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Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way, O what fun it is to ride, In a in-horse open sleigh..
Christmas comes and now celebrations start in its high gear with gift exchanges, shoppingâ€™s, family get together and massive feast preparations.

Whenever I think about Christmas the first picture that comes into my mind is Christmas papa coming in an open sledge with so many gifts in his hand. Itâ€™s really beautiful to see Christmas papa in his red outfit, with his dress blowing in the gentle breeze. He will have a long snow white beard and a different type of long hat on his head and whenever he comes we can hear that jingle bell song in the air. Itâ€™s quiet amazing to dream something like that.

By hanging stars of different colors on our door steps we will announce the arrival of Christmas season. As the world becomes a universal family Christmas becomes a common festival not only to Christians but also to people around the world. Though people in each country adopt their own traditions and mode of style for Christmas celebration, the spirit remains the same everywhere. In most places, celebrations will long only for a week, but some others celebrate it for the whole month starting from November 26 and ending with Epiphany day, that is January 6. The whole season spreads the message of love, kindness, happiness, generosity and joy to all.

Next step to celebrate the season is by making Christmas tree. Though fir is the most commonly used tree, its scarcity forced us to make the Christmas tree with a pine. For making it we usually cut a large branch of pine and plant it on one corner of the portico. Then we decorate this branch with small stars, glittering balls, different colors of light, flowers etc. Our Christmas tree looks really beautiful in the dawn as we light candles and illumination bulbs on its branches. People in the U.S got a habit of decorating garden trees or house walls with colorful electric bulbs.

Another exciting activity we used to do during that season is crib making. For this we will collect hay from our neighbors, and then make a skeleton of cattle shed and fill hay on it. Then we place our baby Jesus Christ in the centre of the crib, with his parents and apostles standing near him. Then we light up the outer side of crib with lots of differently colored electrical lights. While the crib making gives lots of enjoyments to us, the final crib gives self satisfaction and great excitement. Our neighbors come to see this crib and they light candles inside the crib and pray to baby Jesus, thus our crib gets a divinity.

If you go for a shopping in this season then we can see the shops decorated with colored lights, along with artificially painted snow, Christmas tree and crib. Now-a-days artificial Christmas trees and ready to set cribs are available in most shops. Shopping malls become busier with the arrival of Christmas season as people will buy Christmas greeting cards, items necessary for making crib and tree, new dresses, gifts etc. In order to attract the crowd some shops will even conduct Christmas â€œcarolsâ€•. We can hear carols from churches also and for this they start practicing a month ago. Some churches even conduct carol competitions.

Christmas will be incomplete without cake and wine. We used to prepare different varieties of cakes and grape wines for each season by getting recipes from the web powered with Verizon Fios Internet. So enjoy this Christmas season with a different flavor of cake and wine.

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