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Religious Studies
Christmas Celebrations around the World (Part 2)
Christmas and Hanukkah



Hanukkah

Christmas vs. Hanukkah

Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God, and the savior of all people. With the birth of Christ, Christianity essentially began; thus, Christmas also celebrates the beginning of Christianity.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday celebrates for eight days and nights. It starts on the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev, which coincides with late November – late December on the secular calendar.

Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish festival, which commemorates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC. Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ. Hanukkah is called the "Festival of Lights", and Jesus is referred to as the Light of the World. Hanukkah is an eight-day celebration while Christmas is a twelve-day feast. Both celebrations take place around the same time and gifts giving is a part of both.

Christmas is an excellent season for people of all cultures to come together as one. Communities could be transformed if individuals work together.

A spirit of unity can be created at Christmas in many ways. Some ways are through caroling in the community, giving gifts to the less fortunate, feeding the poor and so on.



Hanukkah



Christmas

Write **true** or **false** for each statement.

1) _____ Christmas is a Jewish festival.

2) _____ Christmas is Christian festival.

3) _____ Caroling means going through the community singing Christmas songs.

4) _____ Caroling means going through the community giving gifts to people.

5) _____ Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday.

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Fill in the blank spaces with the correct word.

6) Jesus is the _____of God.

7) Jesus is the _____ of all people.

8) Hanukkah is also called the _____.

9) At Hanukah, Jesus is referred to as the _____.

Answer each question.

10) Name **<u>two</u> (2)** things that is celebrated at Christmas.

_____ and _____

11) What does Hanukkah commemorate?

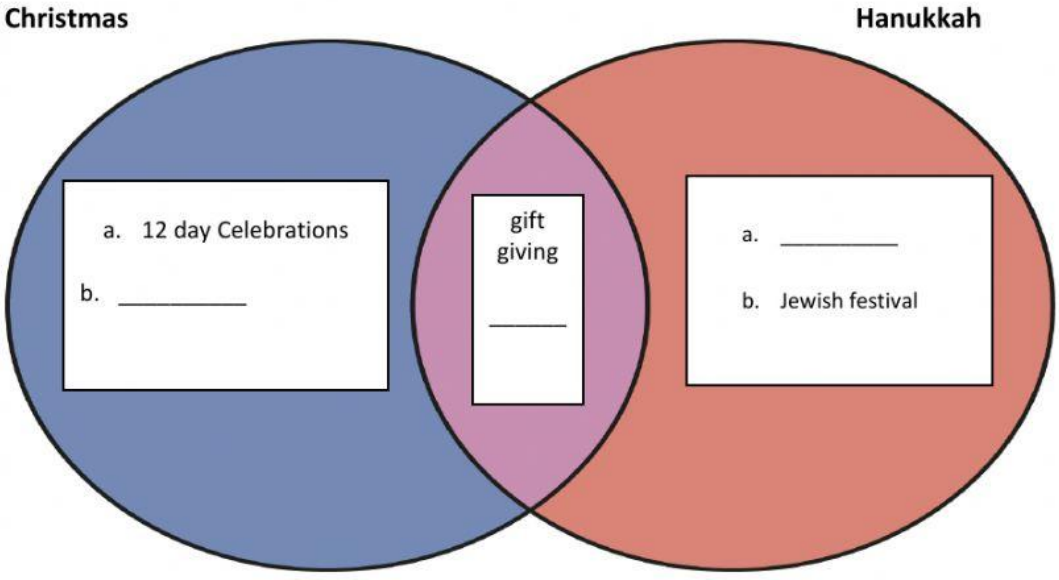
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12) Give **<u>two</u> (2)** ways in which the spirit of unity can be shown during Christmas time?

i. _____

ii. _____

13) Complete the Venn diagram comparing information about Christmas and Hanukkah. Some are done for you.



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