

# Respecting Traditions

Part of being a good citizen is showing respect for your family's and country's traditions, and respecting other people's traditions. Have pairs of students choose from suggested scenarios, research as needed to understand the traditions, and write and perform short skits showing one person practicing the tradition and the other asking about it. Questions should be respectful; answers should be brief and accurate.

## Scenarios

- Your neighbor is flying a US flag at half-mast.
- Your Amish classmate is wearing a small, bonnet-like head covering.
- Your Muslim friend kneels, with hands and head resting on the floor.
- Your scout leader stands with his/her hand over his/her heart during the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Your grandmother is stringing dried apple rings and popcorn on a long thread.
- Your Jewish friend is lighting a candle on a menorah.
- Your Chinese uncle is tucking dollar bills into a red envelope.
- Your fourteen-year-old Mexican neighbor is practicing a slow, waltz-like dance with her friends.
- Your father knocks on the wooden table before leaving for his sales meeting.
- Your aunt brings a specially folded US flag home from her husband's funeral.
- In the weeks before Easter, your Catholic cousin stops eating candy.
- At a wedding, the bride turns away from the crowd and throws her bouquet over her shoulder toward the guests.
- At a Jewish wedding, the groom stomps on a wine glass wrapped in cloth.
- Your mother prepares for a baby shower by knitting a pink blanket and a pair of pink booties.





# Recipe Math



Find several recipes for foods that are traditional for your students' families, cultures, or holidays. Form small groups and assign each a recipe, along with math problems to adapt it for fewer or more servings or to convert measurements from US customary units to metric.

## Sample Traditional Foods

- Latkes for Hanukkah
- Fry bread for a Native American powwow
- Pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving dinner
- Cake for a birthday or wedding
- Black-eyed peas for Southern New Year
- Rosca de reyes (three kings bread) for Three Kings Day
- Chinese dumplings for the Chinese New Year
- Saffron buns for St. Lucia's Day
- Atole for the Day of the Dead
- Buffalo wings for the Super Bowl

## Sample Recipe Math Problems

- 1 Rewrite your recipe with ingredient quantities to serve twenty people.
- 2 Rewrite your recipe with ingredient quantities to serve four people.
- 3 Rewrite your recipe with ingredient quantities to make  $\frac{1}{3}$  as many servings as it's written for.
- 4 Rewrite your recipe with ingredient quantities to make ten times as many servings as it's written for.
- 5 Rewrite your recipe with ingredient quantities converted to metric units.

