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Polish Christmas Eve, explained for kids · Wesołych Świąt!



Gwiazdka

The First Star

Dinner starts when the first star shows up in the night sky. Can you spot it?



Siano

Hay Under the Cloth

A little hay goes under the tablecloth to remember the baby Jesus' manger.



Puste krzesło

The Empty Chair

An extra place is set for an unexpected guest, or for someone we miss.



Opłatek

The Wafer

Everyone shares a piece of opłatek and gives each other a kind wish.



Dwanaście potraw

Twelve Dishes

Twelve special dishes, with no meat, like barszcz, pierogi and fish. Try a bite of each!



Kolędy

Christmas Carols

After dinner, families sing carols together around the tree.

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