A TRADITION OR HOLIDAY MY FAMILY CELEBRATES IS:

Traditions around the world have many things in common. Search for the objects pictured on this sheet. Read the information by each display to learn more about how these objects are used to celebrate. How are your family’s traditions similar or different to the ones you see on the display?

**Directions:** Check which activities are part of how your family celebrates the tradition or holiday you wrote down. Then write more details in the space below each activity explaining how your family’s traditions are similar or different to the ones you see on display.

**☐ LIGHTING CANDLES OR OTHER LIGHTS**

The seven candles in this holder, called a kinara, are lit during the holiday **Kwanzaa**.

One way this tradition is the same as my family’s is...

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These star-shaped lanterns are the main symbol of Christmas in the **Philippines**.

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**☐ PLAYING GAMES**

Some **German** folklore says the person to find this hidden pickle ornament gets to open an extra gift.

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This spinning top is used to play a game with coins, nuts or raisins during the Jewish holiday **Hanukkah**.

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On December 13 in **Sweden**, the Christmas season begins with a traditional Scandinavian festival celebrating the life of St. Lucia, whose name is associated with light across many different traditions. St. Lucia wears a wreath of candles on her head representing hope, warmth and light during the darkest month of the year.

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This woven cloth is worn by community leaders during special occasions in **Ghana**.

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In **China** during Chinese New Year, gifts of money are given in red envelopes for good luck.

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Some **Icelandic** folklore says that The Yuletide Lads, mischievous sons of trolls, put small gifts (or potatoes if the child has misbehaved) in children’s shoes the 13 nights before Christmas Eve.

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Families in **Lithuania** create intricate geometric mobiles hand-made from straw called **sodai**. The **sodai** is hung over the dining table and believed to ensure good crops the following year.

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Families in **India** make these patterned designs from natural materials during the Hindu festival, Diwali.

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