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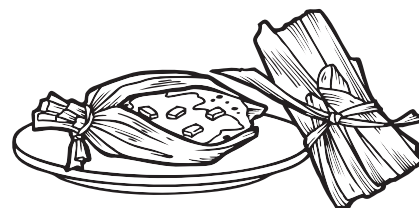
Mondo's mother made tamales at Christmas. They were full of chicken or potato. "Tamales remind me of Christmas," Mondo said.

His friends laughed. "Tamales aren't Christmas food," they said. "We eat gingerbread men and candy canes."

Mondo felt sad. He went to his mother. "Why don't we bake gingerbread men for Christmas," he said.

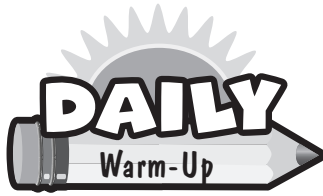
She smiled. "Our tamales are special," she said. "My mother made them for me when I was a child. Her mother made them for her. Ask your friends over to try them."

Mondo asked his friends to come over. They began to eat the tamales. Then, something amazing happened. They ate and they ate. They even asked for more! "We wish our mothers would make tamales for Christmas," they said to Mondo. He just smiled and ate another tamale.



STORY QUESTIONS

1. What reminds Mondo of Christmas?
 - a. chicken
 - b. gingerbread men
 - c. tamales
 - d. candy canes
2. Mondo's friends think Christmas food is . . .
 - a. tamales.
 - b. potato.
 - c. chicken.
 - d. gingerbread.
3. What happens when Mondo's friends try the tamales?
 - a. They ask for more.
 - b. They spit them out.
 - c. They laugh at him.
 - d. They don't like the tamales.
4. Why does Mondo's mother make tamales for Christmas?
 - a. because they are easy
 - b. because her mother made them for her
 - c. because they have chicken
 - d. because they make her sad



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1. c
2. d
3. a
4. b