



Mi pasaporte de Navidad

Read, trace, color: traditions from 8 Spanish-speaking countries



Christmas around the map

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How to use

1. Find the country on the map.
2. Read the word one syllable at a time and trace it.
3. Color the picture and read about the tradition.
4. Color the passport stamp: ¡visitado!

For grown-ups

Christmas is la Navidad everywhere, but every country celebrates its own way. Each page is a stop on the trip: a word to read and trace, a picture to color, a tradition and a Christmas food. Read the tradition aloud and ask: "Which one would you like to try?" At the end there's a page about the nativity scene's three names, and one for your own family's traditions. No Spanish needed.



Una Navidad, muchas tradiciones.

Christmas words from 8 Spanish-speaking countries, from the ¡A LEER! series.

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el Belén

the nativity scene



LA TRADICIÓN

Families set up el belén: a tiny town around the nativity scene, with shepherds, animals, houses and sometimes even a river. Kids sing villancicos (Christmas carols).

LA COMIDA

el turrón: a sweet bar made with almonds and honey

Read it: el be-lén

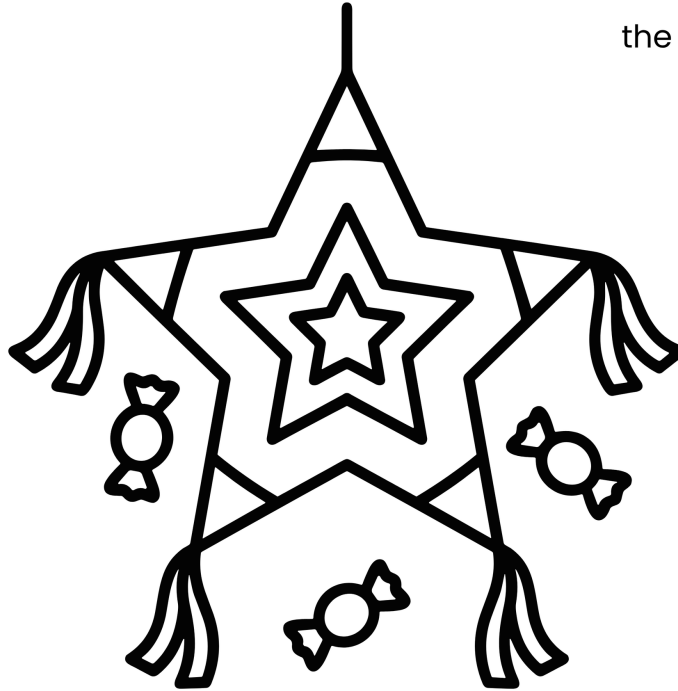




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la piñata

the piñata



LA TRADICIÓN

Las Posadas: for nine nights, from December 16 to 24, neighbors walk from house to house singing, remembering Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay. The party ends with a piñata!

LA COMIDA

los tamales: corn dough with a filling, steamed in corn husks

Read it: la pi-ña-ta

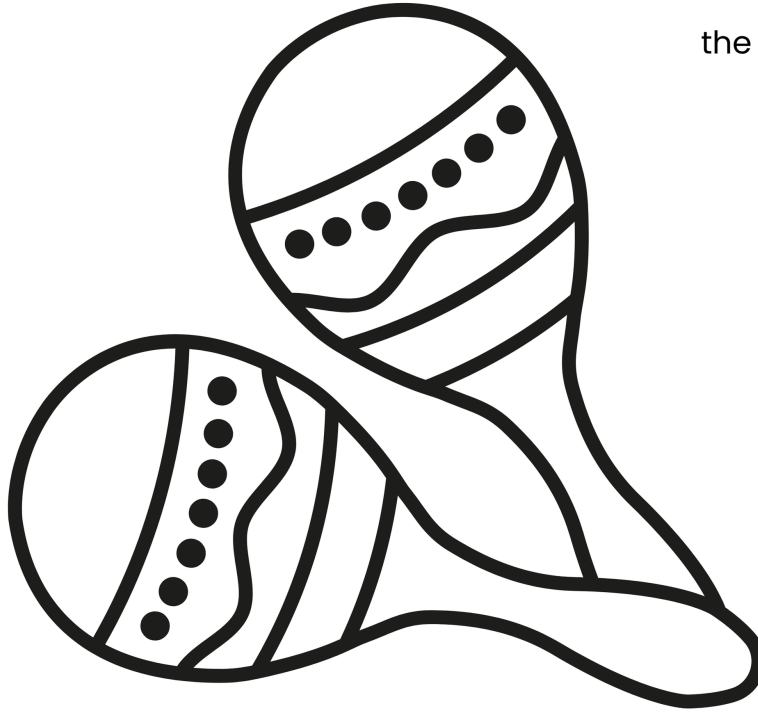




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las maracas

the shakers



LA TRADICIÓN

Las parrandas: friends surprise a family late at night, singing aguinaldos (Christmas songs) with maracas, a güiro and a cuatro (a small guitar). The family joins in, and the party moves on to the next house!

LA COMIDA

el arroz con dulce: creamy coconut rice pudding with cinnamon

Read it: las ma-ra-cas

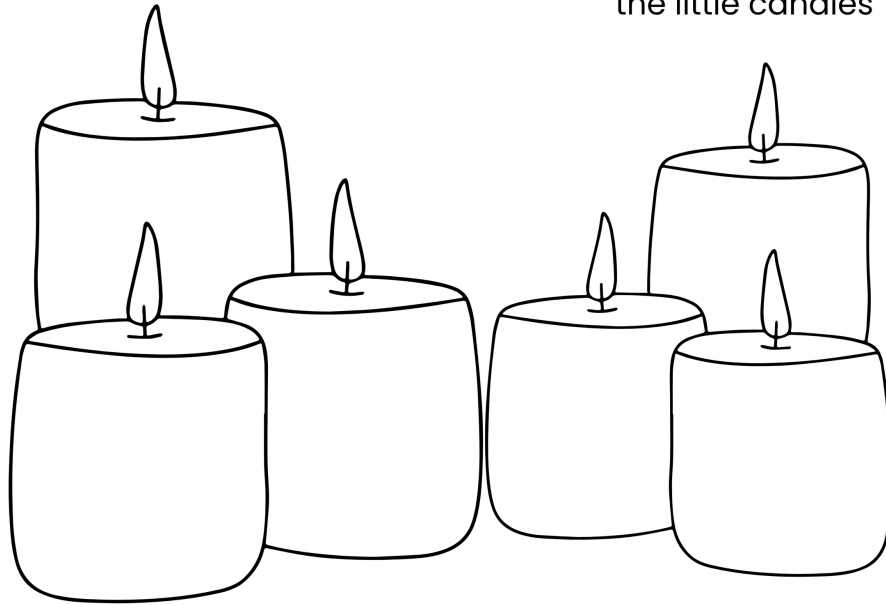




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las velitas

the little candles



LA TRADICIÓN

El Día de las Velitas: on the night of December 7, families light candles and paper lanterns (faroles) on windows, balconies and sidewalks. It opens the Christmas season.

LA COMIDA

los buñuelos: round, golden fried balls made with cheese

Read it: las ve-li-tas

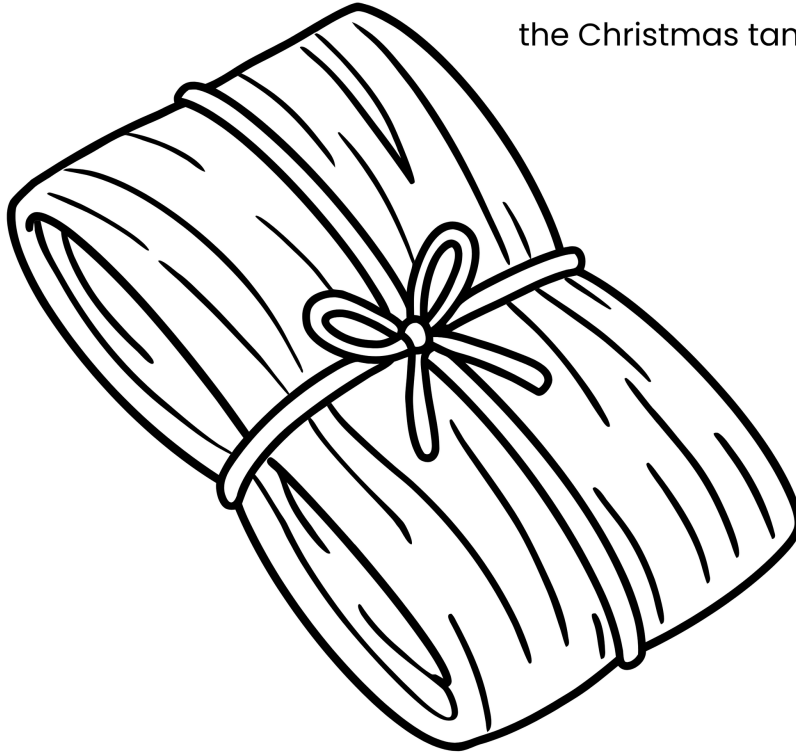




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la hallaca

the Christmas tamal



LA TRADICIÓN

Making hallacas is a family job: one person spreads the dough, another adds the filling, another wraps and ties. Gaitas, happy Christmas music, play all December long.

LA COMIDA

la hallaca: corn dough with a stew filling, wrapped in plantain leaves and tied with string. The h is silent!

Read it: la ha-lla-ca

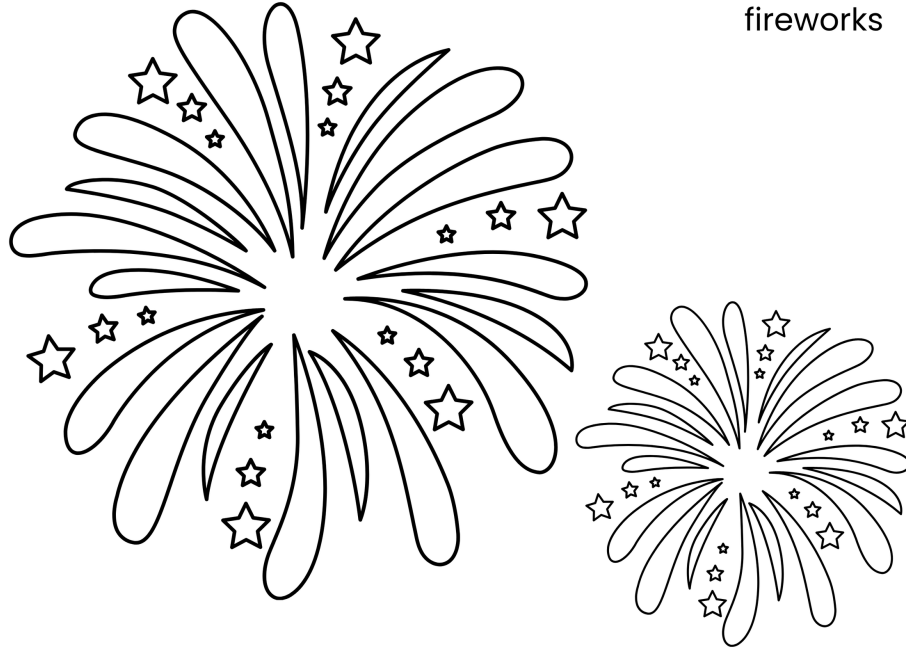




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Fuegos artificiales

fireworks



LA TRADICIÓN

At midnight on Nochebuena (December 24), the sky fills with fireworks. When the noise stops, everyone hugs and says ¡Feliz Navidad!

LA COMIDA

el ponche de frutas: a warm fruit punch with cinnamon

Read it: los fue-gos ar-ti-fi-cia-les





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taza de chocolate

cup of chocolate



LA TRADICIÓN

La chocolatada: neighbors, schools and churches get together to share hot chocolate and panetón, and often gifts for children who need them.

LA COMIDA

el panetón: a tall, soft sweet bread with dried fruit

Read it: la ta-za de cho-co-la-te

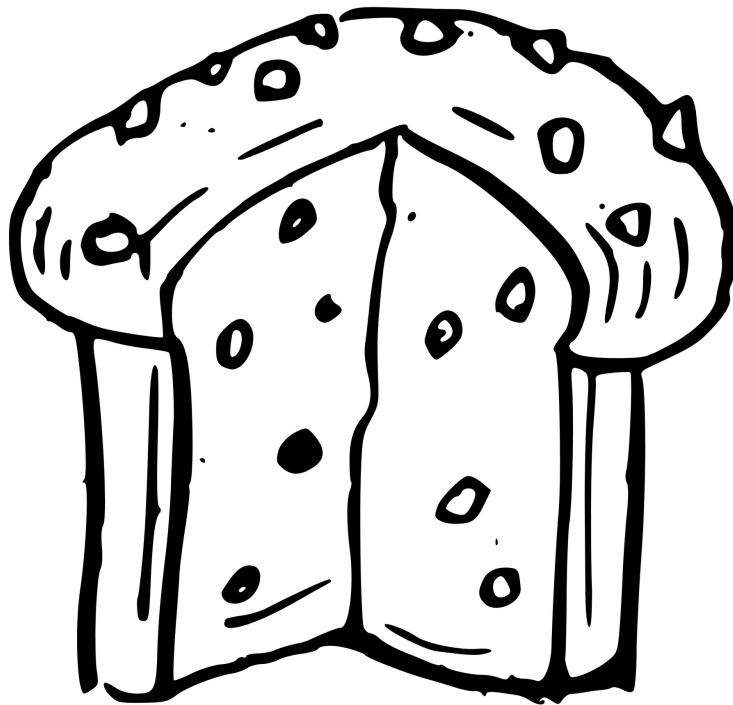




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el pan dulce

the sweet bread



LA TRADICIÓN

In Argentina, Christmas is in summer! Families often eat dinner outdoors on Nochebuena and watch fireworks at midnight.

LA COMIDA

el pan dulce: a sweet bread with dried fruit and nuts

Read it: el pan dul-ce



One scene, three names

el pesebre

the nativity scene



The nativity scene is at the heart of Christmas in Spanish-speaking homes, but its name changes from place to place:

el belén

el be-lén

Spain

el nacimiento

el na-ci-mien-to

Mexico and Central
America

el pesebre

el pe-se-bre

Colombia, Venezuela,
Argentina and more

Nombre: _____

MI NAVIDAD

¿Cómo celebras la Navidad?

How do you celebrate Christmas at your house? Draw it!



En mi casa comemos...

Mi tradición favorita es...

In my family, we...



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