



First time in a long time

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Let's make Christmas count!

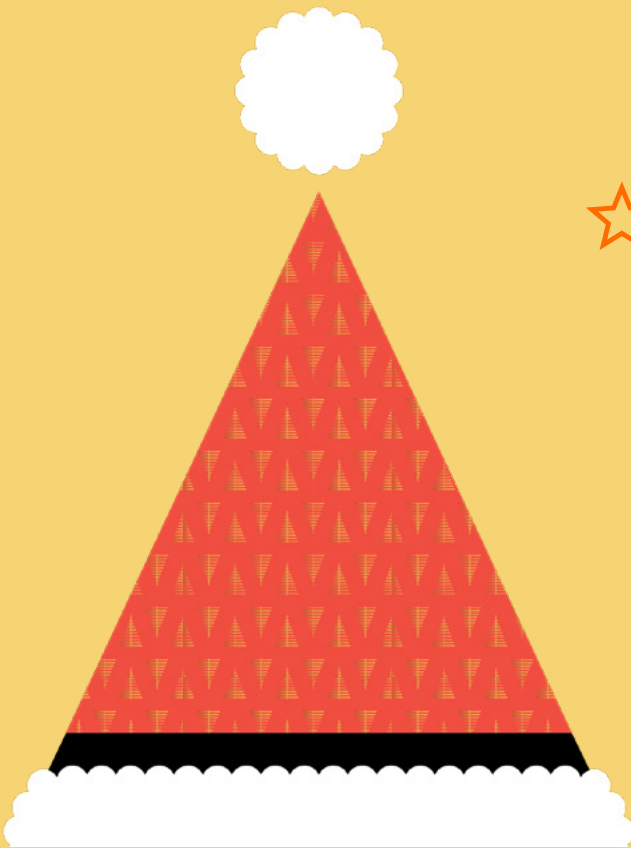


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RED SILK AND SOCKS:

Christmas is in summer in Brazil, so Papai Noel, who is the Brazilian Santa, wears a red silk suit. Children hang a sock near a window and if they have been good, Papai Noel will exchange it for a gift. Homes, churches and stores put a nativity scene, known as presépio, on display, and all decorations and Christmas trees stay up until 6 January, the Three Kings Day, which marks when the three wise men visited Jesus and gave him gifts. Why not take a moment to give thanks for some of our greatest gifts this year!





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NOCHE BUENA:

Latino cultures across the world celebrate “the good night” a day before Christmas, where they stay awake all night and prepare feasts of traditional dishes like a whole roast pig and hot noodle soup. The meal is often accompanied by music, dancing and even fireworks! Recreate this lively get-together at home with your loved ones (or over Zoom!) with your choice of dishes. Upbeat music that your guests can groove to is a must-have!

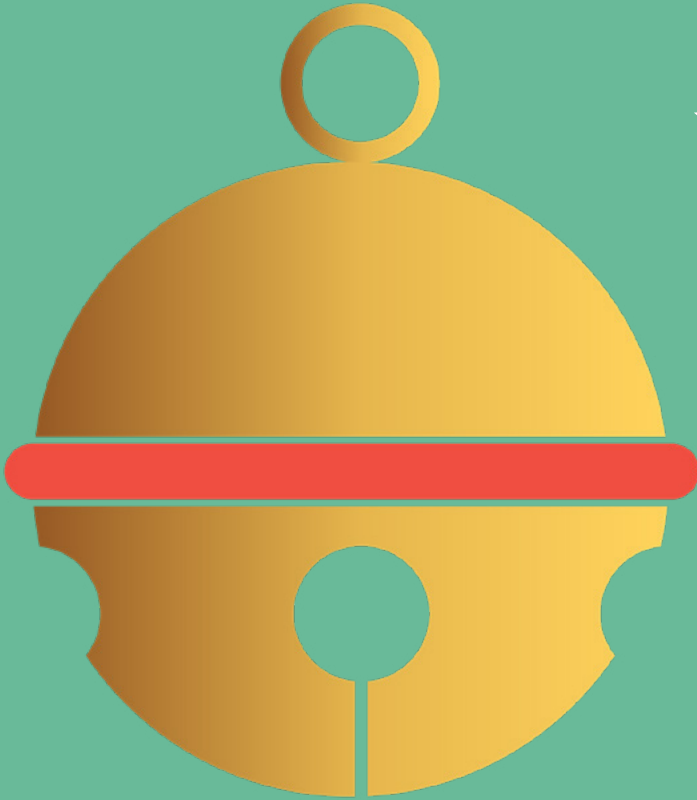




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FEAST OF THE THREE KINGS:

In the Philippines, Christmas isn't over until January! The Feast of the Three Kings, also known as the Epiphany, is the celebration of the day the Three Kings reached Jesus' manger. It also marks the last day of the Christmas season. Host a feast to celebrate Epiphany with your loved ones using some fresh ideas here!



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CELEBRATE LESOTHO-STYLE:

Christmas in Lesotho is loud and colourful! Children wake up before dawn on Christmas morning, because they believe watching the first rays of sunshine will give them joy throughout the day. The women wear their traditional patterned blankets and dance the “Mokhibo”, kneeling on the ground and moving their shoulders to the music. Pause for ten minutes today to focus on what brings you joy this season and practice gratitude.



Let's make this Christmas count!

And do not forget to do good and to share with
others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
Hebrews 13:16 (NIV).

Merry Christmas!"



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