

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

a classroom sample

A note for teachers

This book began as a request from a teacher. She wanted a Christmas-around-the-world book that was not only about Christmas, and one for every child in the class. This is what came of it.

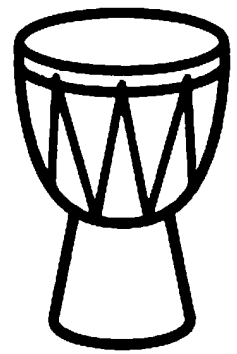
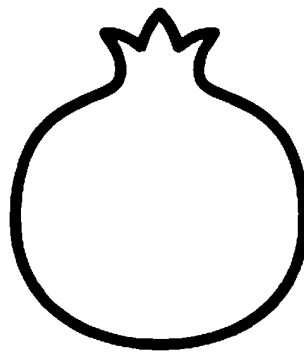
The finished book has forty pictures and fifteen celebrations. These eight are a head start — print as many copies as you need, for as many children as you like.

Every picture is drawn with thick lines and big open spaces, so a seven-year-old can finish one. Under each one is a single sentence saying what the tradition is and where it happens, in case it is useful in a lesson.

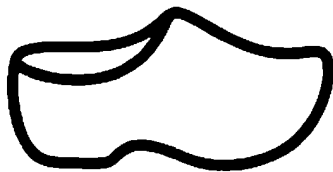
The last sheet is from the back of the book: three shoes on a windowsill. A class can guess which country each shoe belongs to.

One practical thing. If you want copies for a whole class before the holidays, order by the middle of November rather than December. Each book is printed individually when it is ordered, so twenty-two copies is twenty-two print jobs, and December gets slow.

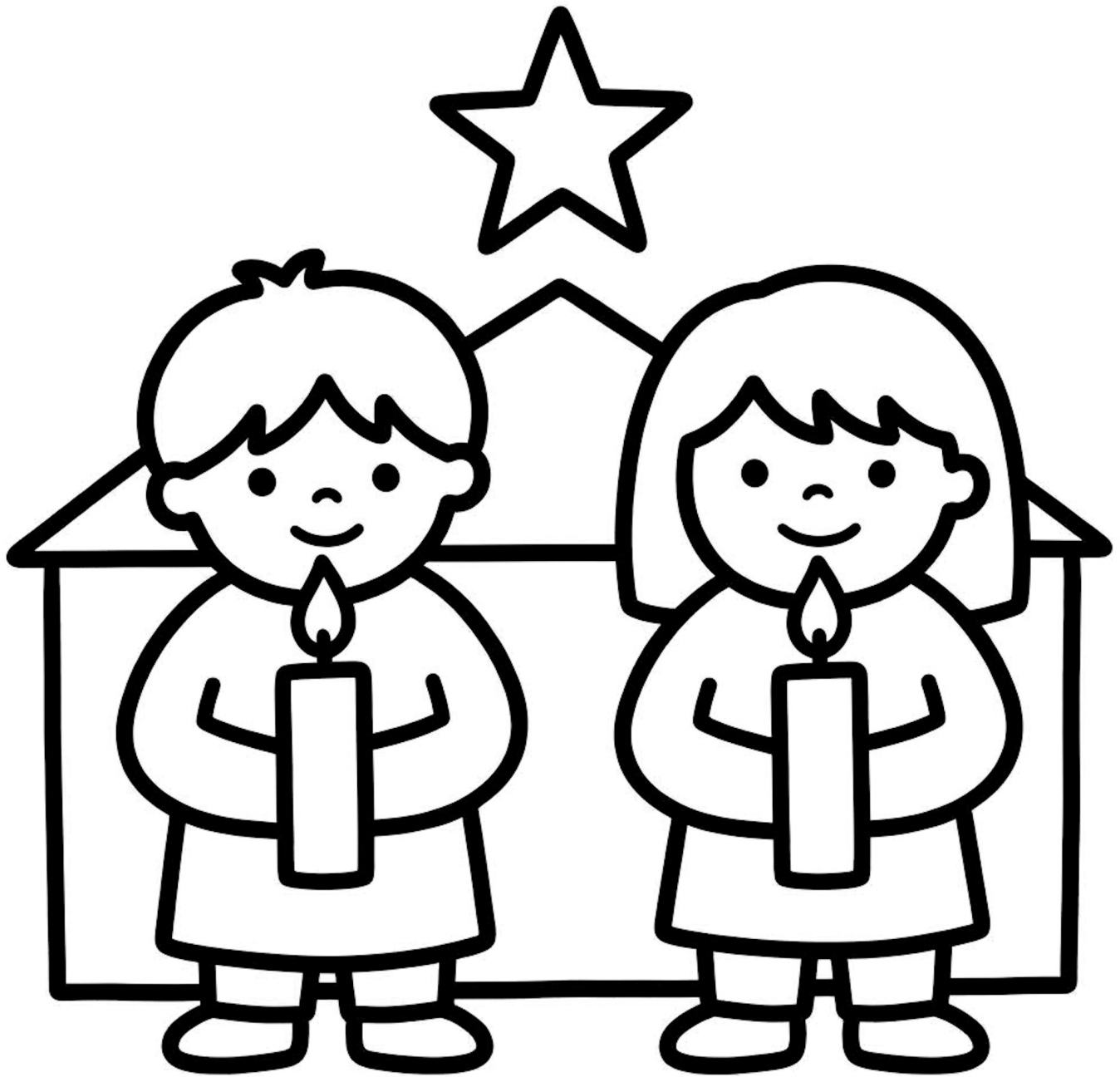
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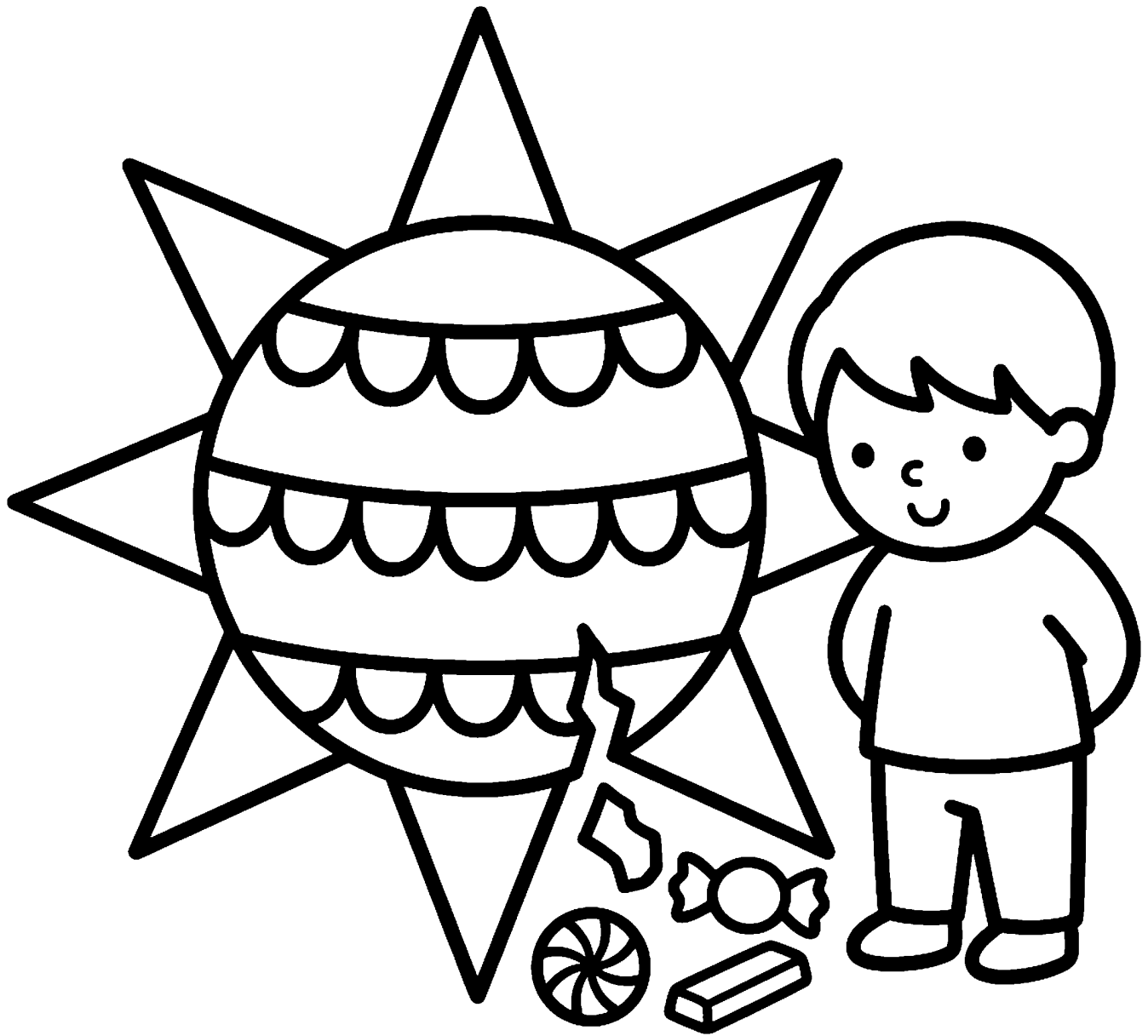
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LAS POSADAS — MEXICO



In Mexico, children walk from house to house for nine nights, singing at each door.



This star piñata is filled with fruit, peanuts and candy.



On January 5, children leave their shoes out with grass inside.

KWANZAA



The kinara holds seven candles. One more is lit on each day of Kwanzaa.

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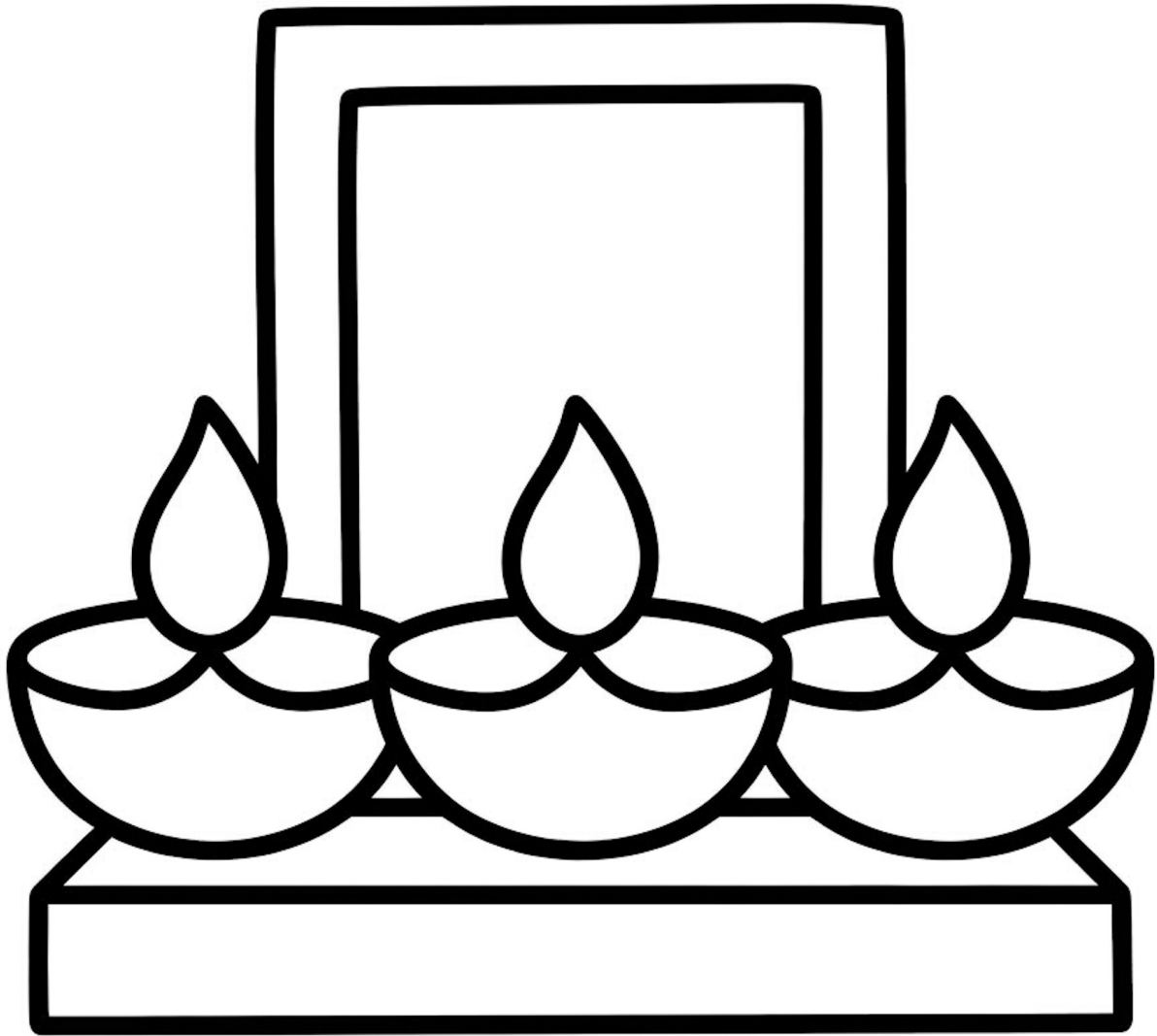
Kwanzaa lasts seven days, from December 26 to January 1.

HANUKKAH



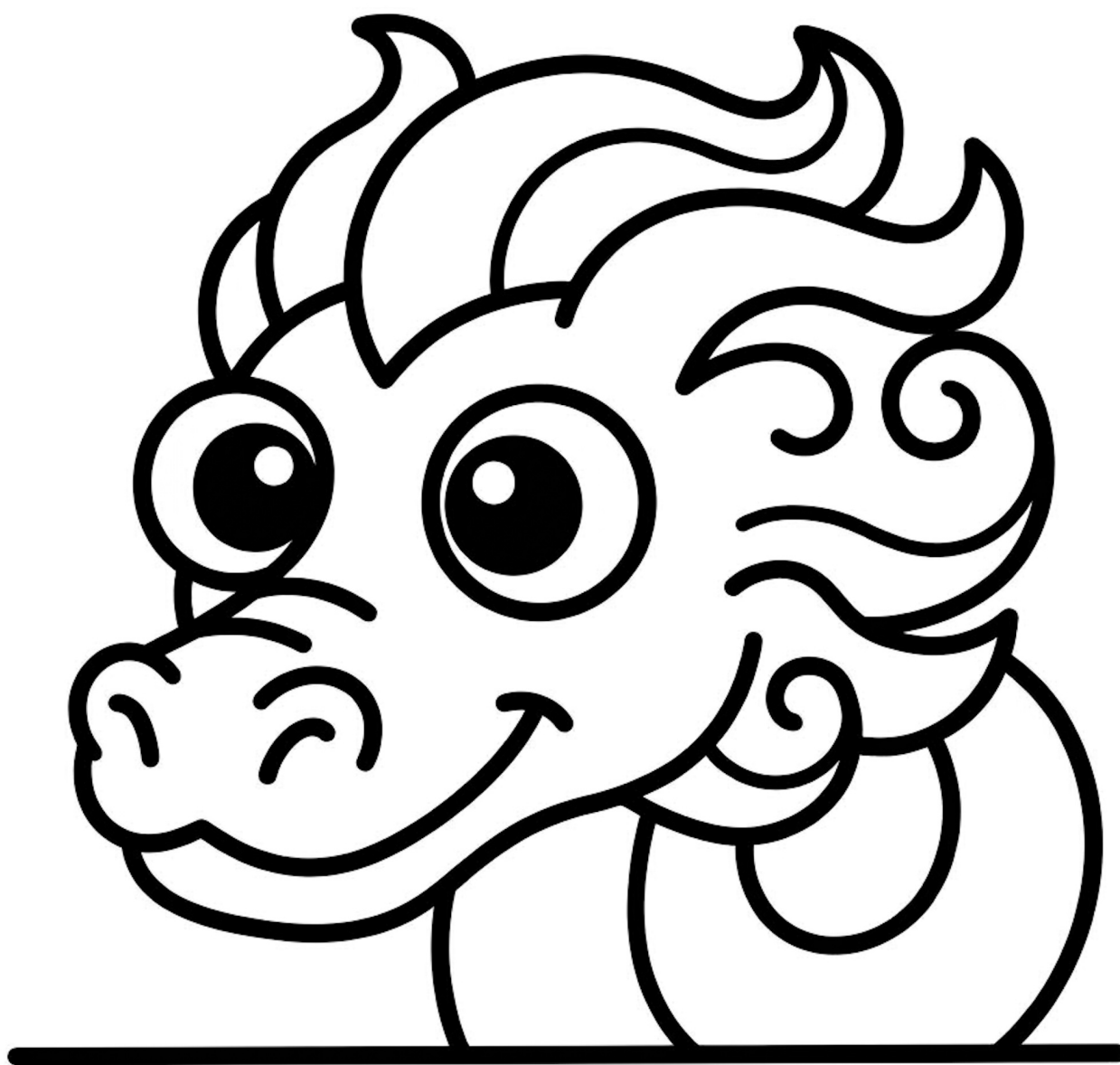
The menorah has nine candles. One is used to light all the others.

DIWALI — INDIA



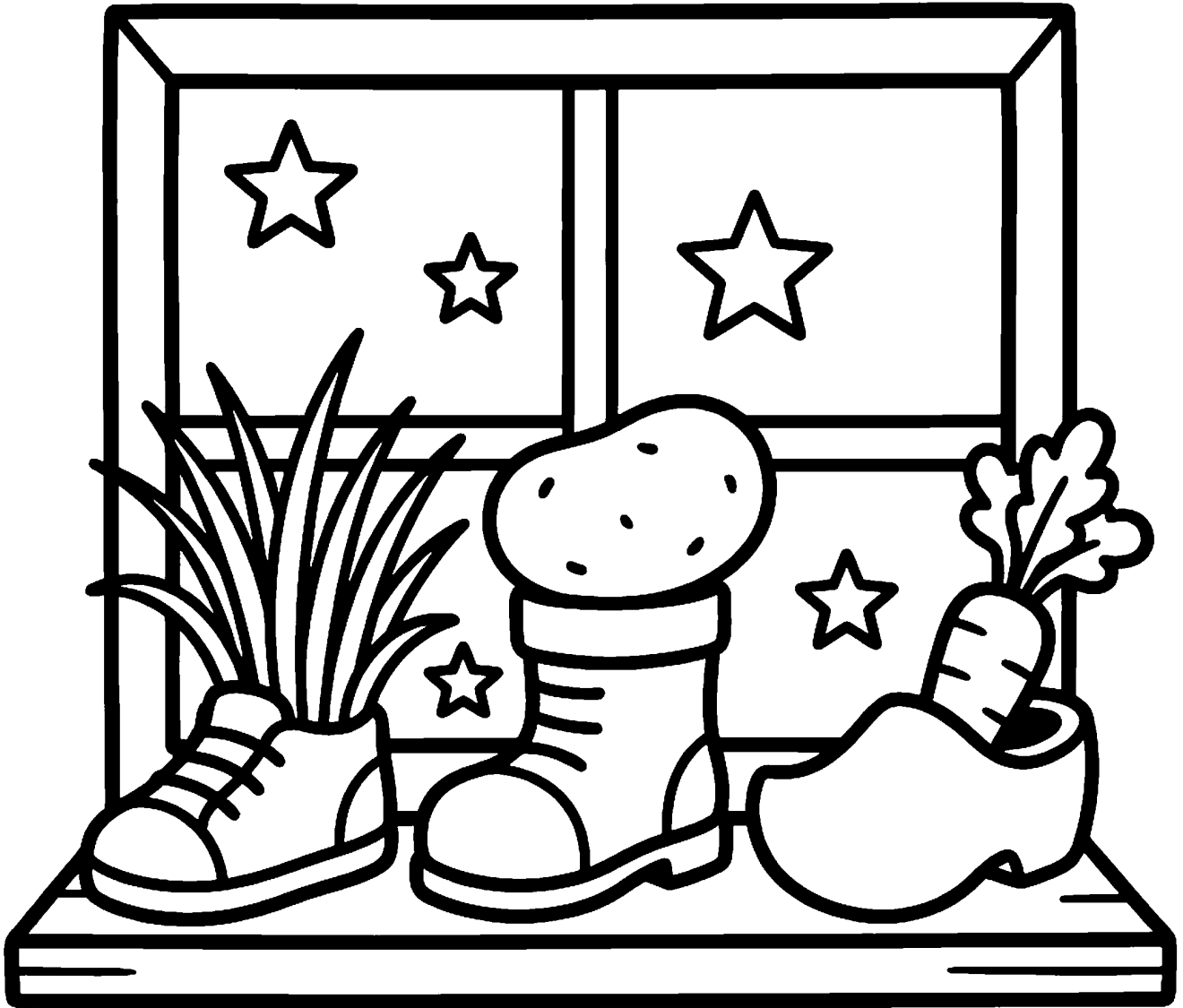
Diwali is the festival of lights. The little clay lamps are called diyas.

LUNAR NEW YEAR



A dragon for the dance can be so long it needs ten people to carry it.

SHOES IN THE WINDOW



In Mexico, Spain, Iceland and the Netherlands, children leave a shoe out.
Which shoe belongs to which country?

The whole book

Forty pictures, fifteen celebrations — Las Posadas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Diwali, Lunar New Year, the Yule Lads, Parol, Yalda, Sinterklaas and more. One picture to a page, one true sentence under each.

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