Nonfiction passage

Christmas in Mexico

All over the world, Christmas is celebrated in different ways. Some people celebrate with Santa Claus, some people celebrate with Christmas trees, some people celebrate the birth of Jesus, some people celebrate with presents. Let's take a look at how people celebrate Christmas in Mexico.

In Mexico, people mostly celebrate Jesus around Christmas time. Some people do have Santa Claus as part of the decorations, but mostly the focus is the birth of Jesus.

Christmas is celebrated from December 12 until January 6. Families will decorate their homes with Christmas trees, Christmas stockings, and Nativity sets. Nativities are a very big part of the Christmas tradition. Most families have one and they are often very big. Some figures are even life-size! In Mexico, they gave the three wise men names. Their names are Melchor, Gaspar, and Balthasar. Families leave the *pesebre* empty. A *pesebre* is a manger. Baby Jesus does not get added to the Nativity until Christmas Eve. Poinsettia flowers are known as Christmas Eve flowers in Mexico. They are used to decorate churches, homes, and stores around Christmas time.

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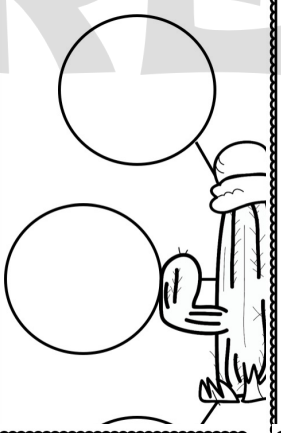

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1. Jesus: _____

2. Christmas Trees: _____

3. Christmas Stocking: _____

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Christmas in Mexico Vocabulary

6. Pesebre: _____

7. Poinsettia: _____

8. Posadas: _____

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11. Pozole: _____

12. Bizcochitos: _____

13. *Ponche navideño*: _____

14. Tamales: _____

15. Midnight Mass: _____

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Christmas Stocking	Bizcochitos	Christmas Tree
Gaspar	Nativity	Pesebre
Posadas	Maria	Baltasar
Pozole	Melchor	Piñata

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Christmas in Mexico

1. Who is the most important figure during Christmas?

2. How long do Christmas celebrations last in Mexico?

3. List three items Mexican family use to decorate?

4. What are the names of the three wise men?

5. What is a pesebre?

6. What flowers are seen in Mexico during Christmas?

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One interesting fact about Christmas in Mexico is...

During Christmas in Mexico, people...

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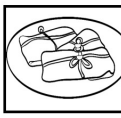

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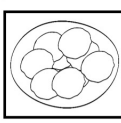

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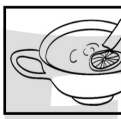

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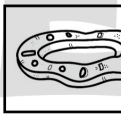

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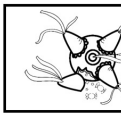

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