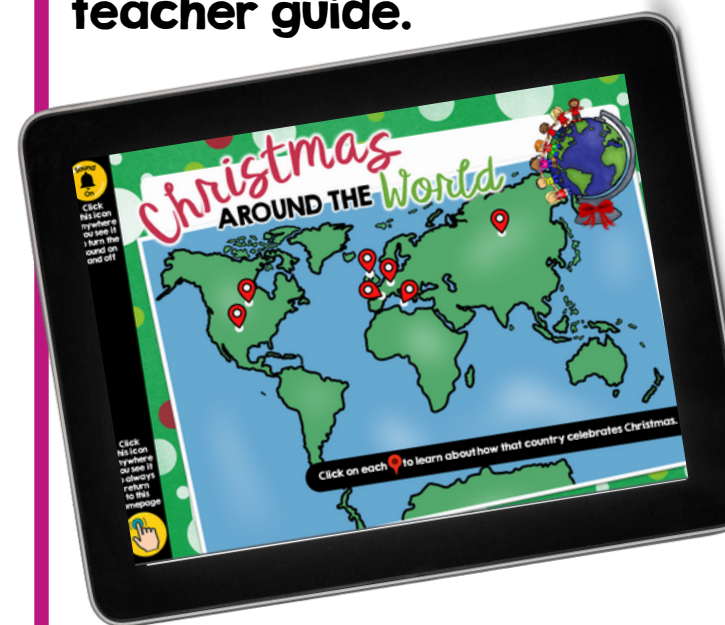
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Your students are going to love this hands-on approach to learning about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries around the world including their customs and traditions, holiday foods, and location of the country. Resources includes a LINKtivity® digital learning guide, a student lapbook, answer key, a rubric, and a teacher guide.





## Holiday Foods

The French typically have their main holiday meal on Christmas Eve after a midnight church service. At their meal they often serve roast turkey or goose, oysters, chestnuts, and a variety of cheeses. Desserts include cakes and candies. One of the most popular desserts is the *bûche de Noël*, which means "Christmas log." This cake represents the tradition of burning a log on Christmas Eve through New Year's Day as a sign of good luck. This late-night feast is called *Le Reveillon*.

- oysters**  
type of seafood
- escargot**  
cooked snails
- la galette des rois**  
pastry with almond cream inside
- turkey**
- bûche de Noël**  
a chocolate sponge cake made in the shape of a log

## Holiday Traditions

In many parts of France, Christmas celebrations begin on December 6, known as *Saint Nicholas Day*. The celebrations continue on through early January.

Click on each image below to learn more about each tradition.

**Joyeux Noël!**  
(jo-way-oo No-el)  
translation: "Merry Christmas!"

**King cake**

**La Crèche**

**Shoes by the Fireplace**

**Le Pere Foettard & Saint Nicholas**

Click here to listen to "Petit Papa Noël" - Little Santa Claus, a popular Christmas carol sung in French.

**Meilleurs vœux!**  
(may-yur voo)  
translation: "Season's Greetings!"

## La Crèche

Nearly every home in France displays *la crèche*, or the Nativity scene with baby Jesus, his parents, as well as shepherds and wise men. The French nativity scene also includes village people, not commonly found in other cultures, to represent everyone welcoming the baby Jesus. The figurines in a French Nativity scene are called *santons*.

It is French tradition to display the Nativity scene until February 2, a day known as *La Chandeleur*.

a French Nativity Scene

## Holiday Snapshots

Santa Parades, Toronto, Canada

A Christmas market in Quebec

Ottawa, Canada

Ice Skating

A mummer in a silly costume

## Christmas In The United States

Where in the World?

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The United States? Foods Traditions Snapshots

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## Crackers

Christmas crackers are a holiday favorite in England. Inside the cracker wrapper are paper hats, silly jokes, sweet treats, and other small toys. To open the cracker, you pull on both ends in opposite directions. As it breaks in half, it makes it makes a crackling sound, giving this holiday tradition its name: the cracker. A cracker is often placed next to each plate at the Christmas feast table.

Some crackers have been made to be quite large, needing the strength of several people to open it. The world's largest Christmas cracker was 207 feet long and 13 feet wide! A group of children and their parents at a school in the United Kingdom put it together. Can you imagine the crackling sound it made?!

Click HERE to learn how to make your own Christmas cracker!

## Where in the World is England?

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Continent: Europe  
Capital: London  
Flag:

England is the most populated country in Europe. It is part of the section of Europe referred to as the United Kingdom which also includes Scotland, Wales, and parts of Ireland. Most of England has land of rolling hills and plains. In the northern section it becomes more mountainous with a chain of mountains called the Pennines.

## Babushka

*Babushka* means "grandmother" in Russian. During Christmas time a Russian legend is told of an old woman who met three wise men, or kings, on their way to see baby Jesus.

Click HERE to listen to this legend.

## La Befana

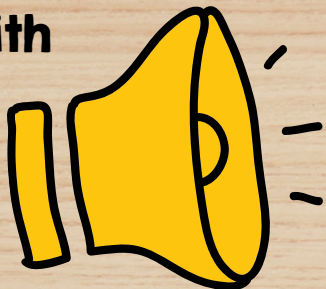
After Christmas, Italians celebrate Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Epiphany is celebrated to remember the Three Kings that came to visit the baby Jesus, bringing him gifts.

On Epiphany night, children believe that an old lady named Befana brings presents to them. Children hang up stockings by their fireplaces for Befana to fill. In many families, the main day for gift giving is on Epiphany instead of Christmas.



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# Printable & Digital Student Lapbook

## Printable Flipbook for LINKtivity



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## Rubric



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