

Las Posadas – Finding Room at the Inn

Las Posadas is a nine-night **celebration** that starts on December 16. It shows the long trip of Mary and Joseph as they traveled 80 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They looked for a place to stay as Mary waited to give birth to Jesus.



There was no room at any of the inns, so Mary had Jesus in a barn.

Each night, people walk to homes in their town. At every stop, they sing songs and ask for room, just like Mary and Joseph did.

The walk ends at a home where the door is open. There, people pray and sing. After the prayer, they have a party. They eat foods like **tamales**, **churros**, and drink hot punch.

One fun part of Las Posadas is the **piñata**. The piñata is shaped like a star with seven points. People take turns hitting it until it breaks open, spilling candy and treats.

Las Posadas is not just about food and games. It helps people think about kindness and sharing. It is a time to be with family and friends and to remember the story of Christmas.

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Check Your Understanding

1. What do people do during the Las Posadas walk?

- a) They decorate piñatas.
- b) They sing songs and ask for room at homes.
- c) They eat tamales and drink hot punch.
- d) They exchange gifts.

2. When does Las Posadas start?

- a) December 25
- b) December 12
- c) December 16
- d) December 20

3. What is the shape of the piñata used in Las Posadas?

- a) A tree
- b) A star with seven points
- c) A circle
- d) A heart

4. What is the main idea of the passage?

- a) Las Posadas is a time to celebrate and enjoy food and games.
- b) Las Posadas is a nine-night event that remembers Mary and Joseph's journey.
- c) Las Posadas is only about breaking piñatas and having fun.
- d) Las Posadas is celebrated by praying in a church.

5. Why is Las Posadas important to families?

- a) It is a time for giving gifts.
- b) It helps people think about kindness and sharing.
- c) It is a competition to see who can break the piñata.
- d) It is only for children to enjoy.