

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to explore and learn about Christmas traditions in the Philippines through music.

Materials and Prep

- Computer or tablet with internet access
- Pen and paper
- Headphones or speakers

No prior knowledge or preparation is required for this lesson.

Activities

1. Listen to Philippine Christmas Songs: Search for and listen to traditional Filipino Christmas songs online. Pay attention to the melodies, instruments used, and the overall feel of the music.
2. Research Christmas Traditions: Use the internet to research different Christmas traditions in the Philippines. Take notes on what you find interesting or unique about their celebrations.
3. Create a Christmas Playlist: Based on the songs you listened to and the information you gathered, create a Christmas playlist that represents the spirit of Christmas in the Philippines. Write down the song titles and artists.
4. Present Your Playlist: Share your Christmas playlist with a family member or friend. Explain why you chose each song and how it relates to the traditions and culture of the Philippines.

Fourth Grade Talking Points

- "In the Philippines, Christmas is a very important holiday, and they celebrate it in unique ways."
- "One way they celebrate is through music, with special songs called 'Maligayang Pasko'."
- "These songs are often joyful and lively, and they use a variety of instruments like guitars, drums, and bamboo instruments."
- "The lyrics of the songs talk about the birth of Jesus, family gatherings, and spreading love and happiness during Christmas time."
- "In the Philippines, Christmas celebrations start as early as September and last until January!"