

## Holiday

### America's Veterans

313961,VH VHS videocassette  
30 min PIJ 2000  
This program features 12 year-old Lizzie who, through her Marine veteran grandfather, discover the answer to the question, "What does Veteran's Day mean to you?" This question is explored by examining the topics-who are veterans, how and why we honor them, what can we learn from the lives of veterans, and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The program also features four veterans who tell their stories which are expanded to include all veterans.

### Chinese New Year

312342,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - Children will excite in the sights and sounds of the traditional Chinese New Year as the usually peaceful Chinatown erupts with the noise of drums and firecrackers, and the beauty of vibrant, festive colors. During this most important and popular of all Chinese festivals, the ideas of communal awareness and starting anew are taught through the celebration in honor of Tsun Kwan, the god of the hearth, and the traditional festival of the dragon. A trip back in time to Chinese New Year in Peking, China, circa 1975, a zodiac quiz and a traditional Chinese folk tale show how the traditions of this holiday have remained constant. A Chinese dragon-making project invites children to discover their own creativity.

Holidays; Manners/Customs

### Christmas

312343,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - Many symbols and legends have become associated with the Christmas holiday, yet few know the meanings behind them. This video focuses on both legendary and religious stories of Christmas to help children understand that there is more to the holiday than the department store Santa Claus. Christmas around the world is explored, with emphasis on similarities to American tradition, and the spirit of this holiday comes to life as members of the renowned Philadelphia Boys Choir sing carols. In a fun arts and crafts segment children are shown how to create a Christmas countdown calendar.

Holidays; Manners/Customs

### Christmas Customs Near and Far

308884,VH VHS videocassette  
14 min PIJSC 1955 CORONET  
A group of young carolers learn how Christmas is celebrated in Germany, Sweden, Holland, Mexico, Italy, and China. Discusses the origin of the Christmas tree, the star on the tree, Santa Claus, Christmas cards, and other Christmas traditions.

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### Christmas in the Village (1840's)

308885,VH VHS videocassette  
15 min KPIJS 1974 CORONET  
Uses the setting of black creek pioneer village near Toronto in order to Show how Christmas was celebrated in early America.

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### Christmas on Grandfather's Farm (1890's)

310030,VH VHS videocassette  
14 min KPIJS 1959 CORONET  
It's a happy sleigh ride for the Bradford children on their way to spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma at the big farmhouse. This "old-fashioned Christmas"- rich in warmth, laughter and love- begins with Grandpa's reading of the biblical account of the first Christmas. The twinkling candles on the tree, handmade gifts, presents from cousins, aunts, and uncles and a very special surprise for a grandson Josh-all add to the festive excitement of this day.

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### Christmas Time in Europe

308886,VH VHS videocassette  
22 min PIJSA 1971 CORONET  
Shows the traditions and customs of Christmas in various countries of Europe.  
Europe; Holidays

### Cinco de Mayo

312344,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - Cinco de Mayo (the fifth of May) is the celebration of Mexico's military victory over the French in 1862. This video investigates the holiday's history and observes preparations being made to make the occasion festive, highlighted by the spirited sounds of a traditional Mexican mariachi band. Children will also hear Mexican folk songs, learn about the Mayan myth of creation, Origins of the World, and make their own maracas from small cans to celebrate the sound of the fifth of May any time of the year.

Holidays; Manners/Customs

### Disney's Wonderful World of Winter

313947,VH VHS videocassette  
10 min P 1984 DISNEY  
Goofy and Stanley the Snowman, a professor of "winterology," agree that the best things about winter are the three national holidays the season brings: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. Stanley teaches Goofy and your students the history and traditions of these important holidays. Animated.

### Election Day

312346,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - From campaigning and debates to rallies and voting, this exciting program explains the activities that precede Election Day. Children are shown how to construct their own patriotic windsock, while festive Dixieland music brings a good-time Election Day spirit to the event. Different levels of public office elections are reviewed along with the constitutional amendments that gave the right to vote to all groups. Children also explore the history of voting and examine the attributes of a good leader by watching as a group of middle school students elect their class president.

Holidays; Manners/Customs

### Funny Little Bunnies

313945,VH VHS videocassette  
7 min P 1987 DISNEY  
In an Easter version of Santa's workshop, hens lay hard-boiled eggs as sculptors chisel chocolate and egg painters use colors collected from a dazzling rainbow! Animated.

### Gift of the Magi

150008,VH VHS videocassette  
16 min JS 1980 EBEC  
Recapturing the mood of a modest turn-of-the-century household, this film offers viewers a delightful dramatization of O'Henry's classic short story about a husband and wife who are poor but who manage to give each other a very special Christmas gift. Video

Holidays; Literature; Short Story

### A Goofy Look at Valentine's Day

313946,VH VHS videocassette  
8 min P 1984 DISNEY  
Cupid's helpers teach Goofy the significance of Valentine's Day, show how Valentine symbols emerged, and how people have expressed their love on Valentine's Day through the years, using classic animated clips. Animated.

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### Halloween

312347,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - Halloween is known to be a holiday of witches, jack o' lanterns and trick-or-treating, but it is much more. This video explores several folk traditions from Costa Rica, Mexico and Ireland to explain some Halloween symbols, the origins of costumes, and the custom of trick-or-treating. Children learn that despite the many rituals surrounding the holiday, Halloween is a time to celebrate and honor the memory of loved ones past, and can be a time to talk about death and other subjects that may be frightening to them. The importance of Halloween safety is discussed, children learn how to create a papier-mache mask, and Irish folk singers perform, making this program an exciting, informative adventure.

Holidays; Manners/Customs

### Halloween

312665,VH VHS videocassette  
12 min PI 1993 UNITED LEARNING  
*Children learn how Halloween began and how, over hundreds of years, it developed into the fun filled, yet spooky holiday we know today. Traditional games, such as bobbing for apples, are discussed, and the custom of trick-or-treating is explained. Youngsters find out why jack-o-lanterns are carved from pumpkins and why bats and owls have become associated with the holiday. Halloween safety rules are covered in detail, including trick-or-treating with an adult or older sibling, watching for traffic, refusing to accept goodies whose wrappings have been tampered with, and making certain that a parent or other adult examines anything that will be eaten. As a special feature, a fun-filled Halloween tale of the supernatural is included in the presentation. Teachers guide included.*

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### Hanukkah - Passover

312348,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - Two Jewish celebrations-Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, and Passover, a holiday celebrating freedom and renewal-are presented to children through illustrated stories, puppets and songs. At a Hanukkah celebration, youngsters learn about the miracle of the Menorah as they light candles, play games, and sing songs to commemorate the holiday. As part of an introduction to Passover and the traditional Seder meal, a group of children visit a matzo bakery where they mix, squish, roll and flatten dough to create their own matzo. Children learn to make their own sallah wall hanging to celebrate Passover, and an illustrated folk tale about the importance of family is followed by lively performances by Jewish folk singers.

Holidays; Manners/Customs

### Holiday facts & fun

*For descriptions see individual titles:*  
A Multicultural Christmas

### Holidays for Children Series

25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE

*For descriptions see individual titles:*

Chinese New Year  
Christmas  
Cinco de Mayo  
Election Day  
Halloween  
Hanukkah - Passover  
Independence Day  
Kwanzaa  
St. Patrick's Day  
Thanksgiving

### Holidays for children video series

*For descriptions see individual titles:*  
Memorial Day, Veterans Day

### Independence Day

312349,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - The spirit of 1776 comes alive as children learn about the signing of the Declaration of Independence and witness some of the events preceding it, such as Paul Revere's famous ride through Concord and a historical re-enactment of the colonial are. Children learn about why America celebrates the Fourth of July through footage of immigrants arriving at Ellis Island and an introduction to the ideas of liberty and freedom. A fifer and a drummer perform, and children are also given the chance to create a tri-corner hat of their very own.

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### Kwanzaa

312350,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - Through the rhythmic sounds of traditional West-African drums and a look into the colorful significance of the clothes and candles, young viewers are introduced to the African American family celebration of Kwanzaa. The seven principles of the Kwanzaa festival (Unity, Self-determination, Collective work, Cooperation, Purpose, Creativity and Faith in self) are explored, and an African folk tale, Unanana and The Enormous One-Tusked Elephant, vividly illustrates the idea of conflict resolution within the community. Children will be dazzled by the energy of the dance, the sounds, traditions and the colors that honor the African American family and its ancestors, and will delight in learning to create their own necklaces from beads, buttons and pasta.

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### Memorial Day, Veterans Day

314318,VH VHS videocassette  
23 min KPI 2002 Schlessinger Media  
*Holidays for children video series* - Join kids at the community center as they discover the true meaning of these days that commemorate service men and women who died to preserve our freedom. Learn the history through songs, stories, crafts and interviews with veterans. Visit Arlington National Cemetery and a local community parade to show how to pay respect to those who served in the U.S. armed forces.

Holidays; Memorial Day; United States-Social life and customs; Veterans Day; Video recordings for the hearing impaired; Mitchell, Tracy; Schlessinger, Andrew; Youngdahl, Kate

### Merry Christmas, Space Case

314569,VH VHS videocassette  
16 min PI 2002 Weston Woods Studios  
This is a comic version of a favorite childhood fantasy-having an imaginary friend to help deal with the bullies on the block. Buddy McGee has a friend from outer space, who ends up saving Buddy who is spending Christmas with his Granny.

Animated films; Wit and humor; Holidays-United States; Christmas stories; Emotions in children-Juvenile films; Children's films; Children's literature-Film and video adaptations; Family; Science fiction; Marshall, James

### Mouse on the Mayflower, The

308343,VH VHS videocassette  
46 min PIJ 1989 LUCERNE  
A mouse named "Willum" relates his version of the pilgrims' voyage to America and their first year in the new World. A rousing chorus and tuneful songs enrich the historic tale, narrated and sung by Eddie Albert as captain Miles Standish. Surviving crowded conditions, misadventures and storms that blow them off course, the passengers of the Mayflower finally land at Plymouth. They set to work to build their new colony, and the comical willum does his part by helping to make friends with the Indians. The bitter snow of winter bring hardships, but their spring plantings yield a bountiful

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harvest, and in November the grateful pilgrims celebrate the first Thanksgiving. Animation.

Children's Literature; Holidays; Language arts;  
U.S.—History

### A Multicultural Christmas

314225,VH VHS videocassette  
23 min KPI 1993 UNITED LEARNING  
*Holiday facts & fun Series* - Features Christmas celebrations that depict the customs and traditions of five families with different ethnic backgrounds. Illustrates how Christmas is celebrated in the homes of Northern Europeans, Afro-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians. Highlights the holiday traditions, foods, songs, stories, and games distinctive to each culture.

Christmas—Cross-cultural studies; Ethiopians—United States—Social life and customs; Hispanics—United States—Social life and customs; Holidays—United States—Cross-cultural studies; Indians of North America—Social life and customs; Koreans—United States—Social life and customs; Multicultural education; Scandinavians—United States—Social life and customs; United States—Population—Cross-cultural studies; Sellers, Nancy

### Night Before Christmas

308321,VH VHS videocassette  
11 min PI 1955 EBEC  
A reenactment of Clement Moore's classic poem, "a visit from St. Nicholas," with an original musical score, a 19th century setting and authentic costumes adds to the authenticity of the story.

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### The Night Before Christmas

313070,VH VHS videocassette  
9 min P 1987 DISNEY  
Santa's warmth and all the joys of Christmas time are brought to life in the retelling of this delightful poem. Disney animation and charm provide a whimsical interpretation, including toys that come to life and decorate a Christmas tree. Animated.

Holidays; Language arts

### Ohio Bicentennial 1803-2003:A Time to Celebrate

313504,VH VHS videocassette  
24 min PIJSA 2000  
Narrated by native Ohioan Hal Holbrook, provides an overview of Ohio's history and the Bicentennial celebration, and includes interviews with key Ohio officeholders about what the bicentennial means to them. The video includes coverage representative of all corners of this diverse state and should be used to help educate all Ohioans about the state and its history.

History

### Patriotic Holiday Stories

313485,VH VHS videocassette  
12 min PI 1993 SVE  
Flag Day-Kurt has fun helping Grandpa raise the flag and learns a lot about how it has changed over the years. He also learns how to respect and care for the American Flag. A Revolutionary Fourth of July-When Huck accidentally reads a magic spell from a diary out loud, some exciting characters from the American Revolution suddenly come to life. Columbus Day-Robert's wish comes true when he dreams he is a cabin boy accompanying Columbus on his adventurous voyage to the East. Veterans Day-While visiting his grandfather, Andy learns the history of Veterans Day and why it is such an important holiday.

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### Pluto's Christmas Tree

313071,VH VHS videocassette  
7 min P 1963 DISNEY  
When Mickey Mouse chops down a Christmas tree, he doesn't realize it's Chip n' Dale's home, but the chipmunks

are delighted with the newly found treasure trove of nuts and candy. Animated.

Holidays; Language arts

### Presidents' Day

313234,VH VHS videocassette  
12 min PI 1992 UNITED LEARNING  
Children learn why George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are given special recognition on Presidents' Day. The video explains why Washington is known as the "father of his country." It also tells the story of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and explains how our 16th president prevented the United States from being destroyed. Taped in many locations including Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, Salem, Illinois, and Mount Vernon, Virginia this program brings history to life for young viewers. Teacher's Guide.

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### Pumpkin Circle

312437,VH VHS videocassette  
20 min PIJS 1997 INFORMED DEMOCRACY  
Pumpkin Circle is a celebration of the amazing cycle of nature unfolding in a backyard pumpkin patch. An orange-gloved gardener introduces the pumpkin family ranging from giants weighing over 700 pounds to tiny "munchkins" that fit in the palm of your hand. Life in the pumpkin garden is captured across the seasons with time-lapse photography and animations of seeds sprouting, flowers opening, bees buzzing, pumpkins growing, and jack-o-lanterns glowing. This is the epic saga of pumpkins for all ages and all times - a story to inspire the scientist, sculptor, chef, naturalist, and teller of tall tales. Danny Glover narrates in verse with original music by George Winston on piano, harmonica, and guitar. Pumpkin Circle's grand finale is a bouncing pumpkin sing-a-long of the classic song Back In Your Own Backyard. Let your jaw drop, and sing! You'll never look at pumpkins the same way again.

Environment; Language arts; Science; Social studies

### St. Patrick's Day

312354,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - This exciting program features many popular traditions that celebrate St. Patrick in Ireland, the U.S. and Canada. Children are taught how to create a leprechaun hand puppet and learn more about the tiny tricksters in a folk tale, "Seamus and the Leprechaun." A brief historical biography of St. Patrick is provided as well as an overview of Irish immigration to North America. A demonstration of traditional Irish music and step-dancing completes this festive celebration.

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### Stranger in the Woods

314332,VH VHS videocassette  
40 min PIJHA 2002  
Journey deep into the winter woods and meet two snowdrifts, Pierre (who speaks with a bad French accent) and his friend, Janine (a singer at heart). Together, Pierre and Janine will introduce you to their frosty friends and reminisce about the time when a mysterious stranger came to visit. Just who is this stranger? Watch as live video blends with award-winning photography from the children's book *Stranger in the Woods*, to tell the magical tale of animals reacting to a snowman who appears after a winter storm.

### Summer

310077,VH VHS videocassette  
11 min KPI 1980 CORONET  
Focuses on beaches, swimming pools, picnics, hikes, fourth of July fireworks, sunburns and watermelon slices as aspects of the drowsiness of summer.

Seasons; Weather

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### Tale of the Ground Hog's Shadow

308984,VH VHS videocassette  
11 min PI 1955 CORONET  
Dramatizes the legend of ground-hog day. Tells about a raccoon who awakes from hibernation in February; questions many animals, including a badger, a porcupine, a skunk, and a ground hog in an effort to find out when spring will arrive.  
Legends-U.S.

### Thanksgiving

312355,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min PI 1994 LIBRARY VIDE  
*Holidays for Children Series* - Thanksgiving is a time to remember how much we depend on and are thankful for the earth's bounty. In this video about the traditional American harvest holiday, visit Plymouth Plantation and discover how and why the first Thanksgiving meal came to be. Nantucket tribe dancers recreate the sense of excitement and wonder the Pilgrims must have felt upon first meeting the Native Americans, and children learn an Abnaki tribe myth on the origin of corn that teaches about sharing resources. Creativity and imagination are further stimulated as children learn to make miniature Mayflower boats from walnut shells.  
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### Understanding World Religions

20 min I 2002 SCHLESSINGER  
The world is steeped in many rich traditions of culture and religion, which often shape society as well as individuals. *Understanding World Religions* provides an interesting and insightful look at the major religions of the world and their significant components, such as history and beliefs, traditions and practices, ceremonies and holidays, sacred writings and places of worship. By understanding the facets of various religions we can begin to understand the differences that make us all unique and the similarities that join us together. Through interviews with religious leaders and dramatic footage of celebrations and ceremonies, students will gain an appreciation of the many and varied religions of the world and develop understanding and respect for religious diversity. Each program contains a teacher's guide.

*For descriptions see individual titles:*

What is Christianity?  
What is Islam?  
What is religion?

### What is Christianity?

314465,VH VHS videocassette  
20 min I 2002 Schlessinger Media  
*Understanding World Religions Series* - Looks at the worship practices of Christianity as well as the religion's traditions, beliefs, and history. Visits a family as they prepare for a Christmas celebration.

Jesus Christ; Christianity; Church history; Christianity—History; Christianity—Customs and practices; Video recordings for the hearing impaired; Valentini, Chris; Schlessinger, Andrew

### What is Islam?

314467,VH VHS videocassette  
20 min I 2002 Schlessinger Media  
*Understanding World Religions Series* - Looks at Islam, its history, and its rituals. Visits a mosque to learn about the five pillars and the daily Muslim prayer service of salah. Also visits a family as they celebrate the holiday of Eid al-Fitr.

Islam—Customs and practices; Islam; Islam—History; Muslims; Video recordings for the hearing impaired; Valentini, Chris; Schlessinger, Andrew

### What is religion?

314469,VH VHS videocassette  
20 min I 2002 Schlessinger Media  
*Understanding World Religions Series* - Teaches about religious diversity and looks at what world religions have in

common, like systems of beliefs, special holidays and celebrations, holy writings, and sacred places.

Religious tolerance; Religion; Religions; Video recordings for the hearing impaired; Valentini, Chris; Schlessinger, Andrew

### Winter Holidays:Ethnic Traditions

313816,VH VHS videocassette  
25 min I 1991 SVE  
Four ethnic American families let student viewers into their homes and lives for a glimpse of the special holidays they celebrate. Viewers will see the festivities of Las Posadas, a Mexican Christmas tradition; witness one family's celebration of Hanukkah; learn how some African Americans celebrate the seven days of Kwanzaa; and see three generations come together for a Polish Christmas feast.