

PROMISE KIDS

THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE

The air is getting cooler and the leaves are beginning to fall. In the stores we are seeing candy and costumes. Pilgrims and cornucopias, Christmas lights, Santa, and lots of red and green. The holidays are here. Have you ever thought about what holidays are like for children in other countries? Do they celebrate the same holidays as us? What kind of holidays do they celebrate? Every country has its own holidays that started in that country.



KID'S CHALLENGE

Take the challenge and send the money you save to Children of Promise. Make a difference in another kid's life.

- * In many countries they don't have Christmas trees. Give one dollar for each Christmas tree you have in your house.
- * In most countries tree ornaments cost too much. They have only paper ornaments, if any. Give one penny for every ornament you have on your Christmas tree or around your house to decorate.
- * In India the children receive only three presents for Christmas. They get one outfit, a cup, and a plate. Give 10 cents for every gift you receive.

MIND MIXERS

Fill in the blanks with the highlighted letters.

"Glory to ___ in the _____, and on earth peace to ___ on whom His _____ rests."

Luke 2:14 (NIV)



Holidays in other countries:

- * Moldova has a holiday on June 1st called "The Children's Day". The whole country celebrates with many festivities, including a concert. The Bread of Life Home in Moldova enjoys a fun day at the park on Children's Day. Many countries in Latin America also celebrate this holiday.



- * In Kenya the children celebrate Boxing Day on December 26th. On this day they play games and enjoy one another's company.

- * The homes in Cambodia have plays and musicals using instruments native to the region during the Christmas season.



- * December 12th is Independence Day in Kenya. That is the day that Kenya received its independence from the British colonies. The children play different games and enjoy traditional songs and dances of their country. Most of the time, the dancers wear animal skins—typical clothes worn at the time of the country's independence.

- * In one of our homes in India (The Home of Hope) the children do a street procession on Christmas and Easter, proclaiming the good news that Jesus is alive to all of the unsaved in that city.



- * In India the people celebrate 33 festivals honoring different Gods and Goddesses of the Hindu religion. The artwork in the picture below is done in one of the festivals. It was made by pouring colored chalk that has been crushed into the designs drawn on the ground. This picture took hours to create and lasted only one day.



- * Christmas is celebrated on January 7th in Moldova.

- * The children in Kenya gather together on Christmas Eve to sing and recite their favorite Christmas songs for prizes. Many times they also enjoy an outing of some kind as a family.

