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

God Jul
(Merry Christmas in Swedish)

On December 13th, one of the shortest days of winter, girls dress up as Santa Lucia wearing a white dress and a crown of candles. Boys carry a candle and wear a kind of white pajama. They wear hats that are pointy with golden stars on them. Girls do not wear candles anymore because their hair caught on fire. Today they use modern candles with batteries in them.

After lunch most schools close on Santa Lucia day around noon. There are special foods for Lucia’s Day like Lussekatter and spicy gingerbread biscuits. In big cities there are beauty contests where some women dress up as Santa Lucia and the judges and the people vote for the Santa Lucia of the year.