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"Let the little children come to Me, and don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these," Luke 18:16b

Celebrations around the world

Children in other parts of the world celebrate holidays—some are just like ours and some are very different. This Sunday, March 8th, is International Women's Day. Many places like Brazil, Ukraine, Russia, Uzbekistan and other countries the former Soviet Union celebrate Women's Day. Students take silk flowers and chocolates or small presents to their teachers at school. Children give their moms presents too. It's a little like Mother's Day in the US. It isn't a special religious holiday—just a day to say 'thanks' to someone you like. Why not say "Happy Women's Day!" to your teachers at church this Sunday? Won't that surprise them?

Wednesday, March 11th, is Holi. It's a Hindu religious festival. Sometimes it's called "Festival of Colors." Families buy packets of colored powders and water pistols. On the day of Holi, they throw the colors on each other and then shoot each other with water pistols. It can get a little crazy; but you hear people on the street saying, "Don't mind, it's Holi!" Most South Asians don't really know how the holiday started.

Holi is a celebration of the many Hindu gods. They do not know Jesus as their Savior. Please pray that Hindus will hear about Jesus and celebrate Him!

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