Assembly Script

This assembly script acts as a guide to delivering an assembly about celebrating differences at Christmas.

This assembly resource has a Christmas focus and is designed to help you talk about how we should celebrate our differences.

There is a PowerPoint that compliments the assembly script, please do adapt this script and the PowerPoint to best suit your pupils and your school.

**Slide 1**

Welcome! Today we’re going to learn about the different way Christmas is celebrated all over the world.

**Slide 2**

Most of us will recognise this Christmas! Christmas in the UK is filled with greeting cards, decorations such as lights and food such as Turkey, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables! Father Christmas or Santa Claus brings presents late at night!

**Slide 3**

Christmas in Germany is a little different – Father Christmas/Santa brings presents during the afternoon of Christmas Eve and on Christmas day families will sometimes eat fish or goose instead of Turkey.

**Slide 4**

In Kenya they decorate their houses with balloons, flowers and leaves. And, instead of a Christmas tree they might have a type of tree called a Cyprus tree! They celebrate Christmas with a very different Christmas lunch which includes BBQ meats such as goat or sheep, and sides such as rice and flat breads!

**Slide 5**

In Brazil they call Father Christmas/Santa Papai Noel! They eat lots of different foods such as Turkey, Ham, Salad, Fresh and Dried Fruits and Rice and Beans! Brazilians usually have Christmas Trees, but they never have snow!

**Slide 6**

From what we have just learned we can see that Christmas is celebrated differently all over the world.

**Slide 7**

Hands-up if you think that this means that other countries celebrate Christmas wrong.

Great – remember how you answered, we’ll be thinking about those answers a little bit later.

**Slide 8**

Hands-up – tell me, what is your favourite part of Christmas?

*Pick a couple of answers from the audience*

These are all great answers! Whilst thinking about *[insert previous answers here]*, are they things that happen in your house at Christmas? Or are they your favourite part of Christmas?

**Slide 9**

If your answer is ‘No’ – does that mean that you celebrate Christmas ‘wrong’? too?

**Slide 10**
Or, is there no such thing as right and wrong? Just things that are different!

Is being tolerant and accepting of people’s differences more important than being right or wrong?

**Slide 11**

Tolerance is a really important quality, and one that we should all try and strengthen in ourselves every day.

*Go through each of the points, asking pupils for examples in everyday life e.g for ‘Open-minded’ it might be that when someone talks about an idea you help them make it better rather than making them feel that their idea is bad.*

**Slide 12**

When people aren’t acting very tolerant there are things we can do to improve the situation.

Firstly, we should remind the person about tolerance, and how our words and actions may affect others. Sometimes this is enough for them to realise their actions may not be positive for others.

If someone has really upset you then you should always speak-up to a friend, a teacher or tootoot. And, if it happens online you can screenshot the evidence and send it to tootoot.

Finally, if you witness something happen you should always support the person affected if you feel comfortable to do so. This is really important so that the affected person doesn’t feel alone.

**Slide 13**

We’ve talked a lot about tootoot during this assembly, can any tell me what tootoot it?

*Take answers from the audience*

Those answers are all great! Tootoot is here for you to use to talk about anything that is making you feel unhappy or unsafe, no matter how big or small. It might be something related to our assembly today, or it might be something different such as a worry at home or bullying.

**Slide 14 & 15**

*Talk through how pupils can:*

*-Get their logins*

*-Send a message*

*-Receive a reply*

**Slide 16**

Let’s all take a moment to think about how we can be more open-minded and tolerant over the Christmas holidays.

**Slide 17**

Thank you all for listening, any questions?