

Called to Wonder

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DECEMBER

December is a special time for Christians; a time to celebrate the birth of Christ. Some of the people in your community or at your school may not celebrate Christmas. They may be from a different country or have a different religious faith. It is important for us to respect others. Let's find out more about two special December Holidays...



HANUKKAH (or Chanukah)

Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights or Feast of Dedication, is a Jewish holiday that is celebrated for eight days. Jews light candles, eat latkes, play with dreidels and give money or gifts. Here is an easy Hanukkah craft for you to try:

Milk Carton Dreidel

You will need:
pencils, glue, paint and paintbrushes, small milk cartons.
Fold tops of milk cartons down to make boxes. Mix a little glue with paint and let children paint boxes. Poke pencil through box from top downward so point is on bottom. Now spin and enjoy!



RAMADAN

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. During the month, Muslims fast (do not eat) from sunrise to sunset. In the evening and in the morning before the sun comes up, they eat small meals. During this month, they take extra time for family, inner reflection, and spiritual growth. Read the poem below to learn more about Ramadan!

A Ramadan Poem

The holy month of Ramadan
For the Muslims has begun
Praising God through the day
from dawn to dusk we fast and pray.
We pay Zakat (Charity) for those in need,
trying our best to do good deeds.
When the sun has set, and day is done
I'll break the chain, but only one.
By the end of Ramadan,
this whole chain will be all gone!
It's time to celebrate and share in the fun!!!



Holiday Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the diverse and interesting world we live in.
Help us to respect each other and celebrate our differences. Make
me a channel of your peace this December.

Amen.

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