

# Sparkle and Shine



Read through the activities with your child. You can do all of the activities or choose the ones that they find the most interesting.

## Activities

1. Talk about events that you like to celebrate as a family. Look at photographs or video clips of you celebrating the different events. Draw a picture of your celebration or stick a photograph below.

Our celebration

What do you celebrate?



2. Lights are used to decorate houses and to help people celebrate. Look at these pictures of festive lights.



birthday candles



Halloween lantern



Diwali diva lamps



fireworks



Christingle



sparklers



Hanukkah menorah candles



Christmas tree lights



Christmas candles



Diwali lanterns

Do you put lights up for special celebrations?

What decorations do you put up?



3. People eat special food when they celebrate. Look at these pictures of celebration foods.



mince pies



Christmas  
pudding



samosa



birthday cake



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latke



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toffee apples

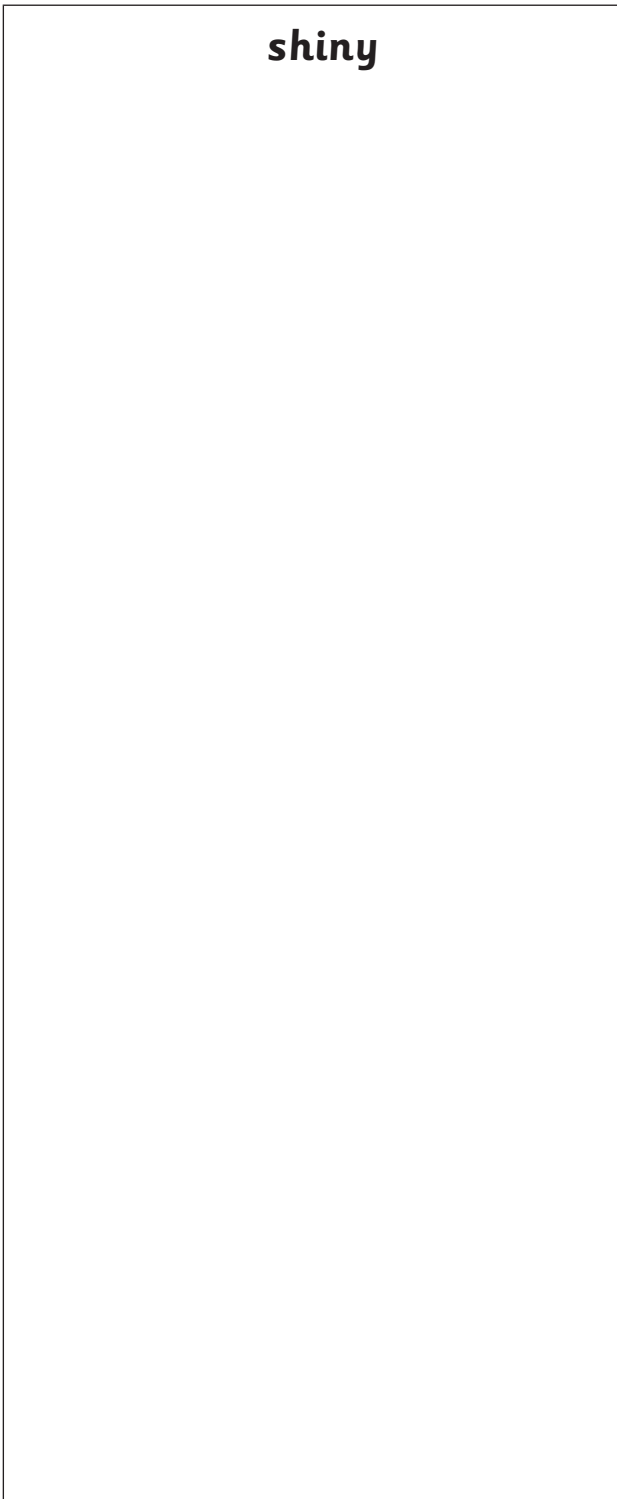
What special celebration foods do you eat?

When do you eat them?

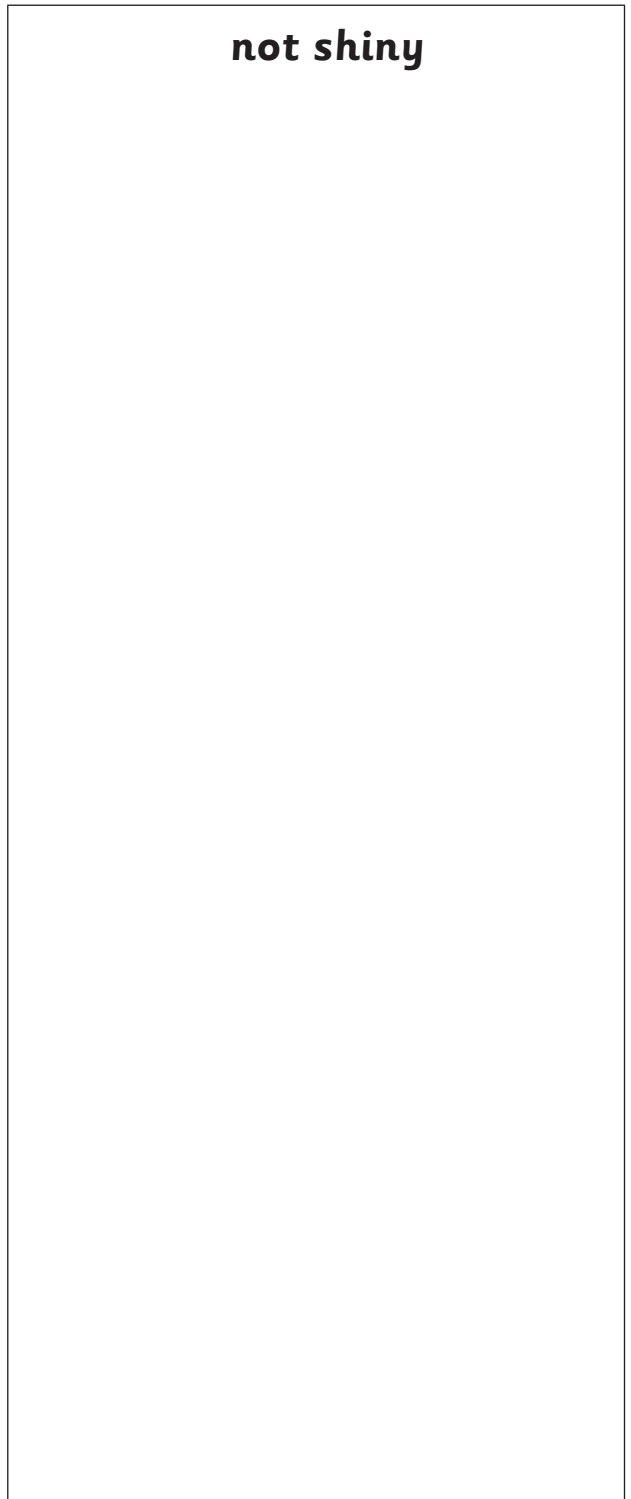


4. Sometimes when we celebrate, we send cards or messages to people we love. Make a card or write a message and send it to someone special.
5. Shiny materials reflect light. When it is dark, take a torch and shine it on different objects around the house. Draw or make a list of the shiny and not shiny objects that you find.

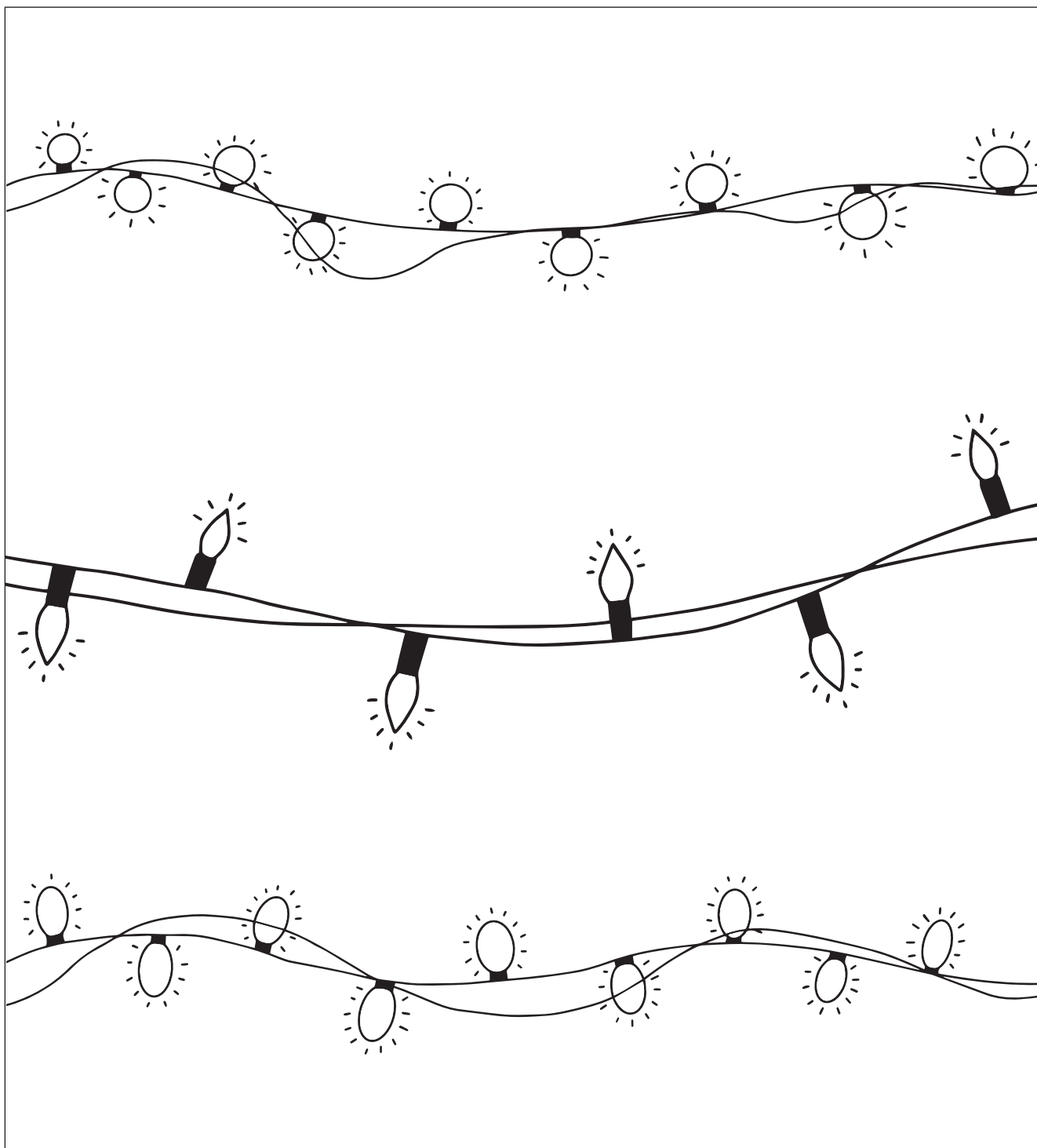
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**not shiny**



6. Choose two colours and make a repeating pattern on these strings of lights.



7. Visit the CBeebies – Let’s celebrate website to find out more about different celebrations that happen at this time of year. You could look up Diwali, Christmas and Hanukkah.



8. Finish your home learning by telling an adult about your favourite celebration.

What is your favourite celebration?

Why do you like it?

What is special about this celebration?

## Useful websites

CBeebies – Let’s celebrate

BBC Bitesize – A torch as a light source

## Good reads

Title	Author	ISBN
The Jolly Christmas Postman	Janet & Allan Ahlberg	9780141340111
Christmas – Sparklers	Katie Dicker	9781909850347
Harvey Slumfenburger’s Christmas Present	John Burningham	9781844288335
The Story of Hanukkah	David A Adler	9780823425471
Diwali – Celebrate the World	Hannah Eliot	9781534419902
Eight Candles for Counting: A Chanukah Story	Jonny Zucker	9780711220171

