LAS POSADAS ACTIVITIES

READ, CUT, PASTE + WRITE



3 LINE WIDTHS

21 PAGES

Bright Path Sped

Las Posadas: Start Here







What's inside

- **Look at the craft** (page 3) shows the finished paper lantern, a farolito
- **Two reading pages** in our own words: what Las Posadas is (page 4) and five things you see at a posada, with a Spanish word for each (page 5)
- **Word bank** (page 6): 6 words with a picture, the Spanish word and a trace-and-write line
- **Two question pages**: circle the picture answer (page 7; 4 questions and one worked example) and answer in a sentence (page 8)
- **Order the night**: 6 picture-and-word cards, ready-colored (page 9) and black-and-white to color (page 10). 5 cards tell the story in order and 1 card does not belong. Paste them in order and write about it (page 11)
- **Farolito craft**: the paper bag lantern picture cut into 6 pieces, ready-colored (page 12) and black-and-white to color (page 13); 24 pieces to cut in all
- **Posada night writing page** on 3 line widths (pages 14-16): kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2. Each has a faint farolito with 6 dashed glue spaces and handwriting lines. A page by Ana, an invented student, to look at (page 17)
- Draw and write (page 18), an answer key (page 19), a family letter (page 20) and credits (page 21)

How to use it

Read the two reading pages aloud first, then let children read them again. Print the colored cards and pieces for quick prep, or the black-and-white ones for children to color first. Every cut is a straight line and the pieces touch, so there are few cuts. The dashed glue spaces are exactly the size of the pieces. Card stock works best. The answers are on page 19.

A note on respect

Las Posadas is a cultural and religious tradition, and families celebrate it in different ways. These pages describe it simply and kindly. Invite your families to tell what their own posadas are like, and use the family letter on page 20 to ask. Spanish words are given in plain print so children can say them aloud.

Three line widths (the small shape beside the name line)

- **Circle, kindergarten (page 14)**: tall lines, 3 lines. **Square, grade 1 (page 15)**: medium lines, 4 lines. **Triangle, grade 2 (page 16)**: narrow lines, 5 lines.
- The question pages follow the same shapes: circle is circle-the-picture (page 7), square is a sentence answer (page 8). Easier: read the cards aloud together. Harder: write the story on page 11 in your own words.

A five-day plan

- **Day 1**: read pages 4-5, then the word bank (page 6). **Day 2**: questions, pages 7-8. **Day 3**: color, cut and paste the night in order, pages 9-11. **Day 4**: color and cut the farolito, then paste it back together on a writing page and write, pages 12-16 (page 17 is for looking at). **Day 5**: draw and write (page 18), share the pictures, send home the letter.
- You need crayons, scissors, glue sticks and card stock.

PREVIEW

My name _____

What is Las Posadas?

Read the story.



Las Posadas is a holiday that many families celebrate in Mexico. It lasts for nine nights, in the days before Christmas.



The word **posada** means a place to stay, like an inn. The nine nights remember a long journey. Mary and Joseph looked for a place to stay.



Each night, families walk together with candles and paper lanterns. They sing at a door and ask for a place to stay.



At last the door opens, and the party begins. Many posadas have a star piñata, hot chocolate and treats to share.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Read about things at a posada.



a star in Spanish: la estrella

A star can hang in a room or be made into a piñata.



a piñata in Spanish: la piñata

A piñata is filled with candy and fruit. Children take turns to break it.



a farolito in Spanish: el farolito

A farolito is a paper bag lantern with a small light inside.



a poinsettia in Spanish: la flor de Nochebuena

This red flower is called the Christmas Eve flower in Mexico.



hot chocolate in Spanish: el chocolate caliente

Many families share hot chocolate and treats after the walk.

PREVIEW

My name _____ K

Read. Circle the answer.

1. How many nights is Las Posadas? Example: the answer is circled.

3	**9**	12

2. What does posada mean?

 a place to stay	 a cookie	 a bell

3. What is a farolito?

 candy	 a paper lantern	 a flower

4. What is filled with candy?

 a door	 a candle	 a piñata

5. What do families carry on the walk?

 pumpkins	 cookies	 candles

PREVIEW

My name _____

Cut out the cards.



Break the piñata.



Carve a pumpkin.



Knock and sing at the door.



Share candy and treats.



Light the farolitos.



The door opens. Everyone goes in.

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1. Cut



2. Read and think



3. Paste on page 11

One card does not belong. Put it to the side.

My name _____

Paste the cards in order. Write the story.

1 Paste 1 here	**2** Paste 2 here
3 Paste 3 here	**4** Paste 4 here
5 Paste 5 here	**Extra** Paste the extra card here

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Tell the story. Use first, next and last.

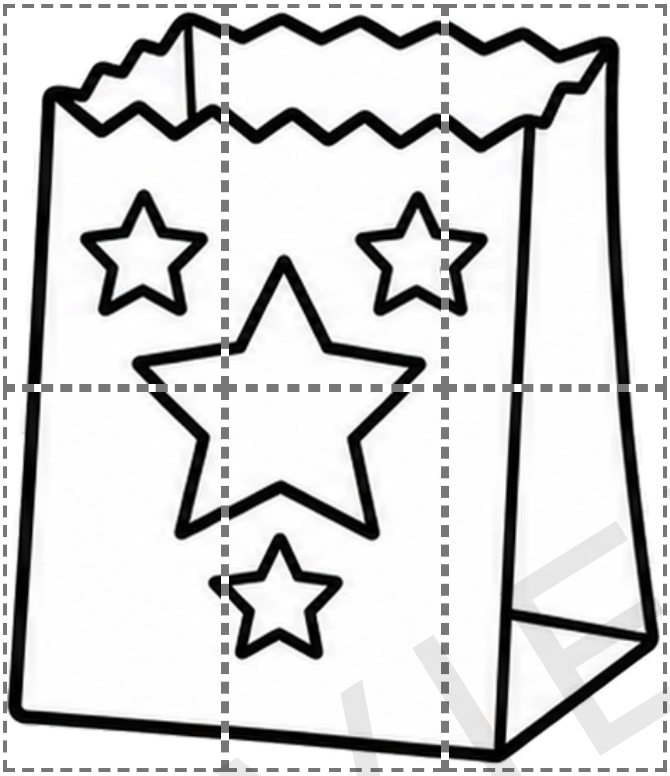
First, _____

Next, _____

Last, _____

My name _____

Color the farolito. Cut out the pieces.





My farolito.
Paste the
pieces back
together on a
writing page.

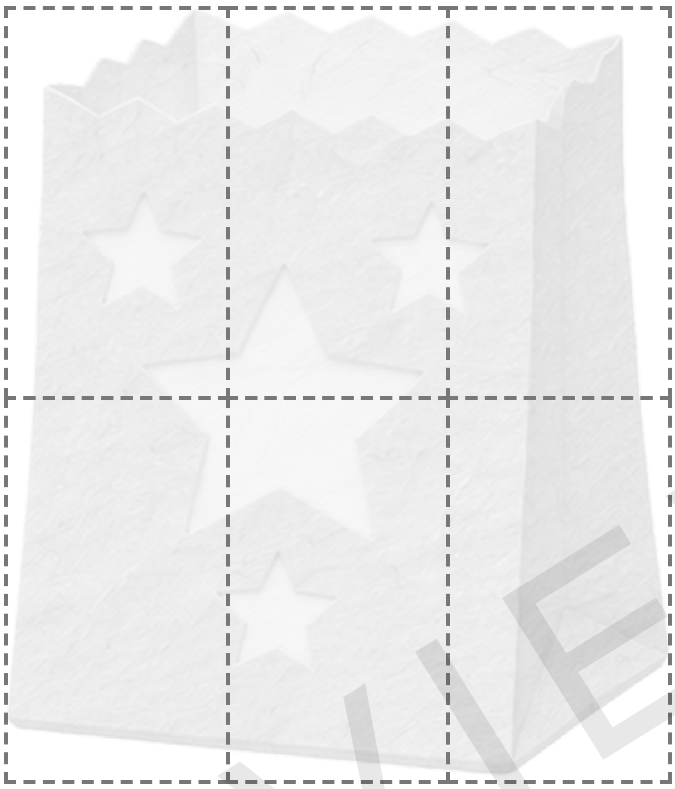


Paste

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My name _____ 1

Paste the farolito. Write.



On posada night...

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My name Ana

Look at Ana's page. Ana is an invented student.



On posada night...

I made a paper lantern.

It has a star on it.

I like posada night.

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Answer Key

Order the night (pages 9-11)

Box	Card
1	Light the farolitos.
2	Knock and sing at the door.
3	The door opens. Everyone goes in.
4	Break the piñata.
5	Share candy and treats.

The extra card is "Carve a pumpkin." (it does not belong to a posada). Cards print in a mixed order, so the cut pieces never match the boxes in reading order.

Circle the answer (page 7)

No.	Question	Answer
1	How many nights is Las Posadas?	9
2	What does posada mean?	a place to stay
3	What is a farolito?	a paper lantern
4	What is filled with candy?	a piñata
5	What do families carry on the walk?	candles

Question 1 is the worked example, already circled for the child.

Write the answer (page 8)

1: nine nights. 2: a place to stay (an inn). 3: any thing from the reading pages, such as a star, a piñata, a farolito or a poinsettia.

Spanish words (page 6)

English	Spanish
star	estrella
door	puerta
candle	vela
piñata	piñata
farolito	farolito
poinsettia	flor de Nochebuena

Say each word aloud with the children. A child who speaks Spanish at home may be your best helper.

PREVIEW