


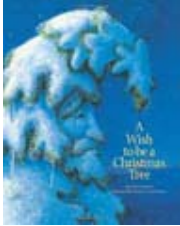

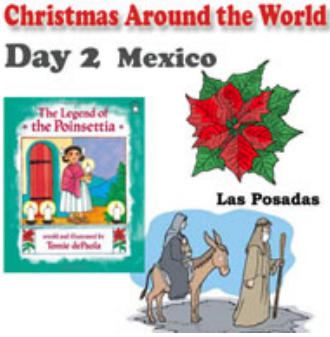

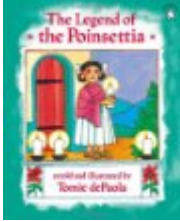



Focus:					
Letters: S for Santa	Numbers: 7, 9	Color/Shapes: triangle	Math Concepts: Count to 10/25	Literacy Concepts: Rhyming	Sight Words: he, she, get, was, on, has, some, not, had

<p>Classroom Decoration and Play Areas:</p> 	<p>Block Area:</p> <p>Encourage children to construct a fireplace for Santa to visit.</p>	<p>Snack Ideas:</p>
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<p>Block / Dramatic Play Center:</p> <p>Santa's Workshop In the house corner add a small Christmas tree (two foot), plastic decorations, wrapping paper, tape, boxes, etc. Provide toys, dolls, etc. Place boxes on shelves and wrapping paper, tape, safety scissors and ribbons on a table.</p> <p>Let your children pretend to be elves working in Santa's workshop to get all the toys ready for Christmas. Let them pick out boxes add toys and then wrap them to put under your Christmas tree. Ask parents to donate ribbons, boxes, and wrapping paper.</p>	<p>Science:</p> <p>World Map</p> 	<p>Fine Motor Skills:</p> <p>Christmas Tree Decorating</p> 
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	Large Group Time	Small Group	Literature	Art
MO	<p>Focus: <i>Christmas Tree and Christmas Traditions</i></p> <p>Preparation: World Map, Santa pin Santa 10 Days Travel Advent Calendar Small gift box with a small Christmas tree or fresh pine twig inside.</p> <p>Day 1 Lesson Plan</p> <p>Christmas Around the World Day 1 The Christmas Tree</p> 	<p>Christmas Tree Activities/Games</p> 	<p>Story Time Book: Book: A Wish to Be a Christmas Tree.</p> 	<p>Name Christmas Tree</p> 
TU	<p>Focus: <i>Mexico – Las Posadas, Poinsettia</i></p> <p>Preparation: Place a silk poinsettia flower inside a gift box.</p> <p>Day 2 Lesson Plan</p> <p>Christmas Around the World Day 2 Mexico</p> 	<p>Mexico activities, crafts, games</p> 	<p>Book: The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola</p> 	<p>Hand Print Poinsettia</p> 

WE

Focus: Africa – Kwanzaa – Corn

Preparation:

Place a red, black, and green candle or an ear of corn inside a gift box.

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Christmas Around the World

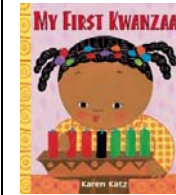
Day 3 KWANZAA



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[Book: My First Kwanzaa](#)



Kwanzaa Sun Catcher



TH

Focus: Israel – Hanukkah – Dreidel

Preparation:

Place a Dreidel inside the gift box.

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Day 4 Hanukkah



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[Book: Latkes, Latkes, Good to Eat: A Chanukah Story](#)



[Handprint Menorah](#)



FR	<p>Focus: <i>Australia –Weather / Kangaroo</i></p> <p>Preparation: Place a pair of sunglasses inside the gift box.</p> <p>Day 5 Lesson Plan</p> <p>Christmas Around the World Day 5 Australia</p> 	<p>Christmas in Australia info, crafts, activities, games</p> 	<p>Book: Wombat Divine</p>  <p>Six White Boomers</p> 	<p>Kangaroo candy cane craft</p> 
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MO	<p>Large Group Time</p> <p>Focus: <i>Germany – Gingerbread – Advent</i></p> <p>Preparation: Place a gingerbread man or cookie for each child inside the gift box.</p> <p>Day 6 Lesson Plan</p> <p>Christmas Around the World Day 6 Germany</p> 	<p>Small Group</p> <p>Christmas in Germany info, crafts, activities, games</p> 	<p>Literature</p> <p>Book: The Gingerbread Man</p>  <p>The Gingerbread Man Booklet</p> 	<p>Art</p> <p>Gingerbread House Craft</p> 
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TU

Focus: Netherlands –Sinterklaas

Preparation:

Place a small shoe inside the gift box.

Day 7 Lesson Plan

Christmas Around the World

Day 7 Netherlands



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[The Baker's Dozen: A Saint Nicholas Tale](#)



[Sinterklaas Puppet](#)



WE

Focus: Sweden - Candles

Preparation:

Place a white candle inside the gift box. Collect a variety of candles and place inside a basket.

Day 8 Lesson Plan

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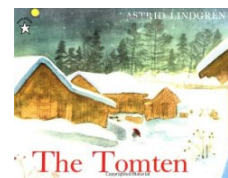
Day 8 Sweden



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Book: [The Tomten](#)



[St. Lucia Crown Craft](#)



TH

Focus: England – Bells – Carolers

Preparation:

Place a jingle bell inside the gift box.

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Story Book:
[The Polar Express](#)



[Jingle Bells Music Sheet](#)



FR

Focus: Christmas Traditions – Santa and his reindeers

Preparation:

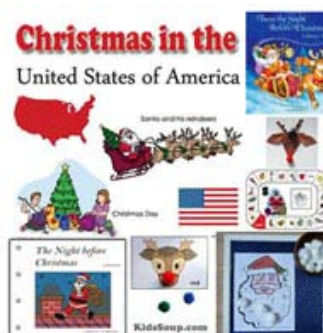
Place a small reindeer or small red pompom inside the gift box.

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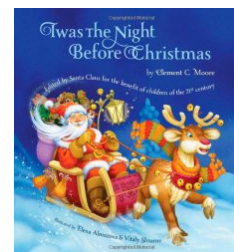
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Book: [Twas the Night Before Christmas:](#)



[The Night Before Christmas](#)
Emergent Reader



[Santa Surprise](#)



