

Favorite Festivals

Does your family celebrate Chinese New Year? Kwanzaa? Naw-Rúz? Easter? It's fun to explore Earth's diverse cultures. Our human family enjoys a wondrous variety of traditions, religions, music, clothing, language, and food. What parts of your own heritage do you enjoy most?

Share them with friends. Which cultures are you most curious about? Find someone from those backgrounds and ask questions.

The more we make friends from different parts of the planet, the better we'll understand each other and help build peace.

Read about each kid's favorite cultural celebration. Then search for the item in **blue**.

IN SPAIN, MANY FESTIVALS INCLUDE FLAMENCO **GUITAR** MUSIC, SINGING, AND DANCING.

DURING SPRING, WE CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF THE SUN IN CANADA WITH PRAYER, SINGING, ICE-LOO-BUILDING CONTESTS, AND **DRUM** DANCING.

IN MONGOLIA, DURING NAADAM, WE COMPETE IN TRADITIONAL HORSE RACING, WRESTLING, AND ARCHERY. I USE A **BOW** MADE FROM BAMBOO.

BOYS LEAVE THE VILLAGE IN MALI TO HERD CATTLE FOR A YEAR. AT THE CATTLE CROSSING, WE RETURN, AND THE BEST HERDER WINS PRIZES, LIKE A PATTERNED **BLANKET**.

AT CARNIVAL IN BRAZIL, I WEAR A COSTUME AND **MASK** TO PARADES AND SAMBA DANCES. AFTERWARD, WE FAST AND PRAY TO PREPARE FOR EASTER.

THE PARADE FOR GION MATSURI HAS HUGE FLOATS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF JAPAN. A BOY STARTS THE PARADE BY CUTTING A ROPE WITH A **SWORD**.

