Holidays Around The World

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| **Across**  **2.** In Pakistan, boys celebrate the first day of spring in the Muslim calendar with exciting kite-fighting contests.  **7.** In Thailand, a special three-day water festival on April 13-15 marks Songkran, the Buddhists' celebration of the new year.  **8.** which means "First Fruits," is based on ancient African harvest festivals and celebrates ideals such as family life and unity.  **10.** Japanese people keep the memory of their ancestors alive with a festival held during the summer called...  **12.** On November 1 — called Día de los Muertos — Mexicans remember their loved ones who have died by visiting them and having a meal right in the graveyard.  **13.** People celebrate this Christian holiday by going to church, giving gifts, and sharing the day with their families. | **Down**  **1.** Jewish Holiday  **3.** For eight days each November or December, Jews light a special candleholder called a menorah. They do it to remember an ancient miracle in which one day's worth of oil burned for eight days in their temple.  **4.** On Easter, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. People attend church and also enjoy different Easter customs.  **5.** The sun continues to shine long after midnight in Scandinavia  **6.** To celebrate the return of spring, children in England dance around tall poles decorated with ribbons, called maypoles. Their dancing wraps the ribbons tightly around the pole.  **9.** During this holy time, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar year, Muslims do not eat, drink, or smoke from sunrise to sunset for an entire month  **11.** For this Hindu spring festival, people dress in green. Children then squirt each other with water pistols filled with yellow- or red-colored liquid |

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