

Cut out the two outlines of Brazil and glue them together to make an ornament to hang on the tree

Brazil

Feliz Natal

(Merry Christmas in Portuguese)

Much of the Brazilian population is Catholic which is a reason for the tradition of helping the poor by giving white gifts at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. The warm weather allows for mass to be held outdoors. Presbres (Manger scenes) are common in most homes in Brazil. Children make the figures from brightly colored sawdust, and the figures move forward each day to commemorate the journey to Bethlehem. Dances, picnics and fireworks are common and are free to everyone. The loudest fireworks are reserved until Epiphany. When they are set off everyone knows the Christmas season is over.