

International Day (or Night, if an evening meeting)

Earlier in the year (at least one month in advance, to allow for preparation), each participating family selects a country to learn about and share about; families will often select a country that represents their own ancestral heritage. Allocate a specific time slot that evening for each family's short presentation (about 5 minutes is often plenty!) and consider offering table space for each family to provide a small display. On International Day/Night, the family may share any number of things they have learned while studying "their" country; here are a few ideas to get them started!

Ideas to share about the country your family selected:

- Location of the country. A globe or large wall map is useful.
- Your family's personal connection with the country (if any).
- Language spoken by the people who live there. Speak some words in the language, if possible. (See *Words for the World* by Christine Ege, which has everyday phrases and Bible verses in several European languages.)
- Population of the country
- How the people make a living
- Type of government
- The country's flag
- Primary religion (Is there religious freedom in this country?)
- Clothing and foods
- Traditions, holidays
- Game or craft activity from the country
- History, little-known facts, etc.
- Story or poem from the country
- Photographs, artifacts, souvenirs, mementos from the country

[*Facts Plus* by Susan C. Anthony is an excellent student almanac with information about countries all over the world. www.susancanthy.com]

Consider sharing foods from the different countries following your presentations. Some families may wish to bring CDs to play for background music during the meal. If any of the families have shared about a Far Eastern country, this would be a fun time to learn to use chopsticks! The families may designate their own representatives to present the short oral report—the idea is to keep this fun and informative!

(For more ideas, see the Geography Classes guidelines in *Activity Days*, below.)

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