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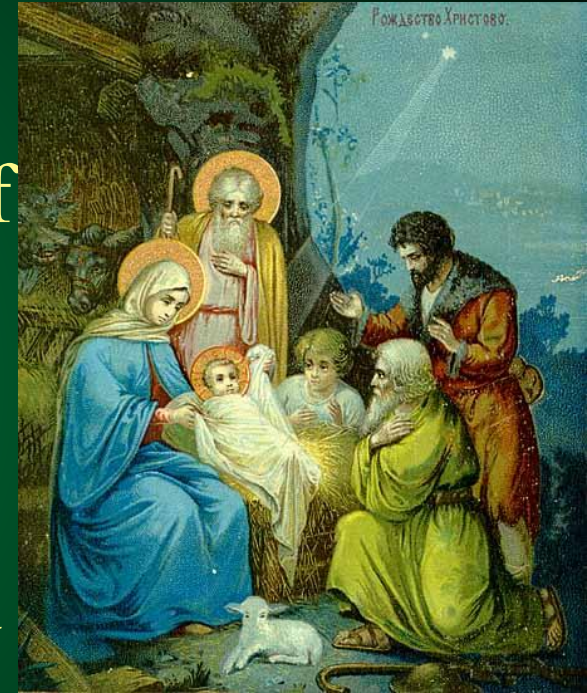
The story of the holiday.



What do we celebrate?

Every year in December in Britain people celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. That is why we call this time of year 'Christmas' - we celebrate the 'Mass' (the birth).

Christmas is a wonderful time, bringing families and friends together.. Most people are on holiday in Britain and stay at home with their family on Christmas day





People celebrate Christmas on the 25th of December in Great Britain and on the 7th of January in Russia





The symbols of Christmas.

Christmas Tree

Рождественская елка

The tradition to decorate the Christmas tree appeared in Germany. English queen Victoria liked the idea to decorate a fir tree, and in the 19 century this tradition came to Britain. Now all British family decorate the tree with toys, ball, sweets. And this tradition became popular in many countries.



Decoration of the House





(Stocking)

Чуллок для подарков

□ In Great Britain children believe, that Santa Claus put presents in the stockings.





Свеча (Candle)



- Candle is one of the Christmas traditions. People light candles when all family get together for Christmas dinner.

Holly. Остролист

□ Holly is the flower of the Christmas season. People in Britain like to decorate their houses with this green plant.



Carols. Рождественские песни (хоралы)

- Carols are special Christmas songs. It is very important tradition in Britain. People sing them in churches and in the streets.





Candycane

Рождественский Леденец

- Parents give children candy canes for Christmas. The candy is made as letter J, because name Jesus starts with this letter.





Ginger Cookies

Имбирное печенье

□ Ginger cookies is traditional food for Christmas. Children put these cookies on the fireplace for Santa Claus.







Boxing Day

It is usually celebrated on 26 December, the day after Christmas. In this day people open their Christmas presents and make visits to their relatives and friends.





Christmas Dinner.

For Christmas dinner people eat turkey, potatoes and green vegetables.

Then they have the Christmas pudding. At five o'clock it's time for tea and Christmas cake.





Christmas tree in London.

The biggest Christmas tree in London, is in Trafalgar Square. The tree is a present from the people of Oslo, Norway.





The Queen's Speech



One of the main traditions in Britain is the Queen's Christmas Message or Speech. At three o'clock in the afternoon, the Queen gives her Christmas Speech to the nation which is broadcast on radio and television.



The most popular Christmas song. *Jingle bells*

- Dashing through the snow,
In a one-horse open sleigh,
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way.
Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright.
What fun it is to ride and sing,
A sleighing song tonight.

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way,
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.





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