

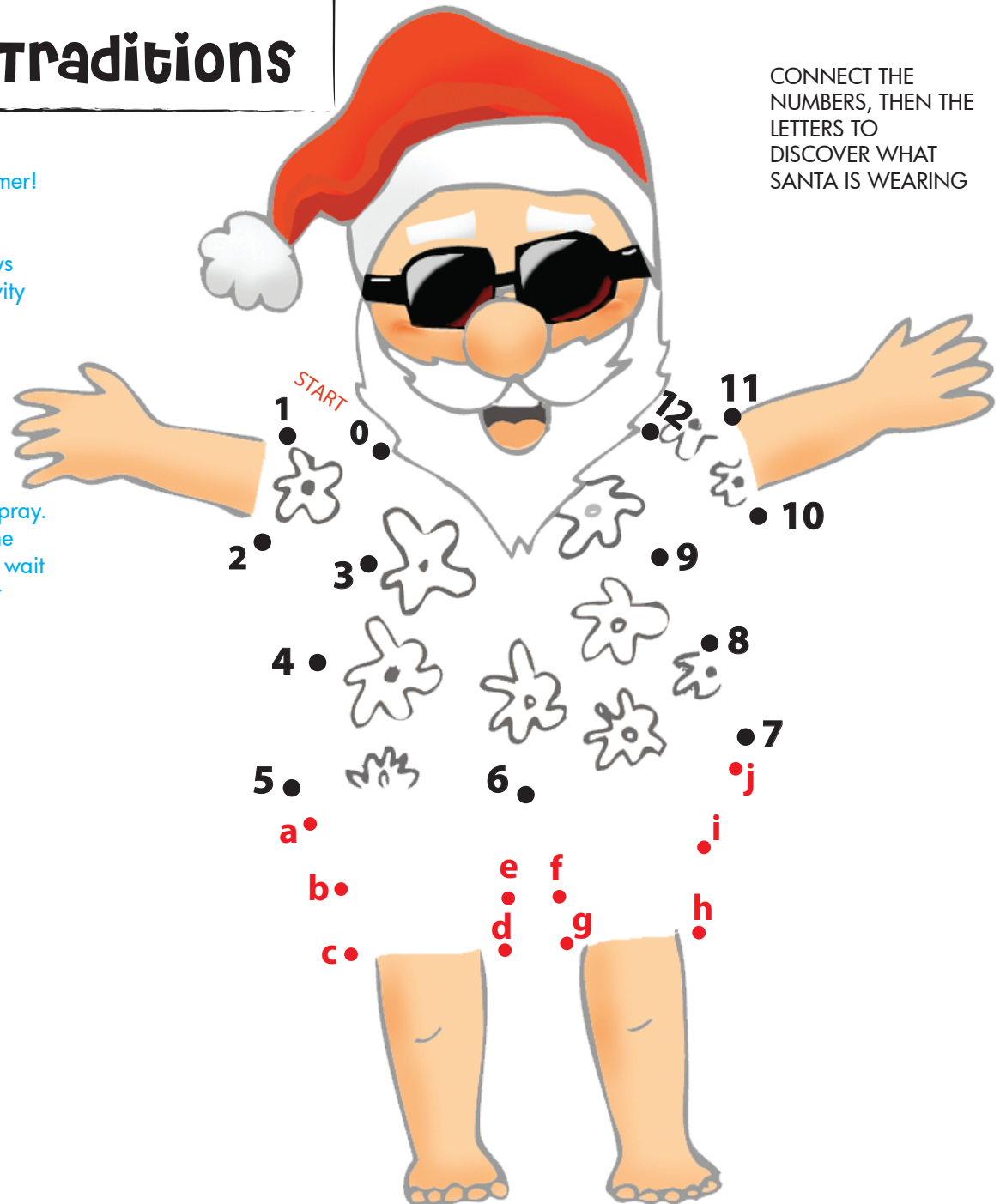
hispanic christmas traditions

Christmas in Spanish-speaking countries is very different from the holiday in the U.S. In some places, it's celebrated during the summer! Can you imagine Santa delivering toys in summer clothes?

Streets are decorated with lights, garlands, and flowers. Nine days before Christmas the families pray **novenas** and prepare the nativity scene. A novena is a prayer asking for special graces. In some countries there is a ritual called **las Posadas**, a procession to remember Mary and Joseph's trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem. A group of people walk from house to house carrying pictures of saints, lighted candles and singing Christmas songs.

On Christmas Eve, families meet for dinner, sing **villancicos**, and pray. Villancicos are the most popular traditional Christmas songs. Some people decide to go to **misa del gallo** or midnight mass. Children wait for Santa Claus to come to their houses. Other Spanish names for Santa are **Papá Noel**, **San Nicolás** or **Viejo Pascuero**.

CONNECT THE NUMBERS, THEN THE LETTERS TO DISCOVER WHAT SANTA IS WEARING



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FIND AND CIRCLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS

NAVIDAD
NOEL
NOVENAS
POSADAS