

A Day of Sharing

Read about the meaning and traditions of Christmas Day.

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells why Christians celebrate Christmas Day, and circle each activity people or communities may do on the day.

Christmas Day

- ① Christmas Day is December 25. Christians celebrate it as the day of Jesus's birth. In the United States, it is a federal holiday. Schools, offices, and many stores may close so people can observe the day.
- ② People celebrate Christmas Day in different ways. Some attend church services, share a special meal, sing songs, or give gifts. Some families visit relatives or help neighbors. Other people do not celebrate Christmas, and their traditions may be different.
- ③ Long ago, Christmas customs came from several places. Today, communities may have parades, light displays, or food drives. A food drive collects food for people who need it. These activities show sharing, gathering, and caring for others.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 On what date is Christmas Day?

2 Why do Christians celebrate Christmas Day?

3 What community activity collects food for people who need it?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write two sentences about a Christmas Day activity a family or community could choose. Tell what happens and how it can show caring, sharing, or gathering.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells why Christians celebrate Christmas Day, and circle each activity people or communities may do on the day. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	On what date is Christmas Day?	December 25.
2	Why do Christians celebrate Christmas Day?	Christians celebrate it as the day of Jesus's birth.
3	What community activity collects food for people who need it?	A food drive collects food for people who need it.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

On Christmas Day, a neighborhood could make cards for people at a nursing home. The cards would show care and help people feel included.

Accept any accurate date, meaning, tradition, or community activity stated in the passage. For Your Turn, accept two sentences that describe a plausible activity and explain how it shows caring, sharing, or gathering.