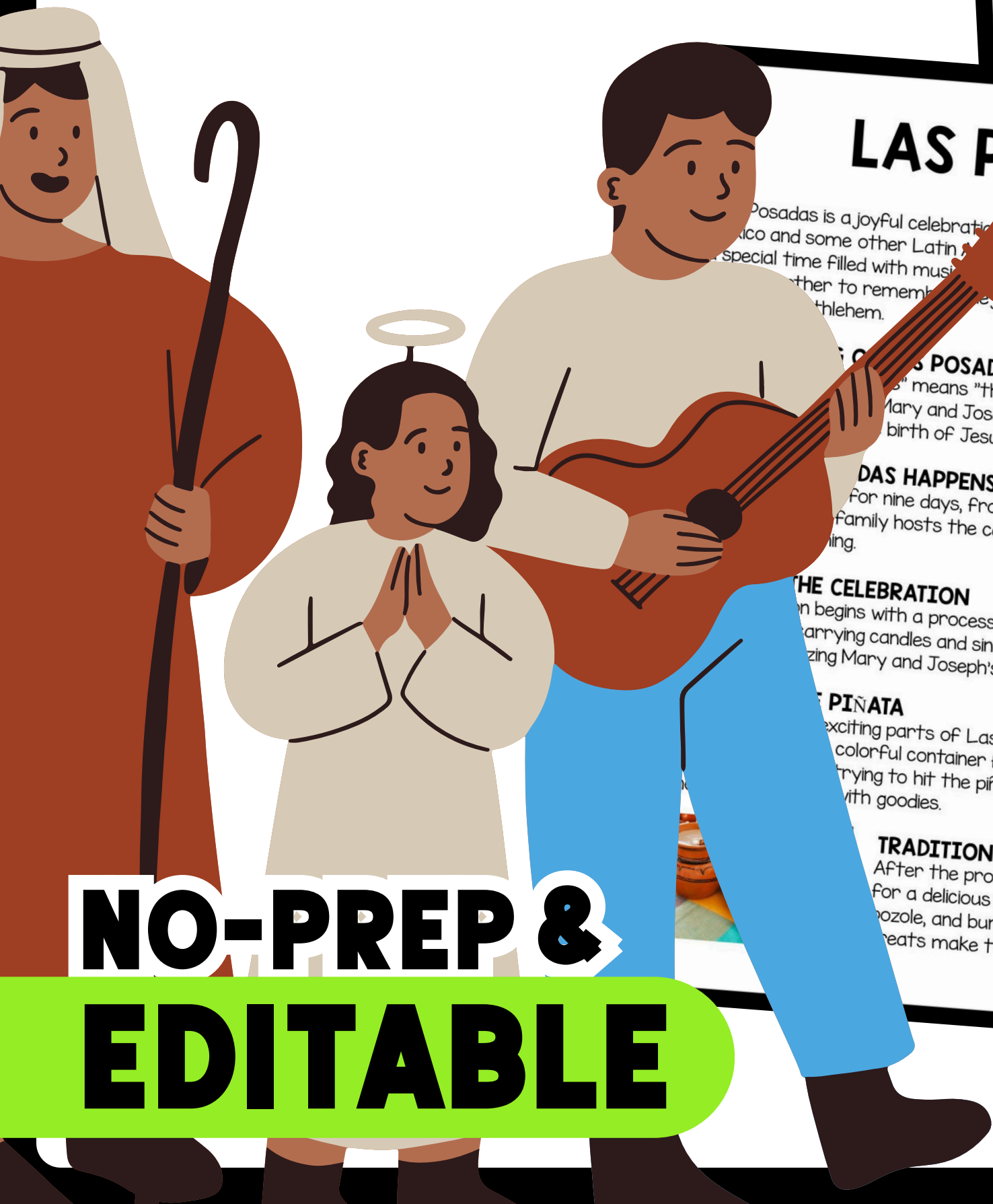


LAS Posadas

READING COMPREHENSION



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THE NATIVITY SCENE

At the end of the evening, a Nativity scene, called a "nacimiento," is set up in the family's home. This scene includes figures of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and the three wise men. It serves as a reminder of the Christmas story.

LAS POSADAS

Las Posadas is a joyful celebration that takes place in Mexico and some other Latin American countries. It's a special time filled with music and fun as people gather together to remember the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.



WHAT LAS POSADAS MEANS

"Posadas" means "the inns" or "the shelters" in Spanish. This is because Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem led to the birth of Jesus.

WHEN LAS POSADAS HAPPENS

For nine days, from December 16th to December 24th, each family hosts the celebration, and their house becomes the inn for the Holy Family.

HOW THE CELEBRATION HAPPENS

The celebration begins with a procession, where people walk through the streets carrying candles and singing traditional songs. They visit several houses, reenacting Mary and Joseph's search for shelter.

THE PIÑATA

One of the most exciting parts of Las Posadas for children is breaking the piñata. A colorful container filled with candies and toys is hung from the ceiling. Children try to hit the piñata with a stick until it breaks, releasing the goodies.

TRADITIONAL FOODS

After the procession, families gather for a delicious feast. Traditional dishes include pozole, tamales, and bunuelos. These treats make the celebration even more enjoyable.

On the 24th, the Holy Family is believed to have arrived in Bethlehem. People gather together to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Las Posadas brings communities together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It teaches us about kindness, hospitality, and how the Holy Family was helped.

LAS POSADAS

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

What do "Las Posadas" mean in Spanish? They are a series of lights that lead the Holy Family to Bethlehem. They are shelters where the Holy Family stayed. They are a feast.

Why does Las Posadas last for nine days?

What do people carry during the procession?

What is the most exciting activity during Las Posadas?

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LAS POSADAS

Las Posadas is a joyful celebration that takes place in Mexico and some other Latin American countries. It's a special time filled with music, food, and fun as people come together to remember the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.



THE MEANING OF LAS POSADAS

The name "Las Posadas" means "the inns" or "the shelters" in Spanish. This celebration reenacts Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus.

WHEN LAS POSADAS HAPPENS

Las Posadas lasts for nine days, from December 16th to December 24th. Each night, a different family hosts the celebration, and their house becomes the "inn" for the evening.

STARTING THE CELEBRATION

The celebration begins with a procession, where people walk through the neighborhood carrying candles and singing traditional songs. They visit several houses, symbolizing Mary and Joseph's search for shelter.

BREAKING THE PIÑATA

One of the most exciting parts of Las Posadas for children is breaking the piñata. A piñata is a colorful container filled with candies and treats. Blindfolded children take turns trying to hit the piñata with a stick until it breaks open, showering everyone with goodies.



TRADITIONAL FOODS

After the procession and piñata fun, everyone gathers for a delicious feast. Traditional foods like tamales, pozole, and bunuelos are enjoyed by all. These tasty treats make the celebration even more special.

THE NATIVITY SCENE

At the end of the evening, a Nativity scene, called a "nacimiento," is set up in the host family's home. This scene includes figures of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and other characters from the Christmas story. It serves as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

CLOSING THE CELEBRATION

On the final night of Las Posadas, December 24th, the celebration culminates with a big party called Nochebuena, or Christmas Eve. Families come together for a festive meal, exchange gifts, and rejoice in the birth of Jesus.



CONCLUSION

Las Posadas is a beautiful tradition that brings communities together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. It teaches us about kindness, hospitality, and the importance of helping others, just like Mary and Joseph were helped on their journey to Bethlehem.

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LAS POSADAS

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What does "Las Posadas" mean in Spanish?
 - a) The celebration of lights
 - b) The journey to Bethlehem
 - c) The inns or shelters
 - d) The Christmas feast
2. How many days does Las Posadas last?
 - a) Seven days
 - b) Ten days
 - c) Nine days
 - d) Twelve days
3. What do people carry during the procession of Las Posadas?
 - a) Lanterns
 - b) Candles
 - c) Banners
 - d) Flags
4. What is one of the most exciting activities for children during Las Posadas?
 - a) Carol singing
 - b) Storytelling
 - c) Breaking the piñata
 - d) Decorating the Christmas tree
5. Which traditional food is NOT mentioned in the passage as being enjoyed during Las Posadas?
 - a) Tamales
 - b) Pozole
 - c) Bunuelos
 - d) Empanadas

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of the Las Posadas?
2. How many days does Las Posadas last?
3. What do children enjoy doing during Las Posadas?
4. Name one traditional food mentioned in the passage.
5. What is set up in the host family's home at the end of the Las Posadas evening?

6. What is set up in the host family's home at the end of the Las Posadas evening?

- a) A Christmas tree
- b) A snowman
- c) A Nativity scene
- d) A gingerbread house

7. What is the name of the big party held on December 24th, the final night of Las Posadas?

- a) Nochebuena
- b) Navidad
- c) Noche de Paz
- d) Fiesta de Reyes

8. What does the Nativity scene remind you of during Las Posadas?

- a) The importance of sharing
- b) The story of Santa Claus
- c) The true meaning of Christmas
- d) The joy of giving gifts

9. Which of the following is NOT a character found in a Nativity scene?

- a) Mary
- b) Joseph
- c) Santa Claus
- d) Baby Jesus

10. What lesson does Las Posadas teach us about the passage?

- a) The importance of friendship
- b) The importance of being kind and hospitable
- c) The joy of receiving gifts
- d) The importance of holiday decorations

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. c) The inns or shelters
2. c) Nine days
3. b) Candles
4. c) Breaking the piñata
5. d) Empanadas
6. c) A Nativity scene
7. a) Nochebuena
8. c) The true meaning of Christmas
9. c) Santa Claus
10. b) The significance of being kind and hospitable

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. The purpose of the Las Posadas celebration is to remember the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.
2. Las Posadas lasts for nine days.
3. Children enjoy breaking the piñata during Las Posadas.
4. One traditional food mentioned in the passage is tamales.
5. A Nativity scene is set up in the host family's home at the end of the Las Posadas evening.

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