

## **LAS Posados**

### **Activities with a group**

*Idea from:*

*<http://www.loyolapress.com/las-posadas-classroom-reenactment.htm>*

- Re-enact the Mexican custom of Las Posadas, which means *inn*. The custom portrays Joseph's attempt to find a place to stay in Bethlehem.
- Two participants portray Joseph and Mary and knock on a door. Other participants are on the other side of the door and refuse them lodging. Joseph and Mary go away.
- After a period of silent prayer, have the group offer intercessions, asking God's forgiveness for the lack of hospitality.
- Sing a verse from a song such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
- Joseph and Mary return and knock again. Another group sends them away. After a period of silence, the group offers intercessions for forgiveness for the lack of concern for the needs of the poor.
- Sing another verse from the song.
- Joseph and Mary knock for a third time. Joseph begs for a place to stay, explaining that Mary is about to have a child. The third group of students welcomes them joyfully. Another period of silence is followed by prayers of praise and thanksgiving for God's gift of Jesus.
- Conclude with another verse of the song, followed by a party.