

# Merry Christmas



The most popular of Christian observances is Christmas. Christmas is celebrated throughout the world as people decorate their homes and Christmas trees, send cards, sing carols, attend religious services, feast with family and friends, and exchange gifts.

Did you know many of the Christmas traditions observed in the United States originated in other countries? Find datelines in the Herald-Leader for five countries that celebrate Christmas. Then research to see if any American Christmas traditions originated in those countries. Share your findings with others.

Since Christmas is one of the busiest, hectic times of the year, write a letter of advice to someone who wants to know how to slow down and enjoy the season. Look at the Herald-Leader advice columns for suggestions.

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