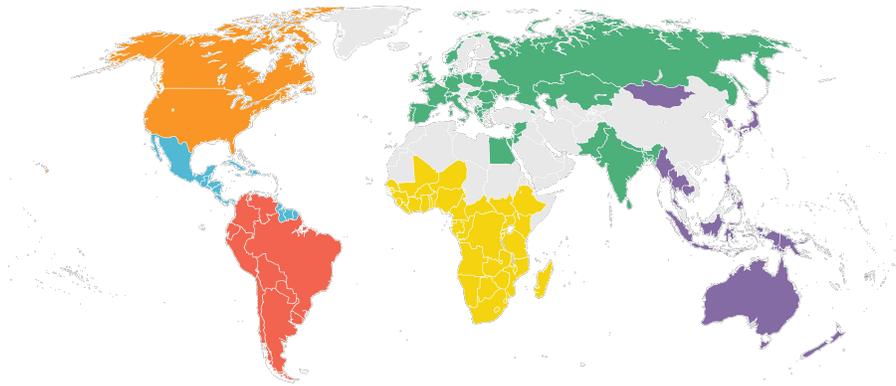


# NMI Central

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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



### WEEK 3 JOY

This is week three of our special Advent series. Over the coming weeks of the season leading up to Christmas, NMI Central and Kids Kaleidoscope will introduce you to some of the unique traditions that are kept across the Global Church of the Nazarene. We hope you enjoy this wonderful Season of Advent, Christmastide, and Epiphany.

Advent has always been thought of as a Season of joy, because Christ who was born, ushered in a new spirit that cannot be broken by sadness, sickness, or death. Life is, in Christ, to be lived out joyfully. Our giving is to be marked by the attitude in which we give—joyfully.

Food is culture, and in most areas of the world, Christmas is a time to celebrate traditional meals. Taste brings memories to life; joy fills our senses.

To learn more about traditional foods shared during the Christmas season, check out this week's Kids Kaleidoscope. Kids Kaleidoscope is a special NMI Central supplement created to help children, youth, and adults learn more about their Nazarene family around the world.

### Did You Know?

The word "Carol" actually means dance or song of praise and joy. Carols used to be sung during all four seasons, but the only seasonal tradition to survive is singing them at Christmas.



### Advent Kid's Kaleidoscope

#### Week #3- JOY

What is something that brings you Joy?



Welcome to Advent Kids Kaleidoscope Week #3 about joy! What is something that brings you joy? Maybe it's being with family, playing with a pet, going on a walk, or getting a hug. There are many things that can bring us joy and during the holidays food is one of the things that can bring joy because of the special meals and foods made during this time that are shared with family and friends.

Below you will find photos of traditional foods you can find in homes around the world during Christmastime. Cut out each photo and using the map on the second page, see if you can place them in the region where they belong. Once you have them all in a region, use the third and fourth page to learn more about each food and where you will find it being shared during the Christmas season.

How did you do? Did you get them in the correct region? Isn't it fun to learn about what people eat in different places around the world? You can glue down the foods in the region where they belong or make this a fun Christmas game to teach your family and friends about Christmas foods around the world. Remember, that joy is something you choose and sharing that joy can be like sharing food and time with others!

It is a gift from God!





Click [here](#) to download the rest of Kids Kaleidoscope for Week #3 of Advent as we learn about different foods we share during the Advent season that bring us joy.

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## PRAYER



- Pray for those who today are taking refuge in Nazarene churches and schools in the Middle East, and for your Nazarene family that is ministering to all in need.
- Pray that joy may break through in all the places where sadness has stolen too many days.

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## PRAISE



- Praise God for the joy of His salvation, and for the many who have experienced that joy for the first time this year, because of your faithfulness in support of missions.
- Praise the Lord for the many places where congregations will celebrate the Christmas Season with joy in a building made possible through Alabaster in 2024.

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### [Could You Serve?](#)

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