



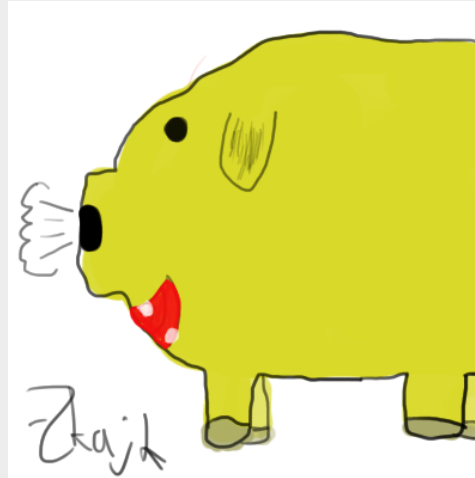
# Czech Christmas

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This presentation is  
about how we  
celebrate Christmas.

# The golden piggy

If you don't eat meat on Christmas day you may see something very special. What is it?



...It's a golden piggy! It is not guaranteed, and in different families it can take different forms, for example reflection of light from a small mirror.

# Apples cut in half – fortune telling

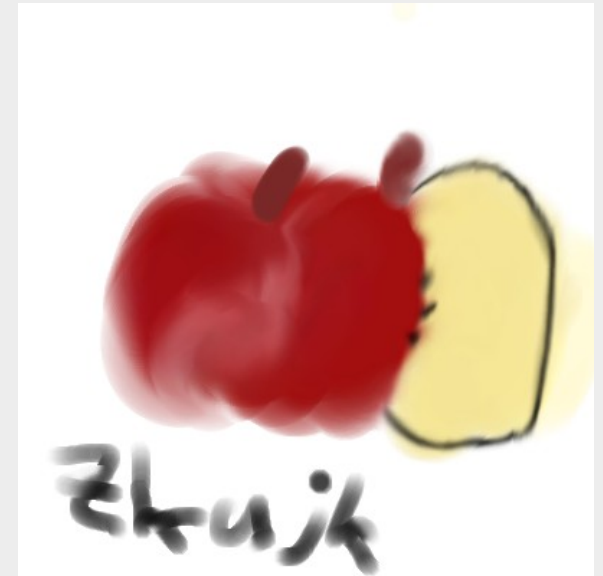
During Christmas Eve dinner people take big crimson apples and cut them horizontally to see if there is a star or a cross from the pips.

A star - means good luck and good health.

A cross - bad luck or illness.

A worm with a star - good luck but bad health

A worm with a cross - bad luck and good health



# Mistletoe

This is a very popular tradition. In the Czech Republic, just like in England, people buy mistletoe in the streets or if they have the skills they can cut their own from trees outside the city.



When they bring it home, they hang it over the table and kiss under it - to make sure the love will not leave them.

## Christmas menu

Breakfast -  
vánočka (special home-made cake  
formed by plaits), butter, jam

Lunch -  
In our family, special soup made of  
cabbage

Dinner -  
In most families, they eat carp with  
potato salad. Modern alternative is  
salmon or if people do not like fish,  
a steak fried in breadcrumbs



Merry Christmas!!!

And the last thing  
you need to know -  
how to say is  
Merry Christmas in  
Czech.

**Veselé Vánoce!**

