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Treasure Hunt

Go to <http://www.thehistoryofchristmas.com/>

Find the answers to these questions:

- a) Who asks Austrian children for a list of their good and bad deeds?
- b) What are the names of the two Santa Claus figures in Belgium?
- c) What do Chinese Christians call their Christmas trees?
- d) What do people in Costa Rica do before they eat their Christmas supper?
- e) What is hidden inside the Christmas rice pudding in Denmark?
- f) What type of fish is typical at Christmas in Finland?
- g) Who does St. Nicholas protect in Greece?
- h) What are Greek 'killantzaroi'?
- i) What do Iranians call Christmas?
- j) What do Japanese people eat on Christmas Day?
- k) When does Christmas officially begin in Nicaragua?
- l) Who did St. Nicholas become in Russia during the communist years?
- m) When do children receive Christmas presents in Syria?
- n) How does Santa Claus sometimes travel in California?
- o) What are Venezuelan 'pesebres'?





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ANSWER KEY

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- a) St. Nicholas and the devil
- b) St. Nicholas and Pere Noel
- c) Trees of Light
- d) They go to Midnight Mass
- e) A magic almond
- f) Codfish
- g) Sailors
- h) Goblins or sprites who appear at Christmas time and do mischief.
- i) 'Little Feast'
- j) Turkey
- k) On December 6th
- l) Grandfather Frost
- m) On New Year's Day
- n) On a surf board!
- o) Specially designed nativity scenes

