

lunchbox love notes: holiday fun facts



Did you know. . .

In Mexico,
Christmas
is called
Navidad.

Did you know. . .

In **Mexico**, the
main Christmas
celebration is
the **posadas**,
and for nine
nights, children
play the **piñata**
game.



Did you know. . .

In **Ethiopia**,
Christmas
has its own
sport—
genna.
Genna is like
hockey.



Did you know. . .

In **China**,
Christians light
their houses
with '**trees of
light**'. Trees are
decorated with
paper chains,
flowers, &
lanterns.



Did you know. . .

In **China**,
Santa
Claus is
called
**Dun Che
Lao Ren.**

Did you know. . .

The tradition
of **Christmas
trees** began
in **Germany**
500 years
ago.



Did you know. . .







In **Germany**,
children
listen for **Kris
Kringle** to
ring a bell
after he
leaves gifts
behind.



Did you know. . .

In **Lebanon**,
children
leave water
and grain on
their
doorsteps for
the **Christmas
camel.**

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 <p>Did you know. . .</p> <p>In Sweden, they celebrate St. Lucia Day and the Festival of Light.</p>	<p>Did you know. . .</p> <p>In Sweden, the oldest girl in the family dresses in white with an evergreen wreath with 7 candles on her head. She carries coffee & buns to her family.</p> 	 <p>Did you know. . .</p> <p>On Christmas in Australia, families eat a picnic lunch at the beach.</p>	 <p>Did you know. . .</p> <p>In Russia, Christmas is called Sviatki.</p>
 <p>Did you know. . .</p> <p>In Russia, the gift-giver is Grandfather Frost. He and his granddaughter, Snow Maiden give gifts to children.</p>	<p>Did you know. . .</p> <p>We give gifts on Christmas to celebrate Jesus's birthday and show our love.</p> 	<p>Did you know. . .</p> <p>An angel told Mary that she would have a baby named Jesus. Mary and Joseph were so happy.</p> 	 <p>Did you know. . .</p> <p>Jesus was born in a stable because the inns were all full.</p>

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