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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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 Hanukkah, Jesus is referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer each question.

- 10) Name **two (2)** things that are celebrated at Christmas.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- 11) What does Hanukkah commemorate?

\_\_\_\_\_

- 12) Give **two (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.

