***Данное мероприятие может быть так же проведено на английском языке для детей углубленно изучающих английский язык.***

***Слова ведущего:***

Well, the candles are lit, the Christmas tree is glittering with lights, the fire in the fire-place is burning. It’s time to begin the festival. The festival of Christmas. Christmas is Christian holiday that celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. Among all holidays of Great Britain and USA Christmas the holiday of holidays! It celebrates on December 25. Christmas is a joyful religious holiday. Before Jesus’ birth angel came to 3 kings and said: “A child will be born this evening. One day he will be king.  Follow that star and you will find this prince of peace.”

Such scenes as you have seen are played in American families on Christmas.

Our festival is going on. In the centre of London at the Trafalgar square stands enormous green tree, gift from people of Oslo. In every house there stand evergreen trees, because the evergreen trees are the symbols of eternal life. . Under the Christmas tree they put a manger with Christ baby. Traditions to hang small toys, candies and other goodies on the Christmas tree came from Germany. In England it came in1841.Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria brought this tradition there but in Russia Peter I brought it.

Over four weeks before Christmas people bring “Advent Wreath” to the house. They put on it four candles and lit one of it on Sunday. The house is decorated with twigs of mistletoe and holy. Holy, because before death Jesus was wearing the garland of holy, and mistletoe is the symbol of love and reconciliation under which a boy may kiss a girl.

On the Christmas Eve there is a fuss in towns, everybody’s making preparations. Offices are closed at 1 o’clock, but shops are working. Postmen hurry to deliver millions of Christmas cards.

The prints about Christmas, which were popular in Medieval, are the prototypes of Christmas cards. In Europe was tradition to send letters with Christmas and New Years congratulations to relatives and friends. Sometimes there were drawings about Christmas. The other prototypes of Christmas cards were calling cards, which were sent to all significant addressees. In 1848 Sir HENRY Coul ordered from the painter John Horsley unusual at that time Christmas congratulation- the picture on the cardboard which size was 12x7 sm. It had sign “Marry Christmas and Happy New Year”. This piece of cardboard was the first Christmas card.

But children as all children in the world play their favorite winter games!

Christmas is the family event, all are gathering at one table, act the scene about Christ birth, play games, sing Christmas songs and tell dreadful stories. Sometimes ghosts can come to you. Imagine that in the height of the party there appears white, sinister, terrible ghost. It shocks the people and then…  
Wait! Wait! What are you doing? We are at the festival. Come a little later! A good guy… He’s gone? Thanks God!  
Well, the main thing is that dutiful and loving children get the Christmas presents. They hang their little stockings at the fireplace. In the morning they find that the stockings are full of presents. They were sent by Santa. . The custom of hanging stockings on the mantel to be filled with treats and presents is said to have originated in Norway.

Santa Claus (or St. Nicolas) was born in 4 century before our era in Turkey and was reborn in hearts and minds of children in the 19th century. His current residence is in the North Pole and his main occupation is to deliver gifts to good boys and girls on Christmas Eve. His favorite snacks are milk and cookies.

Santa, wait! And what about our children? Where are your traditional Christmas games?

And they prepared you Christmas poems.

The morning on 25 December begins with opening Christmas presents. But the main event of Christmas is the Christmas dinner with traditional turkey or goose, pudding and Christmas presents. Then comes the time of traditional “Christmas Cracker”, it holds a small present and congratulation. At the end of the party English people have Christmas Pie or Christmas Pudding.

But in America they prefer Christmas Cookies. In almost all Christian countries special Christmas Pies, Buns, Cookies and Gingerbreads are baked on Christmas. Every housewife shows her talents.

We wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!