

Christmas is one of the most popular festivals in Poland. We celebrate the Christmas Eve the most. All day each family prepares itself for the Christmas dinner. When the first star appears in the sky, families begin to celebrate. At the beginning we pray and read the Gospel of Jesus' birth. On that evening every table is decorated with a white tablecloth. Under the tablecloth we place hay, and branches of spruce on its top. An old Polish tradition is to leave an empty plate for an unexpected guest. After dinner, we open the gifts that are lying under the Christmas tree. Awaiting for midnight, we eat cakes and other sweets, and we sing Christmas carols. On that particular day, at midnight, magical things happen: animals speak and bad children become good. At midnight, we go to church for a midnight mass. On the first and second day of Christmas we visit our families and friends.

