

Engelsk

Læs og forstå om jul



My name: _____

Class: _____

Christmas



What is Christmas?



Christmas is about love and being together.

We celebrate with family and friends. We eat good food, give presents, and dance around the Christmas tree.



At Christmas we celebrate and remember the birth of Jesus. It is the biggest winter celebration, and is also about bringing light and hope in the darkest time of the year.



The exact date of Jesus' birth is not known. In Christianity, people believe he was born at night between December 24th and 25th. In some countries, like Denmark, Christmas is celebrated on December 24th - but in other countries the celebration is on December 25th.



Christmas is about:
(circle the correct answer)



getting many presents



love and being together

"Christmas" and "jul"



Christmas

The word "Christmas" comes from "Christ" and "mass". A "mass" is when people come together in the church to pray, sing and remember Jesus.

Jul

In danish, Christmas is called "jul". It is an old nordic word that means "celebration".

"Jul" was celebrated by the vikings even before Jesus was born. The Vikings celebrated that the days were getting brighter.



What did the vikings celebrate?

The birth of Jesus

Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem near Jerusalem. The king wants to count his people, so everyone has to come to the city where they are born. Joseph is from Bethlehem, so they go there.

Mary is pregnant and will have her baby soon. They want to rest, but there are no rooms anywhere. They go from door to door without any luck.



At last they find a stable to stay in, where Mary gives birth to her baby, Jesus. Jesus is placed in a manger. A manger is a kind of food bowl for animals.

Three wise men had heard about the birth of Jesus. An angel had told them that he was God's son. They follow the guiding star to the stable where they find Jesus. They bring presents.

manger = krybbe

stable = stald

Three Kings Day

Three Kings Day (also called the Epiphany) is on January 6th.

On this day, we remember how the three wise men found Jesus in Bethlehem and gave him presents. Later, in the Christian church, they were called kings.



In some countries children get their Christmas presents on this day.

What did the three wise men do, when they found Jesus?

Advent and Lucia

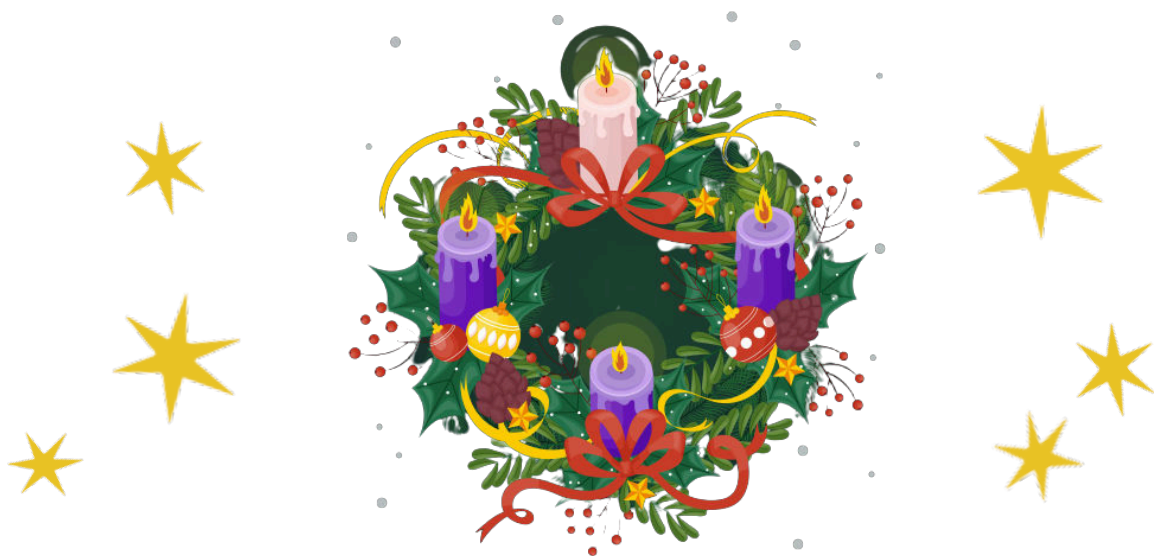
Advent:

During Advent, we get ready for Jesus' birth. Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas Eve. They are called the first, second, third and fourth Advent.

In many homes, people light a candle for each Advent. It is like a count down for Christmas Eve.

Lucia Day:

Lucia Day is on December 13th. It is a day when we celebrate light and Saint Lucia. People celebrate by having a Lucia parade with lights and singing.





Christmas traditions and food



Christmas means many traditions. Some are different from family to family, while others are found in most families.

At Christmas many families eat a lot, and much of it is sweet. Here are some of the foods we traditionally eat in Denmark at Christmas:

Draw a line from the text to the picture



Roast pork

Roast duck

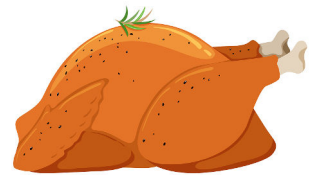
Red cabbage

Potatoes

Rice pudding

Cherry sauce

Cookies



Christmas traditions

Traditions often change over time. Many years ago, most people went to church at Christmas. Today not everybody goes to church.

Draw or write about the Christmas traditions that you and your family have.





Santa Claus



Santa:

Santa Claus (or just "Santa") is a man that all kids know. It is said, that on Christmas Eve, he comes down the chimney and puts presents under the Christmas tree.



Santa is big and round with a white beard. He comes to houses in a sleigh pulled by reindeer, with Rudolph leading the way. He makes the presents in his workshop with help from the elves.



The story of Santa Claus comes from a real person, Saint Nicholas, who lived hundreds of years ago. He was a kind man, who gave presents to poor children. Santa's look, especially the red color, comes from Coca-Cola ads.



Who was Saint Nicholas?

The Christmas tree

In most Danish homes the Christmas tree is placed in the living room. The tree is usually decorated with lights, hearts, flags, and a star on top.

The star is a symbol of the bright star that was shining over Bethlehem when Jesus was born.

The Christmas tree was first seen in Germany in the 1500s. More and more people started putting the tree in their homes, and the tradition came to Denmark.



Today, we dance around the Christmas tree and sing Christmas songs before we open the presents that are under the tree.

How do you decorate your Christmas tree at home?
(draw or write)



The Christmas holidays



Little Christmas Eve:

Little Christmas Eve is on December 23rd, the day before Christmas Eve. On this day, families get ready for Christmas. They decorate the tree or prepare the food.



Christmas Day and Boxing Day:

Christmas Day is on December 25th, the day after Christmas Eve. In Denmark most people open their present on Christmas Eve, but in many other countries, people open presents on the morning of December 25th.

Boxing Day is on December 26th. Many families have Christmas lunch together on this day.

On both days, we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Circle the right answer.

1. December 23rd is called **Boxing Day** / **Little Christmas Eve**.
2. Boxing Day is **December 25th** / **December 26th**.
3. **Everybody** / **Danish people** open presents on Christmas Eve.

Questions

For many danish people, Christmas is the highlight of the winter season. When it's cold and dark outside, it's nice to "hygge".



Draw a circle



1. What does "jul" mean?

a) celebration b) birth c) the tree of life



2. Where was Jesus born?

a) in a stable b) in a hospital c) at a hotel

3. Where was the Christmas tree first seen?

a) in Norway b) in Germany c) in Greenland

4. From where did Santa Claus get his look?

a) the King b) God c) Coca-Cola



Draw the story of Jesus' birth

The story of how Jesus was born is one of the most known stories in the Bible. It is told every year at Christmas in many homes and schools.

Draw the story of Jesus' birth. Include:
the stable, Maria and Josef, a manger and the three wise men





Questions



People celebrate Christmas for different reasons. What do you think is the most important thing about Christmas?



Which Christmas traditions have you read about?





Do you know any other Christmas traditions?



True or false

Read the sentence. Is it true or false?

Draw a cicle.



1. Maria and Josef went to Betlehem.



2. "Advent" is the five sundays before Christmas.



3. Everybody in the world open their presents on December 24th.



4. Lucia Day is on December 13th.



5. All families have exactly the same traditions for Christmas.



Write five things about Christmas

Not everyone in Denmark celebrates Christmas. People from other religions have their own holidays and celebrations.



Now you have learned a lot of things about Christmas.
What do you remember?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

