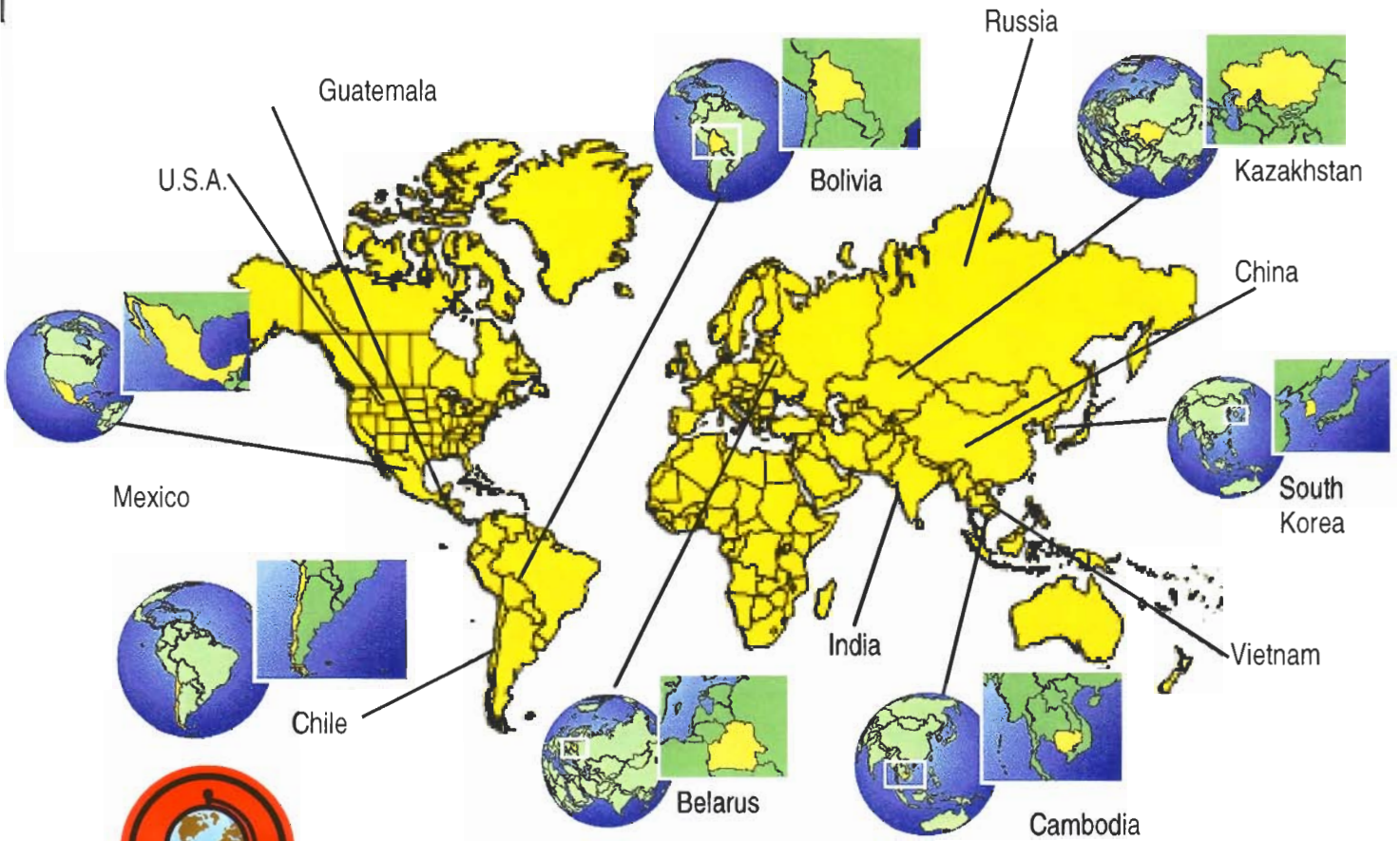


Interesting fact: there are 192 countries in the world.
Here are 12 of them...



How to say "Happy New Year" in different Languages:

- South Korea..........Sehe Bokmanee Bateuseyo
- Russia..........S Novim Godom
- Mexico..........Feliz Año Nuevo
- Cambodia..........Sur sdey chnam thmey
- India..........Nahi varsh ka shub kamna
- Chile..........Feliz Año Nuevo
- Bolivia..........Feliz Año Nuevo
- China..........Chu Shen Tan
- Vietnam..........Chuc Mung Tan Nien
- Guatemala..........Feliz Año Nuevo
- Kazakhstan..........Salemetsiz be
- Belarus..........Shchaslivaga Novaga Goda



A Celebration of International Holidays

Asia

China, Korea, Vietnam

A festive holiday in Asia is celebrated for about two weeks. The Lunar New Year is observed by the Chinese, Koreans, and Vietnamese. The event takes place during the first three days of the first lunar month (late January or early February). People dress up in costumes, exchange food and gifts, visit family members, and remember ancestors. They settle all business accounts and forget all grudges.



This family is playing a Korean game with four sticks called **Yut**. People toss up the sticks in the air to see where they land. The fun is that they always land differently.

Can you color this family?

India

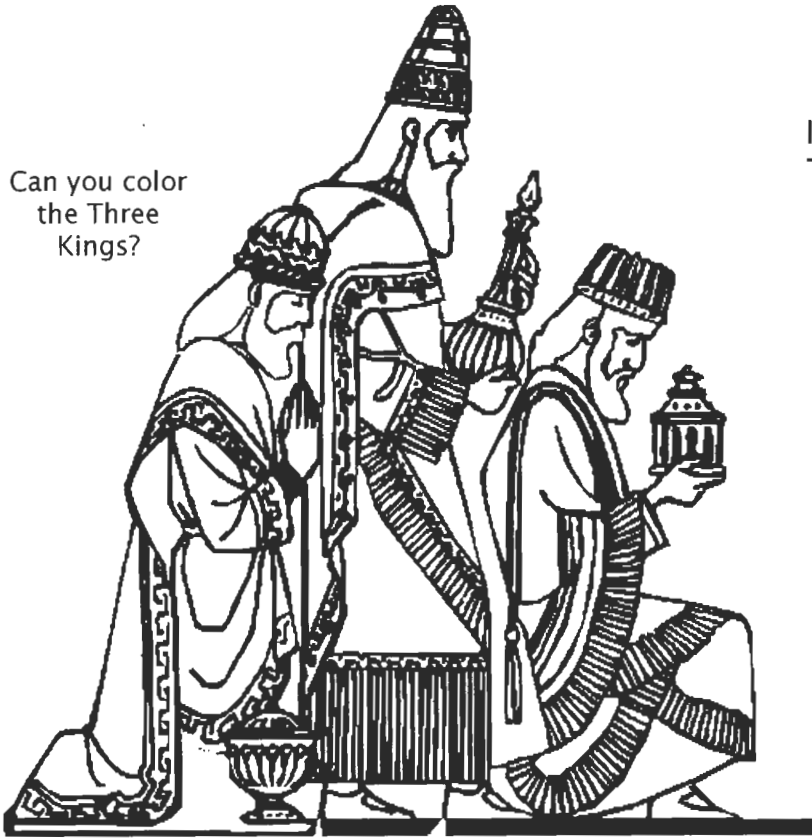
Diwali is the most celebrated festival in India! During the five days of the festival, people celebrate by igniting diyas (oil lamps) and firecrackers, playing cards, eating sweets, and shopping for the New Year. The festival starts with worship and is followed by a celebration breakfast. Families dress in new clothes and jewels and go visiting others. They exchange gifts and sweets. It is a time to forget quarrels and make up with people that are no longer friends. At night every building is lit with little lamps in hopes that Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth will bless them.

This is a festival light called a **diya**.
What colors do you think it is?



Mexico and Latin America

Can you color
the Three
Kings?



In Mexico and Latin America, **Three Kings Day** (Día de los Reyes) is celebrated on January 6. This day celebrates the arrival in Bethlehem of the Wise Men—who came with gifts for baby Jesus. When children in Central and South America wake up on the morning of January 6, they find that the Magi (Reyes Magos) have left them gifts—often times in their shoes!

Eastern Europe

In Eastern Europe, one of the largest holidays of the year is **New Year's Eve and Day**. The New Year is celebrated with Father Frost, whose name in Russian is pronounced "Ded Moroz". Father Frost is character much like Santa Claus except that he wears blue and comes to bring presents on New Year's Eve! There are many wonderful fairytales about Father Frost and his assistant, the Snow Maiden, pronounced in Russian "Snegoyrachka." Happy New Year, or as they say in Russian, "S novim godom!"



Make Father
Frost livelier by
coloring him!