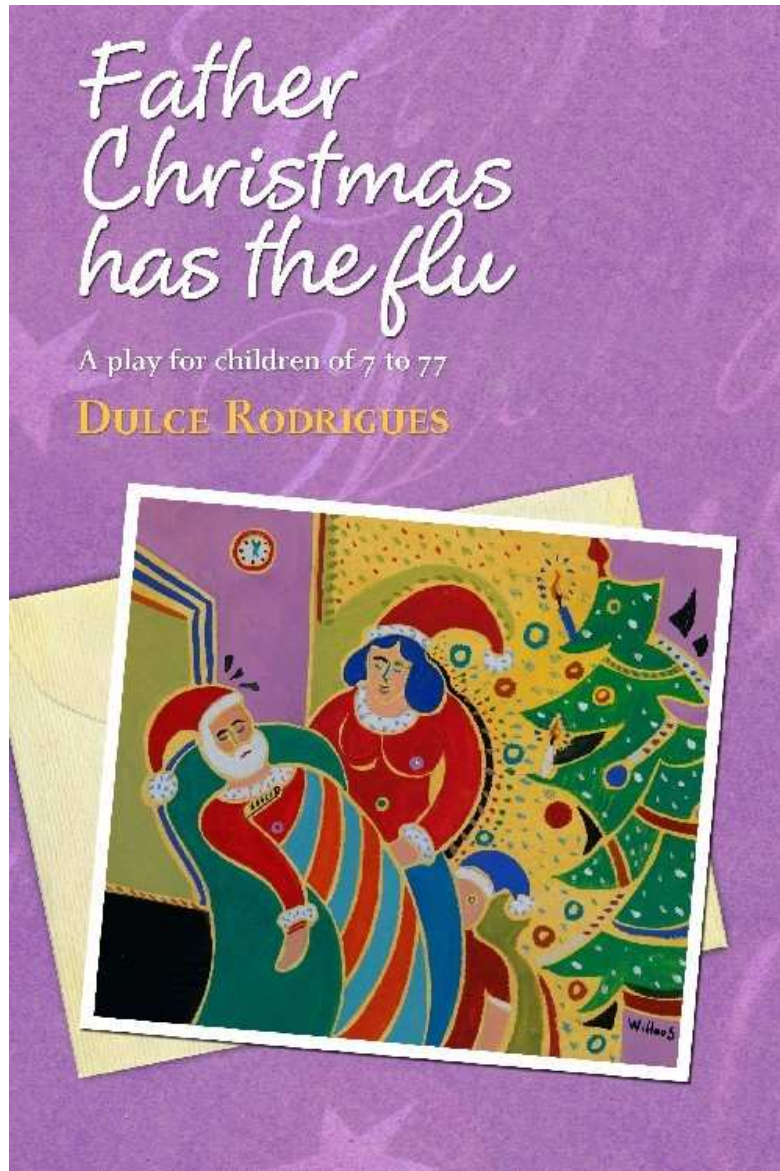


WORKSHEETS



To answer the following questions correctly you may like to read "Father Christmas has the Flu" available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk), [Amazon.fr](https://www.amazon.fr) and [Amazon.de](https://www.amazon.de), and to visit the children's website www.barry4kids.net .

Questions

1. What does Christmas mean for the Christian world ?
2. How was Christmas celebrated in the beginning ?
3. What is the origin of the name "Christmas" in English ?
4. Who is the historical character behind the mythical Santa or Father Christmas ?
5. Where was he born ?

Fill in the missing words

1. Santa's (or Father Christmas) sleigh is pulled by _____ reindeer. Their names are: _____. But there is also the red-nosed reindeer who can see through the thick fog; its name is _____.
2. The first time a Christmas tree was decorated in a public place was in the year 1906 in a small town in _____. Six years later, in 1912, the New-Yorkers had the same idea; their Christmas tree was not the first Christmas tree on a market place, but it was the first to be decorated with _____.
3. The Christmas tree in the northern-European countries is a _____; but in the southern countries, like Portugal, it is a _____.
4. The traditional Christmas plant is the _____, which bears two of the traditional colours of the season: _____ is the colour of its leaves; _____ is the colour of its berries. Another Christmas traditional colour is _____, the symbolic colour for the Sun.
5. The use of _____ for decorating the Christmas tree is linked to the giant star that guided the three Wise Men (Magi) to where _____ was born.
6. Christmas crowns are made with _____ plants, colour _____ and other _____.
7. The cradle or crib is meant to represent the _____ scene.
8. The tradition of hanging _____ or leaving an empty _____ by the fireplace comes from the very many stories about Saint Nicholas.

Christmas Chocolate Cake Recipe

This is my favourite Christmas cake and the recipe comes from my grandmother. I hope it will also taste you.



Utensils required

Mixing bowl, wooden spoon, silver paper, Christmas decorations.

Ingredients

250 g sugar, 100 g powdered chocolate, 100 g “bolachas Maria” (Portuguese biscuit) or any other biscuit, for example “De Beukelaer”, 50 g butter, 1 egg

For the topping

. chocolate paste “Tulicreme”, “Nutella” or any home-made chocolate paste

Preparation

- 1 – Beat the egg, the sugar and the butter together.
 - 2 – Add the powdered chocolate to the mixture and beat again.
 - 3 – Add the biscuit in small pieces and mix again all the ingredients.
- Handy Hint:** *you may use your fingertips.*
- 4 – Cover a rectangular serving plate with silver paper and pour in the mixture.
 - 5 – Give the mixture the form of a log and cut the two ends for a better presentation.
 - 6 – Cover with the chocolate paste, and using a fork imitate the wood veins.
 - 7 – Decorate with coloured balls and other Christmas ornaments.
 - 8 – Put in the refrigerator until serving time.

Enjoy your Christmas Cake!

FATHER CHRISTMAS MASK

Material required per mask

1. one A4 white (or colour) cardboard sheet
2. one stick of white glue
3. a pair of scissors
4. a thin rubber band
5. colour pencils
6. white cotton wool for the beard

Instructions

1. Print the drawing on the A4 white cardboard sheet and paint it with the colour pencils.
2. Scissor the mask with the pair of scissors. Don't forget to cut the holes for the eyes.
3. Glue the cotton wool so as to look like Father Christmas beard.
4. Make a hole on each black spot, pass the rubber band through them and make a knot at each end to avoid the rubber band to get loose.

Well, your mask is ready and you may now like to play Saint Nicholas and distribute the presents on Christmas eve !

Or try to get your boy and girl friends' help to play "Father Christmas has the Flu".

Be careful with the scissors, so that nobody gets hurt.

P.S. – *In the book "Father Christmas has the Flu" you'll find a few season's ornaments you may like to do.*

