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After each posada ceremony, Mexicans feast and celebrate. Children enjoy trying to break the pinata, a brightly decorated paper or clay figure containing candy and small gifts. The pinata may be shaped like an animal, an elf, a star, or some other object. It is hung stick while blindfolded. When someone breaks the pinata, the gifts

Children in some Latin-American countries, including Brazil Argentina, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, and most areas of Mexico, the

refused at first but finally are admitted

from the ceiling, and the children take turns trying to hit it with a and candy fall to the floor, and the children scramble for them.

Colombia, and parts of Mexico, receive gifts on Christmas Day, In wise men leave the presents on the eve of Epiphany. In Venezuela, people have a late supper after returning from midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Most of these meals include hallacas, which are cornmeal pies stuffed with chicken, pork, beef, and spices. A favorite Christmas dish in Argentina is ninos envueltos (wrapped children). It consists of rolled beef slices filled with seasoned mincemeat.

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Y2K or 2000AD, is not 2000 years since the birth of Christ. Joseph could had Mary stoned to death for becoming pregnant. Herod probably feared the Magi (Wisemen).



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is featured here?

CHRISTMAS LITERATURE QUIZ

- Q1: Who wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas," more commonly known as "Twas' the Night Before Christmas?'
- O2: Who is the villian of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol?"
- Q3: This rhyming holiday tale was written by

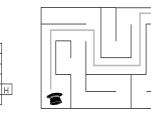


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"How the Grinch Stole Christinas"

Christmas Literature Answers: QI: Edemozer Scrooge Q2: Clement Clarke Moore Q3: Get the Picture Answer: Christmas Ornament



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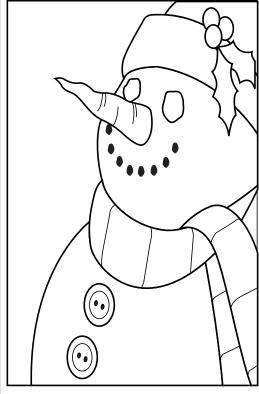
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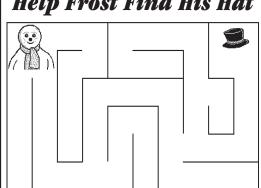
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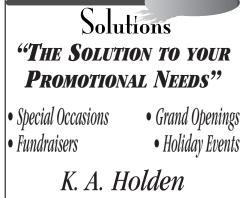
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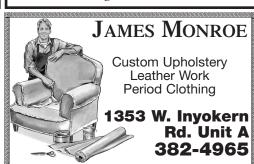
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