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هل تحضر الكريسمس لتسلم على أقاربها؟

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She says: I want to become Muslim, but my family gather to celebrate Christmas, and I want to go and greet them. This is not with the intention of celebrating or joining in, but simply to make the most of the opportunity of my relatives getting together. Is this allowed?

Praise be to Allaah.

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-Uthaymeen, who answered as follows:

No, it is not permitted. If Allaah blesses her with Islam, then the first thing she must do is to distance herself from her former religion and its festivals.

And Allaah knows best.