



## LESSON PLAN

### Theme 8 - Session 1 (of 3)

#### Tips and Tricks for your Club Session

- Go over pronunciation help
- Have all your material laid out and ready to use
- Think of engaging gestures, routines and rituals to build a sense of togetherness and to aid repetition of vocabulary
- Keep it positive - model correct use of language, instead of correcting mistakes
- Have fun and incorporate play and movement as much as possible
- Go on a language discovery journey with the children - display curiosity

#### Objective

To learn about Christmas traditions in the German-speaking world.

#### German Words/Phrases Learning Goals

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| • Weihnachten         | Christmas                      |
| • die Weihnachtszeit  | Christmas time                 |
| • das Fest            | celebration                    |
| • der Adventskranz    | the Advent wreath              |
| • der Adventskalender | the Advent calendar            |
| • der Wunschzettel    | the wish list                  |
| • das Fahrrad         | the bike                       |
| • die Schokolade      | the chocolate                  |
| • das Lebkuchenhaus   | the gingerbread house          |
| • das Spiel           | the game / toy                 |
| • der Wintersport     | Winter sports                  |
| • Ski fahren          | to go skiing                   |
| • der Stiefel         | the boot                       |
| • der Nikolaustag     | Saint Nicholas' Day            |
| • die Plätzchen       | a type of Christmas biscuit    |
| • der Stollen         | a type of Christmas fruit cake |
| • der Weihnachtsmarkt | Christmas market               |
| • die Geschenke       | the gifts/presents             |
| • der Weihnachtsmann  | the Christmas man              |
| • Frohe Weihnachten!  | Merry Christmas!               |

#### Materials

- Interactive whiteboard/screen with internet access and audio
- Felix and Franz letterbox
- Felix and Franz puppets
- Christmas hats / tinsel for Felix and Franz
- Examples of the items from the video e.g. an Advent wreath, Advent calendar, Christmas biscuits, Stollen, a gingerbread house etc. – **dependent on any allergies, as many of the food items contain NUTS.** These can be bought in most major UK supermarkets.
- Christmas Memory

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n/a	n/a	n/a	<p><b><u>The leader should read information about Christmas traditions in Germany before this session is taught.</u></b></p> <p>As a Christian country, some of the Christmas traditions in the German-speaking world are the same as those in the UK. However, there are some key differences too. Leaders should have some background knowledge before the session, and can also check the suitability of the materials according to the age of their learners.</p>		



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			<p>The Voyage Kids website always has a section on Christmas during December, including an interactive advent calendar: <a href="https://ukgermanconnection.org/kids/">https://ukgermanconnection.org/kids/</a></p> <p>More information about German Christmas traditions can be found on these websites here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.goethe.de/prj/ger/en/wow/a24.html">https://www.goethe.de/prj/ger/en/wow/a24.html</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.dw.com/en/10-traditional-ingredients-for-a-very-german-christmas/video-46803499">https://www.dw.com/en/10-traditional-ingredients-for-a-very-german-christmas/video-46803499</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.deutschland.de/en/topic/life/how-germany-celebrates-christmas#:~:text=Some%20have%20family%20traditions%20such,get%20the%20presents%20they%20want.">https://www.deutschland.de/en/topic/life/how-germany-celebrates-christmas#:~:text=Some%20have%20family%20traditions%20such,get%20the%20presents%20they%20want.</a></li> </ul>		
2 min	Whole group	The children can join in with the Felix and Franzi "Hello" song	<p>Sing Felix and Franzi out of the letterbox, with the music. <a href="https://www.goethe.de/resources/files/mp31/halo_felix_mastered.mp3">https://www.goethe.de/resources/files/mp31/halo_felix_mastered.mp3</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive whiteboard/screen with internet access and audio</li> <li>• Felix and Franzi letterbox</li> <li>• Felix and Franzi puppets</li> <li>• Christmas hats / tinsel for Felix and Franzi</li> </ul>	<p>Hallo Felix, Hallo Franzi! - Hello Felix, hello Franzi!</p> <p>Guten Morgen - Good morning</p> <p>Guten Tag - Good day</p> <p>Wave to greet the puppets and clap to the song. End the song with a wave and a big "Hallo".</p>
5 min	Whole group	The children learn that there are many Christmas traditions in the German-speaking world	<p>Ask Felix and Franzi "Wie geht's?" ("How are you?")</p> <p>They reply with "Wunderbar!" ("Wonderful!"). The puppets could be wearing tinsel or other Christmas decorations.</p> <p>Ask Felix and Franzi why they are so happy today. They explain that it is now "Weihnachtszeit" ("Christmas time").</p> <p>The leader explains to the learners that Christmas is a big celebration in Germany and that many of our UK traditions came from Germany.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Felix and Franzi puppets</li> <li>• Christmas hats / tinsel for Felix and Franzi</li> </ul>	<p>Wie geht's, Felix und Franzi? - How are you, Felix and Franzi?</p> <p>Wunderbar! – Wonderful!</p> <p>Warum? – Why?</p> <p>Es ist Weihnachtszeit! – It is Christmas time!</p> <p>In Deutschland ist Weihnachten ein großes Fest. – In Germany, Christmas is a big celebration.</p>



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					Viele unserer britischen Traditionen stammen aus Deutschland. – Many of our British traditions come from Germany.
15 min	Whole group	The children learn about Christmas traditions in the German-speaking world and can compare these with their own traditions in December	<p>The leader explains to the learners that they are going to watch a video to learn about Christmas traditions in the German-speaking world.</p> <p>They should consider which traditions are the same as their own, and which are different.</p> <p>Watch Felix &amp; Franzi: “Christmas time in Germany” in full here: <a href="https://youtu.be/vyrcGFlhxPA">https://youtu.be/vyrcGFlhxPA</a></p> <p>Pause at the following times to discuss the video content.</p> <p>0:13 – What Christmas items can you see?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>der Adventskranz – the Advent wreath. This is a wreath with 4 candles, and will be explained later in the video.</li> <li>der Adventskalender – the Advent calendar. Like in the UK, nowadays this calendar is often made of cardboard and contains chocolates/pictures, but traditionally it was a bigger item made out of wood, containing drawers/hooks for tiny presents and chocolates. These were often homemade.</li> </ul> <p>0:43 – What is Felix writing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>der Wunschzettel – the wish list.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interactive whiteboard/screen with internet access and audio</li> <li>Examples of the items from the video e.g. an Advent wreath, Advent calendar, Christmas biscuits, Stollen, a gingerbread house etc. – <b>dependent on any allergies, as many of the food items contain NUTS.</b> These can be bought in most major UK supermarkets.</li> </ul>	<p>Zuhören bitte. - Listen carefully.</p> <p>Wir schauen ein Video! - Let's watch a video!</p> <p>Welche Weihnachtstraditionen sind gleich? – Which Christmas traditions are the same?</p> <p>Welche sind anders? – Which are different?</p> <p>Es gibt einen Adventskranz und einen Adventskalender. (<i>The leader can explain the detail about the calendar in English. The wreath will be explained later.</i>)</p> <p>Was schreibt Felix? – What is Felix writing?</p>



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			<p>Like in the UK, children write lists of presents they would like to receive at Christmas.</p> <p>0:54 – What is Felix asking for?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ein Fahrrad – a bike</li> <li>• Schokolade – chocolate</li> <li>• ein Lebkuchenhaus – a gingerbread house</li> <li>• ein neues Spiel – a new game</li> </ul> <p>1:26 – What item is behind door 5?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• der Stiefel – the boot</li> <li>• der Nikolaustag – Saint Nicholas' Day.</li> </ul> <p>The leader should explain to the children that Felix is cleaning a boot. This is because the 5<sup>th</sup> December is the night before Saint Nicholas' Day and Felix will need to leave a clean boot outside his front door overnight for Saint Nicholas. "Sankt Nikolaus", despite his beard and traditional clothes, is not Santa/Father Christmas, but he is a famous bishop and saint. The leader should tell the learners that they will learn more about this special tradition in their next lesson. And that they will finish today's lesson by learning the song that Felix is singing.</p> <p>2:26 – What activity is Franzi doing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• der Wintersport – winter sports</li> <li>• Ski fahren – to go skiing</li> </ul> <p>Like in the UK, not everywhere in Germany will be covered in snow in the Winter. However, particularly in the South, the mountains are very popular for winter sports. The leader should show the</p>		<p>Er schreibt einen Wunschzettel. – He is writing a wish list. <i>(The leader can explain the detail about this item in English.)</i></p> <p>Was wünscht sich Felix? – What is Felix asking for?</p> <p>Er wünscht sich ein Fahrrad, Schokolade, ein Lebkuchenhaus und ein neues Spiel. – He is asking for a bike, chocolate, a gingerbread house and a new game.</p> <p>Welches Objekt ist hinter Tür 5? – What object is behind door 5?</p> <p>Es ist ein Stiefel. – It is a boot. <i>(The leader can explain the detail about this item and its link to St Nicholas' Day traditions in English.)</i></p> <p>Was macht Franzi? – What is Franzi doing?</p>



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			<p>learners the view from this webcam, on top of the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain. It is very impressive, particularly in the winter:  <a href="https://zugspitze.panomax.com/?_ga=2.236677313.1161291829.1723803295-2024403398.1723803295&amp;_gl=1*1aqu4vk*_ga*MjAyNDQwMzM5OC4xNzIzODAzMjk1*_ga_QW6F33TVY5*MTcyMzg0MzI5NC4wLjAuMTcyMzg0MzI5NC4wLjAuMA">https://zugspitze.panomax.com/?_ga=2.236677313.1161291829.1723803295-2024403398.1723803295&amp;_gl=1*1aqu4vk*_ga*MjAyNDQwMzM5OC4xNzIzODAzMjk1*_ga_QW6F33TVY5*MTcyMzg0MzI5NC4wLjAuMTcyMzg0MzI5NC4wLjAuMA</a>.</p> <p>2:42 – What Christmas food can you see?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plätzchen – a type of Christmas biscuit There are lots of traditional biscuits that are bought or baked around Christmas. Many can now be found in UK supermarkets, such as Lebkuchen and Spekulatius biscuits.</li> <li>• der Stollen – a traditional German Christmas cake made with fruit, nuts and marzipan.</li> </ul> <p>2:56 – What does Felix show us next?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• der Weihnachtsmarkt – the Christmas market. Most German towns and cities have at least one Christmas market in December. These markets sell gifts, decorations and food. Some bigger towns will have more than one market. Some markets are traditional and some are more modern. The leader should show the learners some examples here:  <a href="https://www.munich.travel/en/topics/markets-festivals/christmas-markets">https://www.munich.travel/en/topics/markets-festivals/christmas-markets</a>)</li> </ul>		<p>Franzi fährt Ski. Das ist Wintersport. – Franz is skiing. That's a winter sport. <i>(The leader can explain the detail about snow and winter sport traditions in English.)</i></p> <p>Welche weihnachtlichen Speisen gibt es? – What Christmas food is there?</p> <p>Es gibt Plätzchen und Stollen. – There are biscuits and cake. <i>(The leader can explain the detail about these foods in English.)</i></p> <p>Was sehen wir hier? – What do we see here?</p> <p>Das ist ein Weihnachtsmarkt. – That is a Christmas market. <i>(The leader can explain the detail about Christmas markets in English.)</i></p>



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			<p>3:01 – What Christmas item can you see here?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>der Adventskranz – the Advent wreath This is a wreath with 4 candles. One candle is lit on each Sunday before Christmas.</li> </ul> <p>3:26 – What does Felix say it is now time for?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>die Geschenke – the gifts/presents</li> <li>der Weihnachtsmann – the Christmas man</li> <li>das Christkind – the Christ child In Germany, gifts are traditionally exchanged on the 24<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon/evening at a simple family party. Depending on your religious beliefs, the gifts are either brought by der Weihnachtsmann or das Christkind.</li> </ul> <p>4:31 – What is said at the end of the video?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frohe Weihnachten! – Merry Christmas!</li> </ul>		<p>Was sehen wir hier? – What do we see here?</p> <p>Das ist der Adventskranz. – That is the Advent wreath. <i>(The leader can explain the detail about the Advent wreath in English.)</i></p> <p>Die Geschenke! – The gifts/presents! <i>(The leader can explain the detail about gift-giving traditions in English.)</i></p> <p>Was bedeutet diese Phrase? – What does this phrase mean?</p> <p>Frohe Weihnachten! – Merry Christmas!</p>
6 min	Paired Work	The children know vocabulary related to Christmas traditions in Germany	The leader explains to the learners that they are going to play a Christmas memory game.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas memory</li> </ul>	Wir spielen Memory. – Let's play memory.
2 min	Whole group	The children can join in with the Felix and Franzi "Goodbye" song	<p>Sing Felix and Franzi back into the box.</p> <p><a href="https://www.goethe.de/resources/files/mp31/goodbye_felix_mastered.mp3">https://www.goethe.de/resources/files/mp31/goodbye_felix_mastered.mp3</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interactive whiteboard/screen with internet access and audio</li> <li>Felix and Franzi letterbox</li> <li>Felix and Franzi puppets</li> </ul>	<p>Tschüss Felix, Tschüss Franzi - Bye Felix, bye Franzi</p> <p>Tschüss Freunde - Bye friends</p> <p>Auf Wiedersehen - Goodbye</p> <p>Bis bald - See you soon</p> <p>Incorporate a goodbye wave. You can also think of a ritual for putting the puppets back into the box, like a</p>





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					"shushing" sound to signal that Felix and Franzi are going back to sleep.