

Week 5: Holidays Around the World

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Activity 1: Make your own Chinese lanterns

① *This activity can be completed before the Zoom session if you have a university mentor.*

The Spring Lantern Festival is celebrated on the last week of the Chinese New Year celebration which is also the first full moon. Celebrated for over 2000 years, people enjoy watching lanterns fly in the moon-lit sky, traditional foods like dumplings, and dragon dances. This festival symbolizes spring, reunion, and vitality in the new year. People often write riddles on their colourful lanterns for others to guess and decorate their lanterns with dragons and cherry blossoms.



You can find a video demonstration here: www.youtube.com/channel/UCV-Sx4Jt70IGl0oO7hSECSQ/featured

Materials: paper templates, colouring materials (pencil crayons, markers, crayons, paint), scissors, tape or glue



This craft requires cutting. It is important to be careful when you use scissors. Ask an adult to help you when you are done decorating your paper!

- 1) Decorate your paper by drawing, painting, or colouring! Traditionally, lanterns are red and feature Chinese dragons or cherry blossoms.
- 2) Fold the paper in half (like a hot dog) and cut along the 10 small lines. Make sure you stop before you get to the edge of the paper, there are lines to guide you.
- 3) Unfold the paper and roll the paper into a tube.
- 4) Secure the ends with tape or glue.
- 5) Decorate and cut out your handle.
- 6) Secure the handle on the lantern with tape or glue and your lantern is complete!

Activity 2: Christmas Tree Math & Cover

① *This activity can be completed independently of the Zoom session if you have a university mentor.*

In some religions like Christianity, a family puts up a Christmas Tree. The Christmas Tree is a symbol of life and often decorated with fun lights and ornaments. Let's practise our math skills by completing this fun, Christmas Tree math activity.

Materials: christmas tree worksheet, colour materials (pencil crayons, markers, crayons), dice

- 1) Roll two dice.
- 2) Identify the number on each die and add the two numbers together.
- 3) Find the Christmas Tree ornament with the matching number you just found from adding the two die together and colour it in.



Level up!

- If you are ready for something more challenging, try subtracting the numbers on the two dice after rolling. Colour in the matching ornament on the tree.
- If you don't need extra practise with addition and subtraction, you can make your own Christmas Tree Math & Cover. First draw and decorate your own Christmas tree on a piece of white or construction paper. Then, roll two dice, identify the number on each die, and multiply/divide the numbers. Once you have the answer to your math problem, add an ornament with the answer to your tree.

Activity 4: How can we be kind?

① *This activity can be completed during the Zoom session if you have a university mentor.*

Being culturally sensitive and caring about others helps us be kind people. There are lots of ways we can be kind. Let's brainstorm some ways we can be kind in this colourful activity.

Materials: Ways to be Kind template, colouring utensils (pencil crayons, markers, crayons)

- 1) Colour in the globe and decorate your worksheet.
- 2) Write ways that you can be kind around the globe.



Level up! Try and think about situations where you went out of your way to be kind to another person.

Activity 3: Holidays Around the World-Search

① *This activity can be completed independently of the Zoom session if you have a university mentor.*

Learn the names of some other holidays with this Holiday's Around the World-Search!

Materials: Holidays Around the World-Search worksheet, writing utensils

- 1) Try to find the names of the holidays that are listed at the bottom of the worksheet and circle the word when you find one!