**Winter holidays**

**Characters: Winter, Months,Snowflakes,Father Frost,New Year,Yule Tree,Mother, Child,Wind, Girl, Boy.**

**Girl: Dear guests!You may agree whith us that winter is a beautiful season, expecially for our children.**

**Boy: Why? Becouse in winter we have many holidays, for example:St. Nickolas,New Year’s Day, Christmas…**

**Girl:Today we are going to show you St.Nickolas,New Year’s,Christmas traditions in our country in short.**

**Boy:Welcome to our holiday!**

**Girl: The word”holiday”means a “holy”day- a day, on which people thank and honour God.**

**Boy: Winter! Winter! Winter!**

**The snow is falling,**

**The wind is blowing,**

**The ground is white**

**All day and all night.**

**Girl:We have many winter holidays. The 1st holiday we are going to speak about is St. Nickolas Day.**

**Boy: On the 19th of December we have this holiday. In early morning the children look under the pillow for their presents. They can find there sweets, nuts and other good things.**

**Song”St. Nickolas”**

**Winter: I’m the coldest season of the year. My months are December, January and February.When I come, all the rivers and lakes are frozen. Snowflakes dance in the river.The ground, the trees and the houses are white with snow.You’ll never see such a wonderful picture in any season. Children sledge, ski and skate. This is a beautiful time.**

**December:I’m the season**

**When children ski,**

**And old Father Frost**

**Brings the New Year tree.**

**January:The windows are blue at night,**

**But in the morning they are white,**

**And snowflakes are falling**

**“Come out”, they are calling.**

**February:Get out of bed and take your sled**

**This cold and frosty day,**

**The sun is bright, the snow is right**

**For outdoor winter play.**

**Wind:Little snowflakes,come on and play,**

**I have nothing to do today.**

**Snowflakes are dancing.**

**Snowflake1: Snowflakes fall on trees and walk,**

**Snowflakes fall as white as chalk.**

**Snowflakes fall into my hand**

**Snowflakes brightenup our land.**

**Snowflake2:See the pretty snowflakes**

**Falling from the sky.**

**On the walls and house-tops**

**Soft and thick they lie.**

**Snowflake3:On the window-ledges**

**On the brances bare,**

**See how fast the gather**

**Filling all the air.**

**Wind: Come on Snowflakes, come with me.**

**There are many things to see.**

**Snowflake: Come on, sisters, back we go**

**To where the ground is white with snow.**

**Girl: Snow,snow, all around,**

**On the trees and on the ground.**

**Song”Jingle Bells”**

**Girl: Oh, it is a happy holiday- New Year’s Day. We like it very much.**

**Boy: We don’t go to school because we have winter holidays at that time.**

**Girl:Mothers prepare good things for the New Year’s Party.Fathers bring home green New Year trees and put toys small lights og all colouts on it. Father Frost gives us presents and says”I wish you a Happy New Year”.**

**Boy:On the1st of January we take our presents under the New Year Tree from Dad and Mum.For the New Year’s party the children prepare the songs, games,dances.**

**Girl: New Year’s Day, happy day,**

**We are all glad and gay.**

**We all dance, and sing, and say,**

**“Welcome, welcome, New Year’s Day”**

**Father Frost: My dear children! I’m Father Frost. This is New Year. I bring us many presents. They are:happiness, health, good luck.**

**New Year: I wish you Happy New Year.New things to learn. New frinds to meet.**

**Yuly Tree: My dear children! I’m New Year Tree. I was born in the forest, in the dark green forest.I’m at school for the first time in my life. I proud that you have chosen me for your New Year Tree.I like this bright colourful decorations.I am happy that I have many good friends now.**

**Song “Yuly Tree”**

**Girl: Christmas.What is a happy holiday for many people in different countries.On this day we wish you to be happy, healthy and wealthy.**

**Christmas…**

**A beautiful time of the year**

**With carols and tinsel**

**And lots of good cheer,**

**With sharing and caring**

**And hearts drawing near**

**Christmas…**

**A beautiful time of the year.**

**Boy: Some weeks before Christmas Ukrainians are buzy. So on Christmas Eve on the 6th of January the family gathers around the table for a holy supper of 12 special dishes.**

**Girl: The supper begins when the first star appears in the sky.A carol is sung, the kutia is served and everyone takes a spoonfull.**

**Boy: The straw is on the floor, the people put a sheaf of wheat or rue named”Diduh”in the corner of the room.**

**Girl: On the 7th of January people go to the church.After that they have a holiday dinner. People have holidays three days. They sing religious songs, go with”Vertep”**

**Boy: Carols usually end the evening and signal the start of a joyfull season of visiting-Kolyadky.**

**Ukrainian House. Mother and child are speaking.**

**Child: What are you doing now, Mum?**

**Mum: I’m preparing 22 dishes for Christmas Eve. Those dishes symbolized 12 Apostols. The menu includes beans, fish, varenyky, holybtsi, mushrooms, dumplings,sauerkraut,desserts made from dried fruits and honey.**

**Child:It’s testy. Mum, let’s have a rest. Let’s sing Christmas song.**

**Mum: Let’s singing The Song”Sielent Night”**

**Mum: Oh, the children are going with star.**

**Children: Christ is born!**

**Mother: Praise to Him!**

**Children: Many happy returns we wish youy tonight. Marry Christmas! We wish you luck! We wish you good health! We wish you happiness!**

**Carol “Good evening to you”**

**Girl: Today we speak about Ukrainians customs and traditions.But, I think St. Valentine’s Day is very popular holiday among Ukrainians nowadays.**

**Boy: Love! Happiness! Beauty! There aren’t so many days in a year when we pronounce these pleasant words.Today you have an exellent chance to be into the atmosphere of love.**

**Girl: This holiday is celebrated on the 14th of February, as a festival of romance and affection. St.Valentine Day is a day to share loving feelings with friends and family.**

**Boy: Ewerybody knows that people send greeting cards called” valentines” to their sweathearts, friends and members of their families.**

**Girl: Many valentines have romantic poems, others are humorous.But almost valentines ask”Be my Valentine”**

**Boy: Red is the colour most often used in Valentines, becouse it is a symbol of warmth and feelings.**

**Girl: Remember- Love is one of the best feelings.It rules the world, it makes the world go round. So let’s love and be loved by others and our Earth will become more beautiful and kinder.**

**Boy: We with your love will be forever.**

**Boy and girl are dancing.**