

Holidays

Autumn : legend of the first Thanksgiving

700016,CD Digital Movie CD
700016,DV DVD
PI 2002 Filmwest Associates
Stories from the seventh fire Series - As the leaves are falling, we hear the story of how Raven tricked the other animals into providing a great feast before winter arrives. Harvest, Thanksgiving or Potlatch, the feast tradition carries on for all animals, including humans. In this story, we witness the details of how animals prepare for winter.

Holidays—United States; Thanksgiving; Thanksgiving Day—History; Holidays—Autumn (Other); Holidays

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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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

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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 soggage wall hanging to celebrate Passover, and an illustrated folk tale about the importance of family is followed by lively performances by Jewish folk singers.

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Holiday facts & fun

For descriptions see individual titles:
Martin Luther King Day

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

The Holidays of Winter

700055,CD Digital Movie CD
700055,DV DVD
PI 1996 Lucerne Media
This multicultural program acquaints children with major holidays and special days during the winter season which are celebrated by various groups in the U.S.

Holidays; Language arts; Seasons; Winter

Holidays: origins and history

For descriptions see individual titles:
The Origin and evolution of
Halloween

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 era. 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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Martin Luther King Day

314224,VH VHS videocassette
10 min PI 1992 UNITED LEARNING
Holiday facts & fun Series - Highlights the career of America's foremost civil rights leader and the national holiday that celebrates the birthday of Martin Luther King. Explains Dr. King's contributions to the civil rights movement in the United States and around the world. Discusses how his experience with prejudice led to his belief in nonviolence as the best way to overcome race discrimination.

Afro-Americans-Biography; Civil rights movements-United States; Discrimination-United States; Holidays; King, Martin Luther, Jr.,-1929-1968-Anniversaries, etc; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Multicultural education; Race relations-United States; United States-History; St. John, Brian

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

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 brings hardships, but their spring plantings yield a bountiful harvest, and in November the grateful pilgrims celebrate the first Thanksgiving. Animation.

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

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

The Origin and evolution of Halloween

700077,CD Digital Movie CD
700077,DV DVD
JA 1997 Filmwest Associates
Holidays: origins and history Series - This provocative documentary traces the origins of Halloween from the Druids through the advent of Christianity and the medieval witch craze, to present day. Connecting past with present, modern day scholars, artists and witches offer insight, drama and spectacle as they present their interpretation of our scariest of holidays, Halloween.

Holidays—United States; Holidays—Autumn (Other);
Halloween; Halloween—History; Holidays

Patriotic Holiday Stories

313485,VH VHS videocassette
12 min PI 1993 SVE
Flag Day-Kurt has fun helping Grandpa raise the flag and learns alot 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.

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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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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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Stories from the seventh fire

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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. Naticke 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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Too many tamales

314574,VH VHS videocassette
18 min KP 1998 Weston Woods Studios
This is a tale about why it is better to tell the truth than to panic and try to cover up a problem. It is Christmas and Maria is helping her mother make tamales for the family, when her mother leaves the kitchen Maria tries on her mother's ring and later realizes the ring is missing. The rest of the story concerns Maria's mishandling of her problem and finally a happy ending.

Animated films; Children's films; Children's literature—
Film and video adaptations; Conduct of life; Family;
Holidays; Multiculturalism; Soto, Gary; Martinez, Ed,—ill

Winter

310069,VH VHS videocassette
11 min KPI 1980 CORONET
Presents a child's look at winter from the first Snowflake of fall - chilled mornings, Snowball fights, skating, and exciting holiday festivities.

Holidays; Seasons; Weather