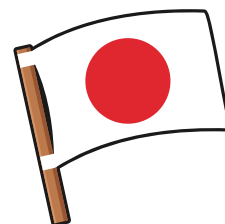


FESTIVALS AROUND THE WORLD

JAPAN

CHRISTMAS



Watch a short video on how Christmas is celebrated in Japan and take part in activities from that culture.

COUNTRY QUIZ TIME

Q1. True or false: Another name for Japan is the land of the rising sun?

True. Japan or 'Nippon' means where the sun comes from.

Q2. True or false: decisions in Japan can be made using rock, scissors, paper?

True. Janken or Rock, Scissors, paper is a fun way to help Japanese make quick decisions.

Q3. True or false: Japan is made up of 6,582 islands?

True. Japan is an archipelago or sting of islands. It has four main islands; Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu then 4,000 little ones!

Q4. True or false: Another name for a Japanese warrior is ninja?

False. A warrior is known as a Samurai. They belong to the rulers of ancient Japan unlike ninjas who are paid to work. Samurais wear full armour and well-trained fighters.

ACTIVITY TIME:

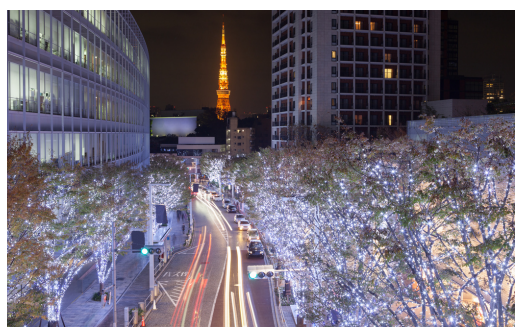
One: make some Christmas ornaments using origami which is a famous Japanese art form using folded paper. Whenever you play with your Christmas origami, remember to pray for the people of Japan to get to know Jesus. Amen! <http://www.origami-fun.com/christmas-origami.html>



VIDEO EXPLAINING CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN

UK missionary Sian shares what Christmas is like in Japan:

- On Christmas Eve, the family have a special fried chicken meal.
- Parents give gifts to their children too.
- Couples go on dates and lucky ones get proposed to.
- They do get a lot of snow so it's a white Christmas every year.
- Churches in Japan celebrate the birth of Jesus at services.
- Japanese Christians share the good news of Jesus to their family and friends.



PRAYER TIME:

1. People: For Japanese Christians to tell others about God's love this Christmas.
2. Pray for those who hear to respond with trust and faith.
3. For churches to be creative when celebrating Christmas this year.

