Prior Knowledge

Why are gifts given at Christmas and how do they link to the Nativity story?
To Christians, the gifts given at Christmas are symbolic of the gifts from the Three Wise Men from the Nativity story.

What is the difference between a religious Christmas and a secular celebration?
Secular things are not religious. Anything not with a church or faith can be called secular.

Religious Festival - is a festival by a certain or specific group of churches or religions.
Non-religious Festival - is a festival with a group of people, community due to tradition and culture.
Although many go to church as a family, there are plenty of things people can do as families that are completely secular: dinners, gift exchanges and holiday shows.

New Knowledge

How are babies welcomed into the world by their Muslim families?
Babies are welcomed into the world by having the adhaan recited into their right ear. Prayer is very important to a Muslim's daily life and for many Muslims takes place five times a day.

What is the significance of the Jatakarma ceremony?
This ceremony welcomes the child into the family. The father touches and smells the child and whispers religious verses (Mantras) into the ears of the infant. All this is to promise the baby a safe and comfortable environment.

What is 'Christmas spirit' and how can it be shared?
During Christmas it is common to see an increase Joy, happiness, feeling of gratitude and sharing. That is what some people call of Christmas spirit. It can be shared through kindness and good deeds.

Why is marking a change from childhood to adulthood still important for many people? (Judaism)
A Bar or Bat Mitzvah is a coming of age ceremony for Jewish boys and girls when they reach the age of 12 or 13. This ceremony marks the time when a boy or girl becomes a Jewish adult. This means that they are now responsible for their own actions and can decide for themselves how they would like to practice Judaism.