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Group: Lingokids.

Speaker 1: Brrr, it's chilly but I don't care. I'm feeling great.

Speaker 2: Why do you feel so great, Lisa? [shivers]

Speaker 3: We're just cold.

Speaker 1: I'll give you a hint. Cookies, matching pajamas, twinkly lights.

Speaker 4: Lingokids listeners, do you want to figure out why Lisa is so excited? Come on. Welcome to *Storytime* by Lingokids, where we discover fascinating facts about the world around us and the fun of play learning. Today, we will hear a story about how one holiday can mean lots of different things to different people. I also have a special hello from our podcast friends, the *Dorktales Storytime Podcast*. Let me share it first before trying to guess the riddle from Lisa. [chuckles] The *Dorktales Storytime Podcast* is a family-fun series about curiosity, imagination, and acceptance through stories.

Join Jonathan Cormur and Mr. Reginald T. Hedgehog on a journey through geeky fairy tales with social emotional lessons, histories of amazing hidden heroes, and their anything-is-possible lore stories. New episodes are released every two weeks and you can listen to it wherever you listen to podcasts. Visit their website at dorktalesstorytime.com. So Lisa, where were we? Cookies?

Speaker 1: Cookies? Matching pajamas? Twinkly lights? I'm just not sure.

Speaker 4: Can you give us another hint, Lisa?

Speaker 1: Yes. I'm having an extra cozy kind of feeling.

Speaker 3: Extra cozy?

Speaker 1: Yes. Extra cozy, like sitting by a warm fire with stockings nearby.

Speaker 4: Cookies, matching pajamas, twinkly lights, and an extra cozy kind of feeling. Kids at home, any idea why Lisa is excited?

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Speaker 4: That's it, Christmas.

Speaker 2: Oh, Christmas.

Speaker 3: Christmas.

Speaker 1: Yes, Christmas. Why aren't you excited? Christmas is the best day ever.

Speaker 2: I don't get an extra cozy kind of feeling on Christmas. I've never had matching pajamas.

Speaker 3: I'm not allowed to eat cookies.

Speaker 1: No cookies? That's terrible.

Speaker 4: Lisa loves Christmas but Elliot and Cowy, you don't?

Speaker 3: I like [unintelligible 00:02:42] better.

Speaker 2: I sort of like Christmas but sometimes, it makes me feel a little bit sad.

Speaker 1: Well, maybe you're just not doing it right. I'm pretty sure everyone loves Christmas. Next time, try more lights, more matching PJs, more presents.

Speaker 5: [chirps]

Speaker 4: Oh, good point, Billy. Not everybody celebrates Christmas.

Speaker 1: What? It's so wonderful. Some people are really missing out.

Speaker 4: Well, maybe they don't feel like they're missing out, Lisa. Many people celebrate different holidays around the same time. The other holidays are wonderful, too.

Speaker 1: Really?

Speaker 4: Yes. For example, Diwali. India's biggest, and most important holiday of the year. It's known as the Festival of Lights.

Speaker 3: Lights, like Christmas lights?

Speaker 4: [laughs] It's not related to Christmas and people light up the night with special lamps. Oh, and fireworks.

Speaker 2: Oh.

Speaker 4: They also decorate tables and floors with colorful art that is made out of flower petals, rocks, or sand. It's a wonderful holiday, too.

Speaker 3: Colorful rock art? Cool.

Speaker 4: Yes, you'd really like it, Cowy. Another holiday is Hanukkah. That one includes delicious potato pancakes, eight candles to light, and jelly donuts.

Speaker 2: Wow. Sounds fun and yummy.

Speaker 4: It's great to celebrate Christmas and love it, Lisa. It's also good to know that some people don't celebrate Christmas and that's okay.

Speaker 5: [chirps]

Speaker 4: Billy says he doesn't do Christmas but he still likes to decorate something funny, a yellow cactus.

Speaker 1: Well, you aren't doing it right, Billy. Christmas trees are green with ornaments and lights.

Speaker 5: [chirps]

Speaker 4: That's true, Billy. There are lots of Christmas traditions around the world.

Speaker 3: Additions?

Speaker 4: [laughs] No, Cowy. Traditions. It means the way people celebrate or the kinds of things they like to do. People who celebrate Christmas do it in lots of different ways. Did that in New Zealand people use a red Christmas tree that grows by the ocean?

Speaker 3: I never knew that.

Speaker 5: [chirps]

Speaker 4: Good point, Billy. It's summertime in New Zealand on Christmas.

Speaker 3: Wait, what? No snow.

Speaker 4: No snow.

Speaker 3: Summertime Christmas.

Speaker 5: [chirps]

Speaker 4: Billy wants to share that in Germany, they hide a pickle on the Christmas tree.

Speaker 3: Wow.

Speaker 4: In South Africa, people eat a special kind of caterpillar on Christmas.

Speaker 3: Yuck.

Speaker 5: [chirps]

Speaker 3: Are pickles and caterpillars additions?

Speaker 5: [chirps]

Speaker 3: I mean traditions.

Speaker 4: You got it.

Speaker 3: I have an idea. How about we make our own new traditions?

Speaker 2: Yes.

Speaker 3: But why?

Speaker 4: Kids at home, what ideas for new traditions can you think of?

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Speaker 3: I know my tradition is going to be rolling in the snow. Weeeee.

[laughter]

Speaker 4: What will your tradition be Cowy?

Speaker 3: Making up a song. Doo di, doo da.

[laughter]

Speaker 2: I like new traditions, but I wish everyone could have that extra cozy feeling that I get at Christmas. Oh, well.

Speaker 4: Maybe they can. What gives everyone that extra cozy kind of feeling?

Speaker 3: A hot bath with lots of bubbles.

Speaker 2: Oh, a big hug.

Speaker 3: Also rolling in the grass.

Speaker 4: Listening to podcasts. Cool. What about you, Cowy?

Speaker 3: I'm not sure. Here comes that wind again.

Speaker 2: Since we're inside, let's practice a new tradition. [hums]

Doo di, doo da

Doo di, doo da

[laughter]

Speaker 3: You know what?

Speaker 4: What Cowy?

Speaker 3: I'm having an extra cozy feeling.

Speaker 4: Ooh, that's great. I think it must be spending this nice time together with friends.

Speaker 3: I think so too.

Speaker 4: Lingokids listeners, thank you for exploring Christmas and not Christmas with us. We had a fun time learning about different traditions and special holidays and checking out the different ways people celebrate. If you are ready for interactive play learning time, explore our Lingokids app. It offers fun and educational songs and games to help kids ages two and older learn and develop important skills such

as communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. That's the power of play learning. See you in our next episode.

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