"Bei uns ist immer was los!"

DAYS IN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION / TAGE ZUR WEIHNACHTSFEIER

HEILIGER ABEND der 24. Dezember

der Heiligabend - December 25th may be the big day in the UK and USA; but in Germany most of the festivities come a day earlier.

On Heiligabend - or Holy Evening - Germans celebrate the birth of Jesus.

As soon as the sun goes down on December 24th, it's officially Christmas - with many families exchanging presents, enjoying festive meals and attending church services.

Don't worry: Christmas Day (called the "Zweiter Weihnachtstag," or "second Christmas Day") is still a public holiday across Germany.

But if you ever feel like you really can't wait until the 25th to get stuck into your presents... well, why not start doing Christmas Eve the German way?



Don't be surprised to see scenes like this on a German Christmas Eve.