

## **Presenting a Turkish dance: Halay**

The halay is a traditional folk dance not only in Turkey but also in the entire Middle East.

Halay is typically danced next to each other in series, with the dancers hook with the little fingers, hold hands or touch the shoulders. Depending on the type, the arms are stretched straight down; swinging forward or rocked hands in bent arms, around the little finger will continue to be taken permanently. A rocking of the shoulders may also occur. A person who has a white or red cloth leads the number of dancers, sometimes it also does a napkin or the like, carries or sweeping swings. This person determined not only by the pace and the style of dance, from which it countless typical of the region. The best known is the Delilo halay who enjoys great popularity in Turkey.

Depending on region and province is next to each other in a circle, dancing or parallel to each other. Apart from small regional differences, the typical halay music is the same and is optionally accompanied by like davul and zurna.

Our kids have even found their own rhythm and studied the steps for the Children's Summit in Dudelange together with Luisa and Miriam. The costumes are original and were bought in Eskisehir (our partner in the LEO project from 2011 to 2013!).