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Season of Lights Activity Booklet



Diwali
Hannukah
Christmas



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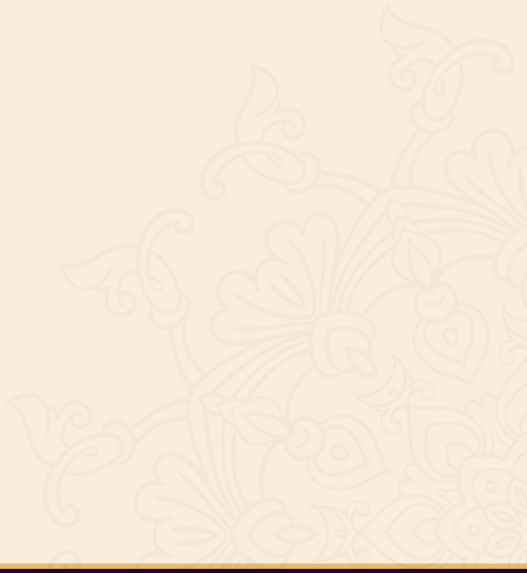


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Diwali

- Diwali is the festival of lights and marks the start of the Hindu New year and the story of Ram and Sita.
- According to Hindu tradition, Rama saved the Princess Sita from the demon Ravan, with the help of Hanuman (the monkey king) and the two of them were then aided by the villagers who lit lamps for them to find their way home. It is a celebration of light over evil.



Find out more by visiting www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/zjpp92p



Christmas

- Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, believed by Christians to be the son of God.
- Though Christmas commemorates a sacred religious holiday, it is also a day for secular festivities and the winter celebrations predate the birth of Jesus.
- Christmas is a time of light and a celebration commemorating life, harvest and exchanging gifts.

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Hannukah

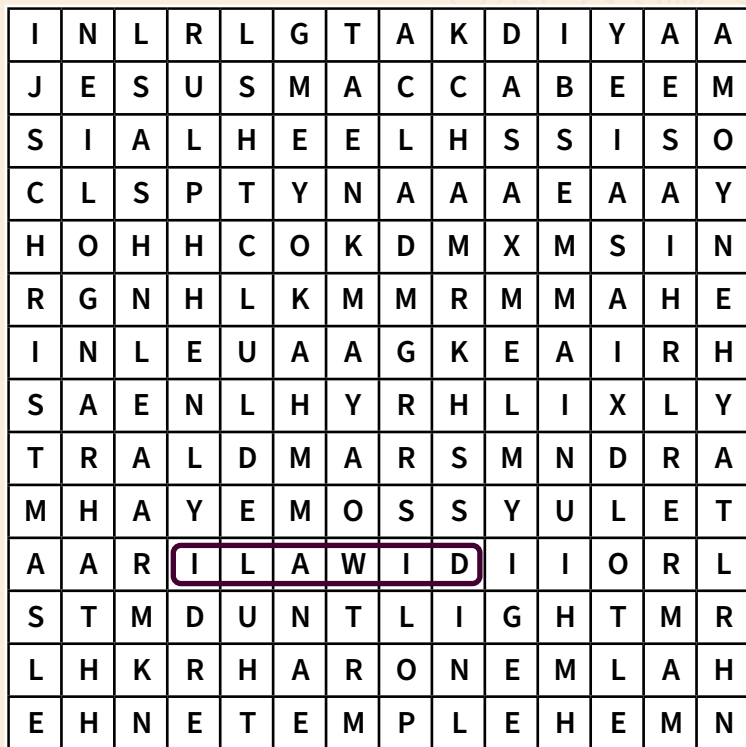
- Hanukkah celebrates a miracle that took place in Jerusalem following the victory of the small number of Maccabee Jews against the large army of the Syrian King Antiochus, who would not let the Jews practice their religion in accordance to the 10 Commandments.
- Once victorious, the Jews repaired their broken temple and rededicated it to God by lighting a lamp. The Jews only had enough oil for one lamp which miraculously lit for the period of 8 days and this is why it is Jewish tradition to light a candle for each of the 8 days Hanukkah.



Find out more by visiting www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwhfg8/articles/zj446v4

Things to Do

Word Search

~~DIWALI~~

RANGOLI

SITA

DIYA

LAXMI

HANUKKAH

MACCABEE

MENORAH

DREIDEL

TEMPLE

CHRISTMAS

JESUS

LIGHT

YULE

MARY

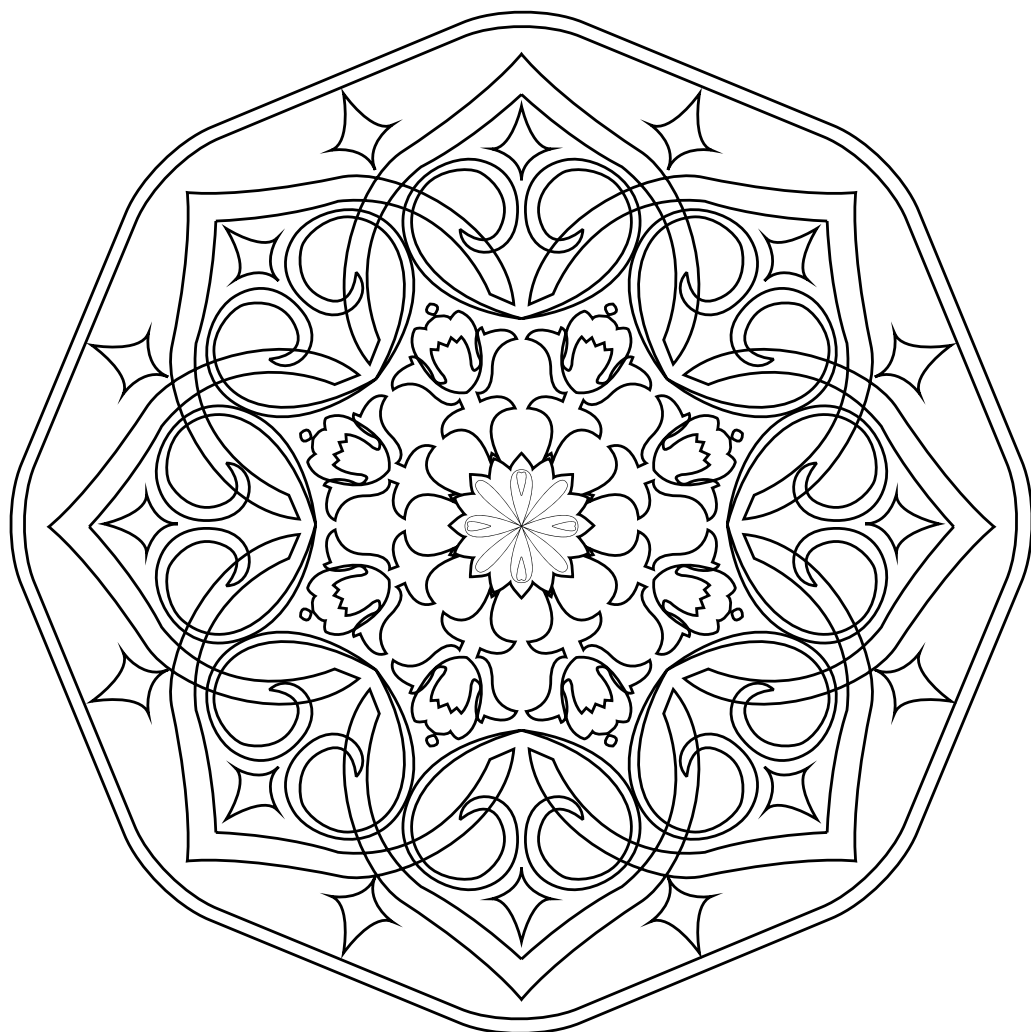
Search up, down, forward, backward, and on the diagonal to find the hidden words.

Be Creative

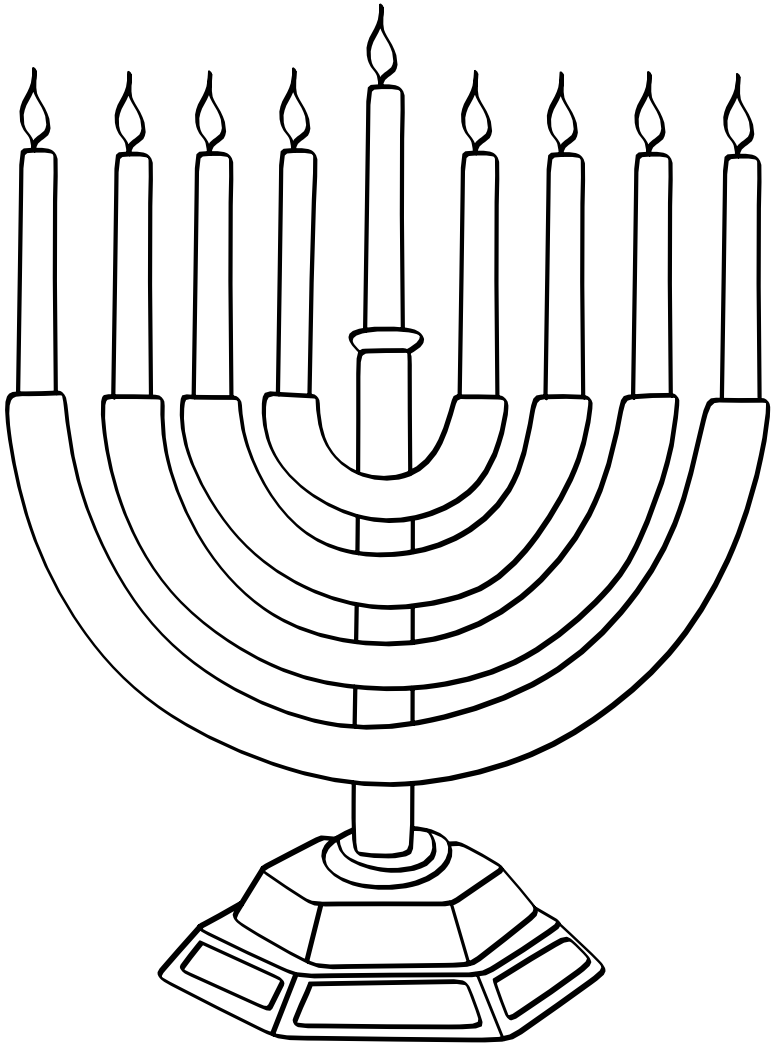
Write a poem or a story about one of the three festivities from what you have learned about them.



Rangoli



Print out and colour in



Hanukkah

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Christmas



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Recipe

Basic Iced Biscuits



Preparation time
less than 30 mins

Cooking time
10 to 30 mins

Makes 24 biscuits

Ingredients

100g/3½oz unsalted
butter, softened at
room temperature

100g/3½oz caster sugar

1 medium free-range
egg, lightly beaten

1 tsp vanilla extract

275g/10oz plain flour

To decorate

200g/7oz icing sugar

3-4 tbsp water

2-3 drops food
colourings

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/170C Fan/Gas 5. Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.
2. Cream the butter and sugar together in a bowl until combined. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract, a little at a time, until well combined. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract, a little at a time, until well combined, then stir in the flour and bring together to form a dough.
3. Roll the dough out on a lightly floured work surface to a thickness of 1cm/½in. Using biscuit cutters, cut biscuits out of the dough and carefully place onto the baking tray.
4. Bake for 8-10 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to harden for 2 minutes, then cool on a wire rack.
5. For the icing, sift the icing sugar into a large mixing bowl and stir in enough water to create a smooth mixture. Stir in the food colouring.
6. Carefully spread the icing onto the biscuits using a knife and set aside until the icing hardens.