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## Culture Resource Page: Las Posadas ~ The Inns

Las Posadas	The Inns	la flor de nochebuena	the poinsettia
la escena de Navidad	the Nativity scene	la fiesta	the party
José y María	Joseph and Mary	los tamales	the tamales
el burro	the donkey	el ponche de frutas	the fruit punch
el pesebre	the manger	el chocolate caliente	the hot chocolate / the hot cocoa
la estrella	the star	los buñuelos	the fritters
el ángel	the angel	el pastel de frutas	the fruit cake
la vela	the candle	la piñata	the piñata
los villancicos	the carols	los dulces	the candies

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Las Posadas is an important party that is celebrated in some countries around Christmas time. Posada means shelter or inn. Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made looking for "posada" where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. Every December from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> a party is held at someone's house in the neighborhood. Everyone sings songs and carry candles while reenacting the original events. During the *fiesta* there are drinks, food, candy, and fruit. Every posada ends with the breaking of a piñata and when it breaks children run happily to gather its contents- dulces (candy), juguetes (toys), and dinero (money).