

Lesson – 3

Festivals

our country.

Read three times

DIWALI

Diwali is a festival of lights. On this day, people worship the Goddess *Lakshmi* and the Lord *Ganesha*. They decorate their houses with lights and *diyas*, wear new clothes, distribute sweets and burst crackers.



HOLI

Holi is a festival of colours.

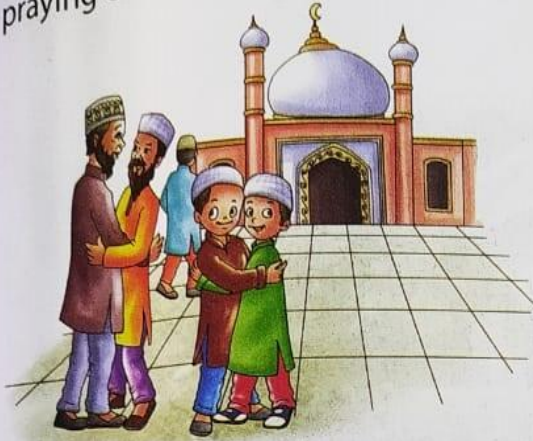
On the night before Holi, a bonfire is lit and people pray around it.



The next day, they play colourful *gula* with each other. Children play with *pichkaris*.

EID

Eid or Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of a month-long fasting and praying called Ramadan. People prepare *sewaiyan*.



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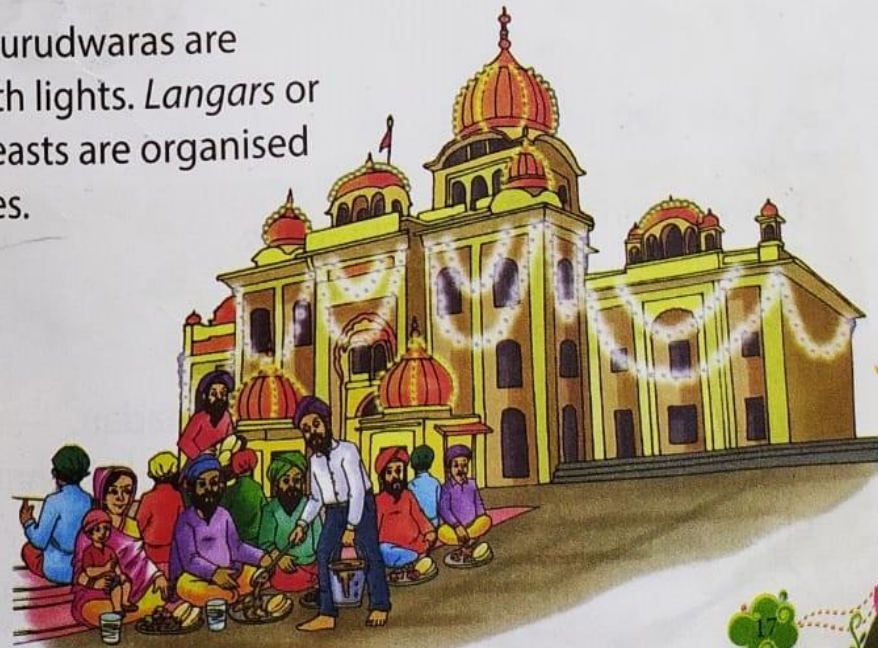
In Spain, the La Tomatina festival is organised every year. People celebrate this festival by throwing tomatoes on each other for fun.

On this day, people go to mosque. They hug each other, exchange greetings and distribute alms to the poor and the needy.

GURU NANAK JAYANTI

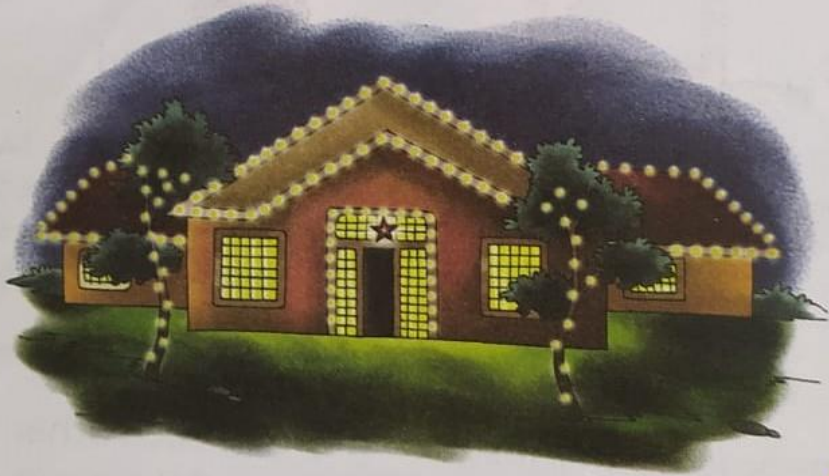
It is the birth anniversary of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev. He founded Sikhism. This festival is also called Gurburab.

On this day, gurudwaras are decorated with lights. *Langars* or community feasts are organised at many places.



CHRISTMAS

Christmas is celebrated on December 25 to rejoice the birth of Jesus Christ. People decorate Christmas trees, light up their homes and sing Christmas carols.



Santa Claus is said to bring gifts on the night before this festival.



Let us Recall

Assignment 3 for class I

Difficult words :-

Special
Enjoy
Worship
Crackers
Mosque
Langars
Gifts

A : Answer these Questions :

1. Q : What are festivals?

Ans : Festivals are special days. Family and friends get together to celebrate and enjoy them.

2. Q : Which is the festivals of lights?

Ans : Diwali is the festival of lights.

3. Q : Which is the festival of colours?

Ans : Holi is the festival of colours.

4. Q : Who is the founder of Sikhism?

Ans : Guru Nanak Dev is the founder of Sikhism.

5. Q : When is Christmas celebrated?

Ans : Christmas is celebrated on 25th December every year.

B : Fill in the blanks :

1. Festivals are the times to **feast**.
2. People organize langar's on **Gurupurab**.
3. People decorate their houses with diyas and lights on **Diwali**.
4. Santa Claus brings gift for children on **Christmas**.
5. The festival of Eid marks the end of **Ramadan**.

Home Work

C : Match the two columns :

Column A

- i. Guru Nanak Jayanti
- ii. Diyas
- iii. Sewaiyan
- iv. Christmas
- v. Colours

Column B

- a. Eid
- b. Gurupurab
- c. Christmas carol
- d. Holi
- e. Diwali

D : Draw and colour the Rangoli :

