

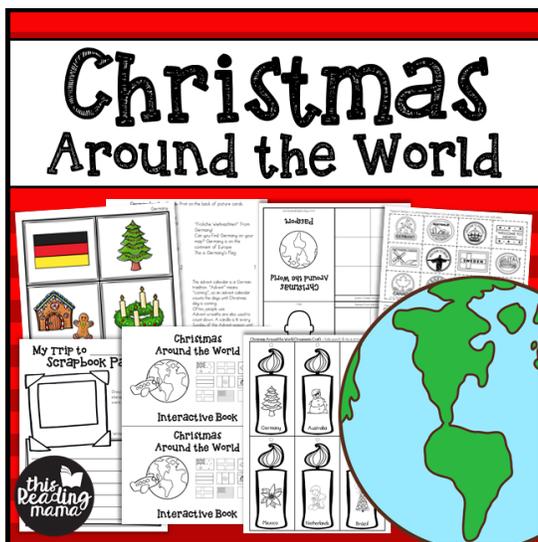
Christmas

Around the World

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- *Christmas Around the World & Holidays Around the World Book lists

*The main learning objectives in this pack are: to help learners see similarities and differences in themselves and others, explain the importance of celebrations and folklore, compare traditions of different cultures, use geographic tools to locate places in the world, and use literature to help learners understand diverse cultures.

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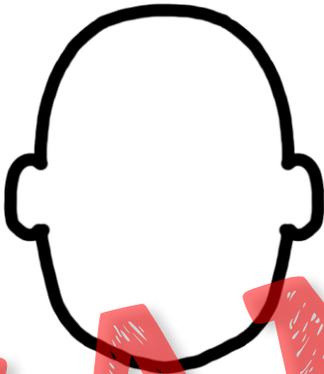
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Passport



Christmas Around the World

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Birthday:

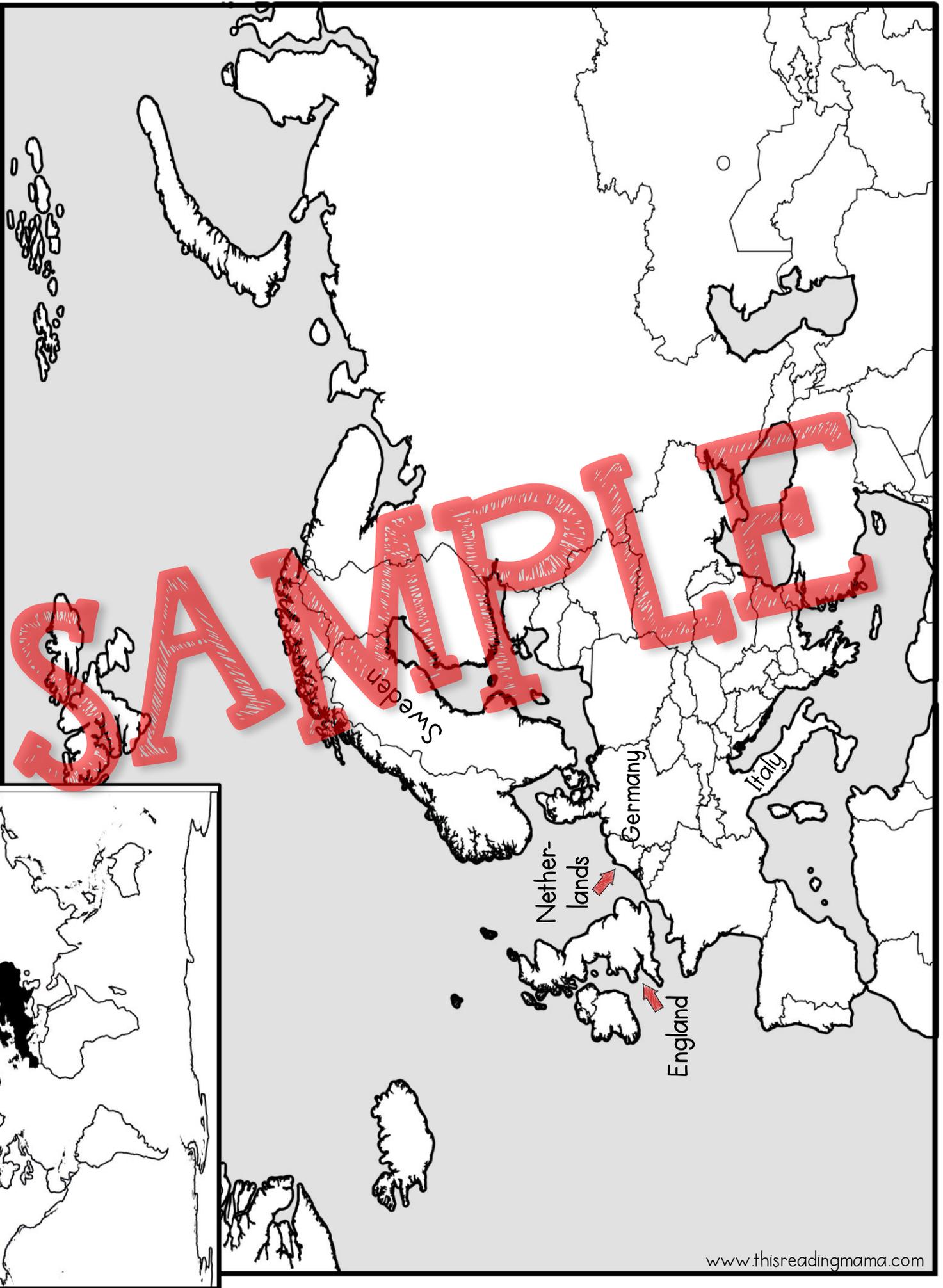
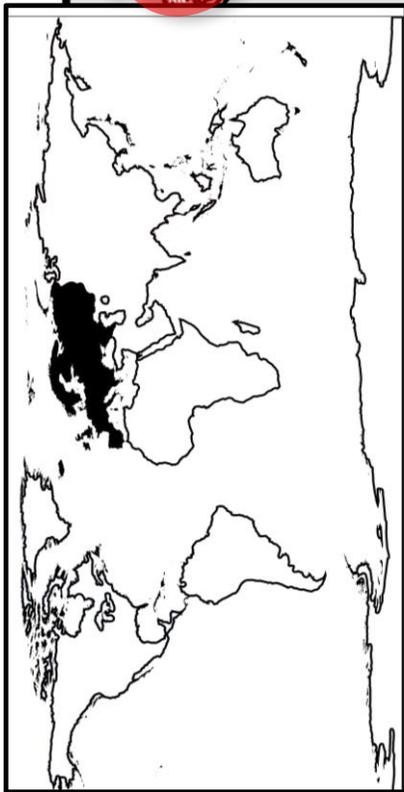
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Christmas Around the World: Europe



The Netherlands

Teacher Read Aloud

"Zalig Kerstfeest!" from the Netherlands!

Can you find the Netherlands on your map? It is on the continent of Europe, close to another country we've been to, Germany. (Big map on pg. 14 of download)



For most people, Christmas Day is not the biggest celebration in the Netherlands. For them, it is St. Nicholas' Day, which is December 6th. Before December even comes, Sinterklaas and his helper come in on a steamship from Spain. There are parades, parties, and church bells ring, to celebrate his arrival.

Sinterklaas rides a white horse and delivers presents to all the good boys and girls on St. Nicholas Eve.

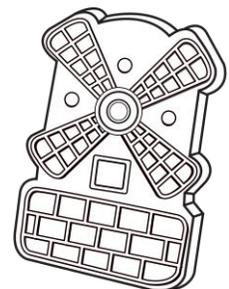
Zwarte Piet travels with Sinterklaas. It is said that he keeps a record of the nice and naughty children. He goes down the chimneys (hence the soot on his face) and delivers presents for the good children.

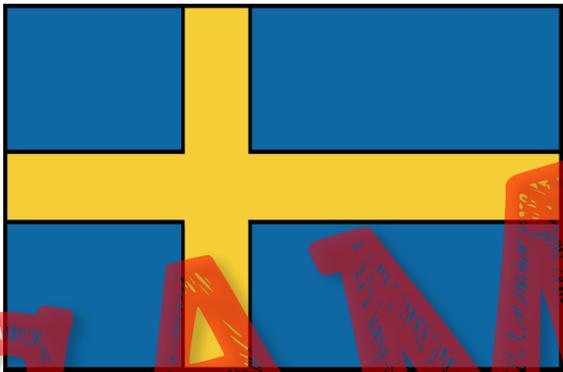


To prepare for Sinterklaas' arrival on St. Nicholas Eve, children leave treats in their shoes for his horse. These treats might include carrots, hay, or sugar.

Christmas Day itself is much quieter, since St. Nicholas Day is more of the focus. One Christmas tradition people enjoy is making candy wreaths that are hung as decoration on the trees.

Speculaas are a spiced, shortcrust cookie or biscuit served throughout the Christmas season, especially on St. Nicholas Day. They usually take the shape of St. Nicholas or a windmill.





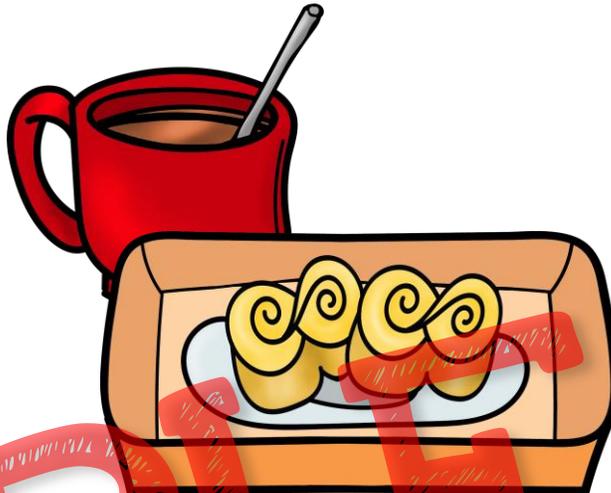
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Advent candles and Advent stars can be found in windows of churches and homes. The Advent candles count down the days until Christmas while the star reminds them of the star the Wise Men followed. They also add light to the darkness, as Sweden has limited daylight this time of year.

"God Jul!" from Sweden.

Can you find Sweden on your map? It is in northern Europe right between Norway and Finland.

This is Sweden's flag.

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"St. Lucia" sings carols while she serves a special breakfast to her family of coffee and *lussekatter*, which is a pin-wheel shaped roll or bun. Yum!

The feast of St. Lucia is celebrated on December 13th.

The custom honors an old story. The oldest girl dresses in a white robe with candles on her head. Star boys go with her.

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It is believed that a gnome, known as *Tomte*, lives under the house. He rides his straw goat and delivers gifts from his sack on Christmas Eve. He often includes a funny riddle that gives hints to what's inside the gift.

January 13th is St. Knut's Day, which marks the end of the Christmas season. During this holiday, decorations are taken down and the Christmas tree is thrown out.

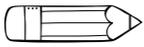
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"Happy Christmas!" from England



Listen & glue.



Write something you remember about Christmas in England below.

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"Feliz Navidad!" from Mexico



Listen & glue.



Write something you remember about Christmas in Mexico below.

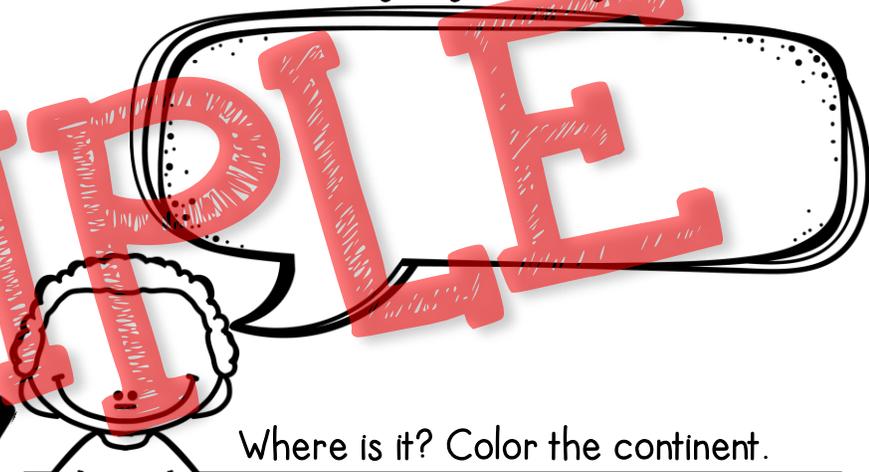
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Christmas in _____

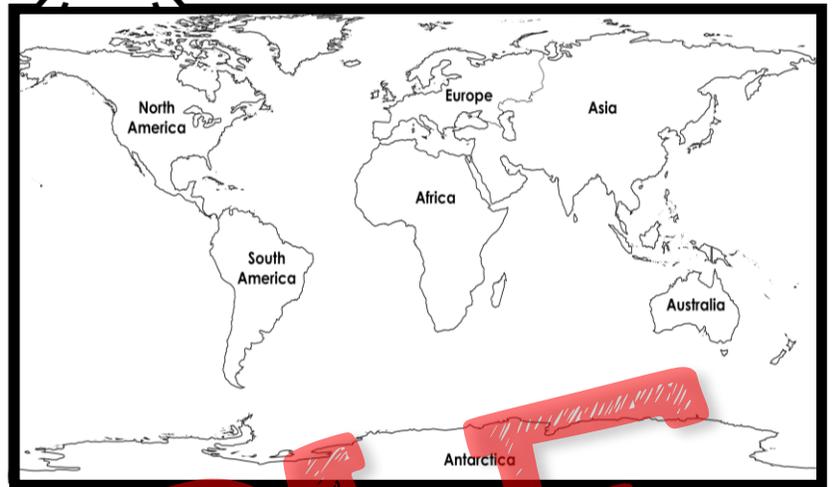
How do they say, "Merry Christmas!"?



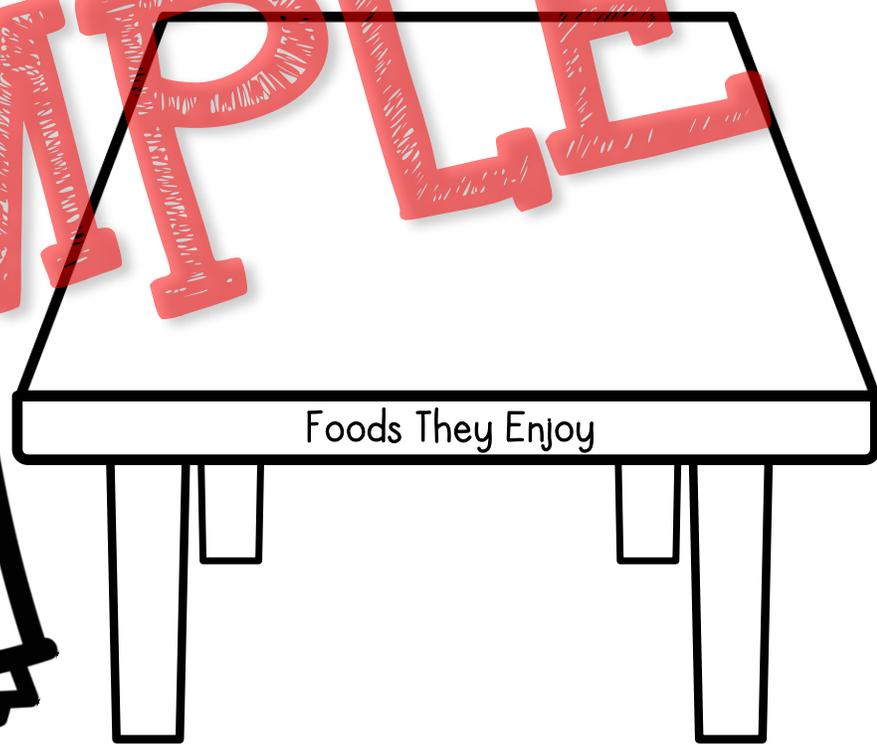
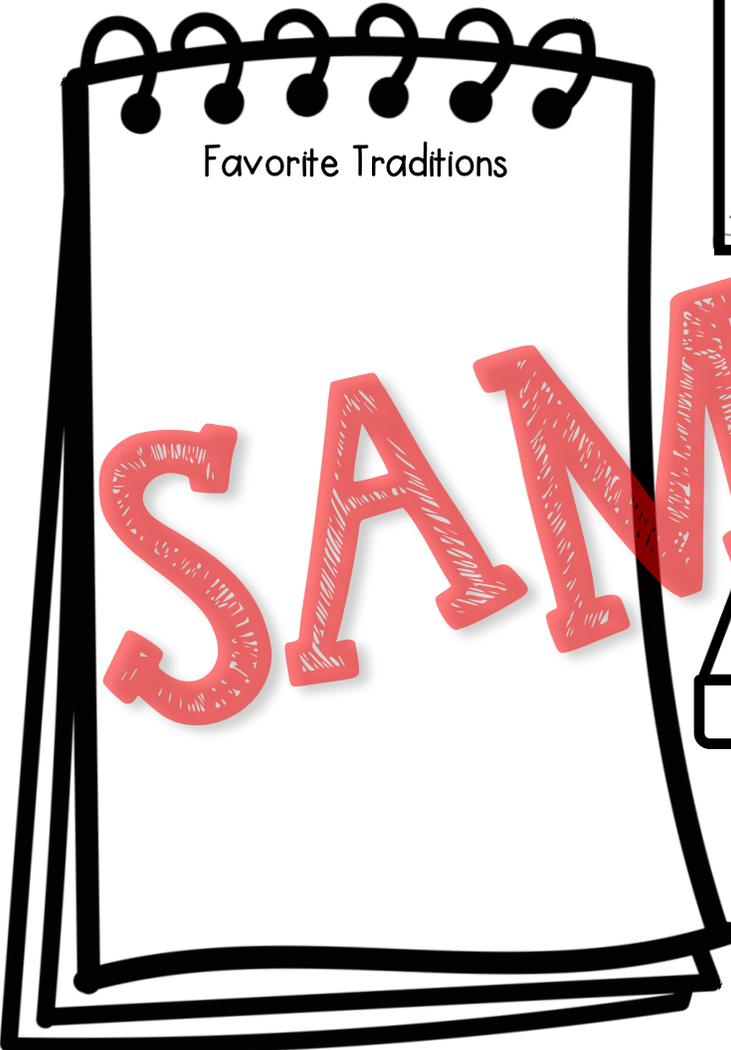
Name of Gift Giver



Where is it? Color the continent.



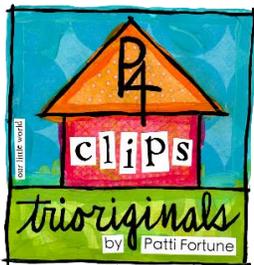
Favorite Traditions



Foods They Enjoy

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