

# Christmas Trivia Game

How much do you know about the Christmas story and some of the traditions around it? Have some fun this holiday season with your family playing a simple game of trivia. Print the following sheets and cut them into cards. Take turns asking and answering the questions. Not sure about a particular question? Be sure to go to the only source of Truth, your Bible.

In the song, “Go Tell It on the Mountain” what are you supposed to go tell on a mountain?

*That Jesus Christ was born.*

Who invented the evergreen tree to be used for Christmas?

- A. Martin Luther
- B. Jesus
- C. The Apostle Paul
- D. Pope Leo the 10<sup>th</sup>

*A. Martin Luther*

Who was Jesus’ Earthly Father?

- A. Moses
- B. Abraham
- C. Joseph
- D. God

*C. Joseph*

Instead of Christmas lights, what did people use to decorate their tree with?

*Candles – to symbolize that Jesus is the light.*

What was Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer’s girlfriend’s name?

- A. Cupid
- B. Clarisse
- C. Connie
- D. Carissa

*B. Clarisse*

True or False? In *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*, the elf who wanted to be a dentist was named Hermie.

*True.*

True or False? Mary and Joseph were already married when Mary became pregnant.

*False.  
(See Matthew 1:18)*

When Joseph and Mary first found out that Mary was pregnant with Jesus, what things did they do?

- A. They got married.
- B. Joseph wanted to break off the relationship.
- C. Mary left town for three months.
- D. An angel told them to go to Bethlehem.
- E. No reference/None of the above.

*B & C (See Luke 1:39, 56 & Matthew 1:19)*

True or False? Mary and Joseph were already married when Jesus was born.

*True (See Luke 2:5 & Matthew 1:24)*

True or False? Mary was still a virgin when she delivered Jesus.

*True (See Matthew 1:25)*

Who told Mary & Joseph to go to Bethlehem?

- A. The angel
- B. Mary's mom
- C. Herod
- D. Caesar Augustus
- E. Elizabeth
- F. The Bible
- G. No reference/None of the above.

*D (See Luke 2:1)*

Where was Joseph from?

- A. Bethlehem
- B. Jerusalem
- C. Nazareth
- D. Egypt
- E. Arimathea
- F. Bethany
- G. No reference/None of the above

*C (See Luke 2:3-4)*

How did Mary & Joseph travel to Bethlehem?

- A. Camel
- B. Feet
- C. Donkey
- D. Mary rode, Joseph walked
- E. No reference/None of the above

*E. Scripture never mentions by what means they traveled.*

What did the innkeeper tell Mary & Joseph?

- A. "There is no room in the inn."
- B. "I have a stable you can use."
- C. "Come back after the busy season."
- D. No reference/None of the above.

*D. Scripture never mentions an innkeeper, just that the inn was full. (Luke 2:7)*

In what was Jesus delivered?

- A. Stable
- B. Manger
- C. Cave
- D. Barn
- E. Room
- F. No reference/None of the above.

*F. Scripture omits the specific details, just saying that Christ was laid in a manger. (Luke 2:7)*

What is a manger?

- A. Stable for animals.
- B. Wooden hay bin
- C. Feeding trough
- D. Some kind of barn.
- E. Old hospital bed.
- F. No reference/None of the above.

*C. Feeding trough.*

Which animals were present at Jesus' birthplace?

- A. Cows
- B. Sheep
- C. Donkeys
- D. Camels
- E. No reference/None of the above.

*E. No animals are specifically mentioned as being at the actual location with Jesus.*

How many angels spoke to the shepherds?

- A. One
- B. Three
- C. A multitude
- D. None
- E. No reference/None of the above

*A. Only one instructed the shepherds. The rest praised God. (Luke 2:9).*

What sign did the angel(s) tell the shepherds to look for?

- A. A baby in a stable
- B. A star over Bethlehem
- C. A baby that doesn't cry
- D. No reference/None of the above.

*D. Only the "swaddling cloths, lying in a manger" is mentioned as a sign. (Luke 2:12)*

What is a "Heavenly Host?"

- A. The angel(s) at the gate to heaven.
- B. The angel(s) who serve(s) God's banquet
- C. The angel choir
- D. An angel army
- E. No reference/None of the above

*D. See Numbers 10:1-28*

What is the English translation of what the angel multitude said?

- A. Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
- B. Unto us a child is born
- C. Glory to God in the highest
- D. Glory to the newborn King.
- E. No reference/None of the above

*C. The rest are embellishments for hymns. (Luke 2:14)*

When did the baby Jesus cry?

- A. When they slapped Him at birth
- B. When all the shepherds trampled in
- C. When the babies of Bethlehem were killed
- D. When He needed something from his parents
- E. He didn't cry
- F. No reference/None of the above

*D. He was like us in every way but sinning. Crying is not a sin in itself, but a way that babies express their needs until they learn to talk. Jesus would have cried to communicate his needs for food, warmth, and dry swaddling clothes. (Hebrews 2:17)*

Where was there snow in Palestine on Jesus' birth?

- A. Only in Bethlehem
- B. All over
- C. Somewhere
- D. Nowhere
- E. In Mary's dreams
- F. No reference/None of the above.

*C. The shepherds would not have been out all night if there was a chance of snow. However, Mount Hermon in northern Galilee is about 1.5 miles high. This is high enough that snow would be present all year round. (Luke 2:8 & Joshua 11:17)*

Who saw the "Star in the East"?

- A. Shepherds
- B. Mary and Joseph
- C. The three kings
- D. Herod
- E. No reference/None of the above

*E. Only the "wise men" are mentioned as having seen the star. (Matthew 2:1-2)*

How many wise men were there?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. At least two
- D. Three
- E. No reference/None of the above

*C. The Bible only refers to more than one by using the plural to describe them. Three types of gifts were offered, which is where we get our idea of three.*

What does the term "Wise Men" refer to?

- A. College professors
- B. Eastern kings
- C. Astrologer/astronomers
- D. Solomon's children
- E. Fortune tellers
- F. No reference/None of the above

*C. See Matthew 2:1-2, 7, 9-10*

Why did the wise men stop in Jerusalem?

- A. To tell Herod about Jesus.
- B. To find out where the King was
- C. To ask about the star that they saw
- D. To feed their animals and buy gifts
- E. To pay their taxes
- F. No reference/None of the above

*B. They wanted more information about the king whose star they had seen. The scribes found the location of the child by referring to Micah 5:2. (See Matthew 2:2)*

Where did the wise men find Jesus?

- A. In the manger
- B. In the stable
- C. In a house
- D. In Nazareth
- E. In Egypt
- F. No reference/None of the above

*C. This was up to 2 years later (Matthew 2:16), but was probably not the same night as the shepherds' visit. By this time, the family was in a house. (See Matthew 2:11)*

Why did Joseph take his family to Egypt?

- A. To see the pyramids
- B. To teach Jesus the wisdom of the Pharaohs
- C. To show Jesus where the OT stories occurred
- D. He dreamed about it
- E. To avoid the Roman taxes
- F. They didn't really go.

*D. An angel spoke to him, but it was in his dream. The gifts of the wise men would be used to finance them. (See Matthew 2:13)*

Which year is probably the closest to Jesus' birth year?

- A. 0 A.D.
- B. 4-6 B.C.
- C. 7-9 A.D.
- D. No reference/None of the above

*B. Herod died in 4 BC. Caesar is known to have taken a census around 6 BC. This also corresponds to when Quirenius ruled. The inaccuracy of the dating reflects an effort by monks many years later to establish a calendar based on Jesus' birth. (See Luke 2:1-2 & Matthew 2:1*

What is frankincense?

- A. A rare metal
- B. An expensive fabric
- C. A strange food
- D. A sweet perfume
- E. A horror story
- F. No reference/None of the above

*D. It was mixed with other things to burn as sweet incense. (This is a foreshadowing of his sweet prayers that ascend to heaven for us.) (See Exodus 30:34-35)*

In which Gospels do you find the main points of the Christmas story?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

*A & C (See Matthew 1-2 & Luke 1-2)*

True or False? As long as the Church has celebrated Christmas, it has been celebrated on December 25.

*False. The earliest church did not celebrate Christ's birth, but rather his death and resurrection. The actual date of His birth was disputed, also. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the Roman church set the date to offset a pagan holiday. However, the Orthodox church still celebrates Christmas in January.*

What is Myrrh?

- A. A fancy drink
- B. A delicate tapestry
- C. An Oriental delicacy
- D. A tree ornament
- E. A burial spice
- F. No reference/None of the above

*E. This also had a sweet aroma and was used to help hide the decay smell. (This is a foreshadowing of his death and quick burial.) (See John 19:39)*

Which date is probably closest to Jesus' birth date?

- A. December 25
- B. First week of January
- C. March 25
- D. April 1
- E. May 20
- F. Mid-November
- G. No reference/None of the above

*E. Watching flocks in the fields at night would only be done during nice weather and usually only in spring during the "lambing period." Palestine is in the northern hemisphere like us, so Mary would be the closest approximation of this time. (See Luke 2:8)*

How did the abbreviation "Xmas" come about?

- A. A catchy advertising campaign
- B. A tricky atheist scheme
- C. A church tradition with Greek roots
- D. A development that arose with typesetting for speed
- E. No reference/None of the above.

*C. The X is the first letter of Christ in Greek. Christ's Mass, as the Catholic Church originally called it, could be abbreviated to X Mas without losing any meaning for those early Christians. Only in our society, where Christ is forgotten, does the X make a bigger statement about secularism.*

In a German tradition, a certain object (ornament) is the last ornament hung on the Christmas tree. Legend says that the first person to find that ornament will have good luck in the coming year. What is it?

*A pickle*

What Christmas carol includes "Glory to the newborn King?"

- A. Away in a Manger
- B. The First Noel
- C. Silent Night
- D. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*C. Silent Night*

In the story *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* where were the stockings hung?

- A. in the window
- B. by the chimney
- C. on the Christmas tree
- D. in the doorway

*B. By the chimney*

What was the name of Buddy's girlfriend in the movie Elf?

- A. Jody
- B. Nancy
- C. Jovie
- D. Lisa

*C. Jovie*

In the movie, *The Santa Clause 2*, who did Santa Claus (Scott Calvin) marry?

- A. the principal
- B. an elf
- C. a teacher
- D. Mother Nature

*A. The principal*

Where did Joseph and Mary flee into after the birth of Jesus?

- A. Judea
- B. Egypt
- C. Bethlehem
- D. Nazareth

*B. Egypt*

Who said, "God bless us, every one."?

- A. Pip
- B. Tiny Tim
- C. Scrooge
- D. Puck

*B. Tiny Tim*

According to some stories, the last one of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" falls on January 6th. What major Christian holiday is celebrated on this date?

- A. Epiphany
- B. Childermas
- C. Ascension Day
- D. Advent

*A. Epiphany*

According to the Bible, this man was the king of Judea, when Jesus Christ was born.

- A. Simon Bar Kokhba
- B. Herod Agrippa
- C. Solomon
- D. Herod the Great

*D. Herod the Great*

Finish the popular Christmas carol:

“Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la  
See the blazing Yule before us,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la  
Strike the harp and ...”

- A. join the chorus
- B. sing the chorus
- C. earn the dollars
- D. scare the robbers

*A. Join the chorus*

If you mix milk, eggs, and sugar  
you’ll get what Christmas drink?

*Eggnog*

How did the wise men find the  
manger where baby Jesus lay?

- A. read a map
- B. followed the Star of Bethlehem
- C. were guided by the wind

*B. Followed the Star of Bethlehem*

What is the Grinch’s dog’s name  
in “How the Grinch Stole  
Christmas”?

- A. George
- B. Sam
- C. Max
- D. He doesn’t have name.

*C. Max*

Who wins the decorating contest  
in A Charlie Brown Christmas?

- A. Linus
- B. Charlie
- C. Snoopy
- D. Pig Pen

*C. Snoopy*

In the United Kingdom, what  
holiday is December 26th?

- A. Candlemas
- B. Boxing Day
- C. Perihelion
- D. St. Patrick’s Day

*B. Boxing Day*

Finish the popular Christmas carol:

“Silent night, Holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
‘Round yon virgin, Mother  
and Child. Holy infant...”

- A. so playful and wild
- B. just smiled
- C. so tender and mild
- D. just cried

*C. So tender and mild*

Three of these names are  
reindeer of Santa Claus. Which  
is the odd one? Clement, Comet,  
Rudolph, Donder

*Clement*

Who told Joseph to take Mary  
and the baby Jesus to Egypt?

*An angel*

Why did Joseph and Mary travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem when Mary was expecting the baby Jesus?

*To be taxed*

The wise men brought three kinds of gifts to baby Jesus. Gold, Frankincense, and what else?

*Myrrh*

Which books of the Bible give an account of the birth of Jesus?

*Matthew and Luke*

How did Mary and Joseph decide to name the Baby Jesus?

*An angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream.*

Where did the shepherds go after hearing the angels sing “Glory to God in the highest...”?

- A. Bethlehem
- B. Nazareth
- C. Egypt
- D. Jerusalem

*A. Bethlehem*

How many Wise Men came to worship baby Jesus?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. Bible doesn't say

*D. Bible doesn't say*

The first Christmas card was designed and sent in:

- A. 1921
- B. 1865
- C. 1776
- D. 1843

*D. 1843*

Early Christmas trees in Germany did NOT have \_\_\_\_\_ tied on the branches.

- A. fruit
- B. wooden shoes
- C. small candles
- D. toys

*B. Wooden shoes*

Why did Mary and Joseph make the long journey from their home in Galilee to Bethlehem just before Jesus was born?

- A. they were lonely
- B. to get a new job
- C. to pay taxes
- D. an angel told them to go

*C. To pay taxes*



Children in Poland often place \_\_\_\_\_ under a Christmas tablecloth in memory of the Christmas Eve stable.

- A. straw
- B. an egg
- C. dirt
- D. feathers

*A. Straw*

Joseph was from...

- A. Bethlehem
- B. Jerusalem
- C. Egypt
- D. Indiana

*A. Bethlehem*

How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?

- A. camel
- B. donkey
- C. walked
- D. who knows?

*D. Who knows?*

Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?

- a. the angel
- b. Mary's mother
- c. Caesar Augustus
- d. Alexander the Great

*C. Caesar Augustus*

Who played George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life?"

- A. Jim Carrey
- B. Tom Hanks
- C. Jimmy Stewart
- D. Ronald Reagan

*C. Jimmy Stewart*

For what "sign" did the angels tell the shepherds to look?

- A. This way to baby Jesus
- B. A star over Bethlehem
- C. A baby that doesn't cry
- D. None of the above

*D. None of the above*

What did the angels say?

- A. Joy to the world, the Lord is come
- B. Glory to God in the highest
- C. My sweet Lord
- D. Stairway to heaven

*B. Glory to God in the highest*

What is a heavenly host?

- A. the angel at heaven's gate
- B. the angel who invites people to heaven
- C. the angel who serves drinks in heaven
- D. an angel choir

*D. An angel choir*

What is frankincense?

- A. precious metal
- B. precious fabric
- C. precious perfume
- D. an eastern monster story

*C. Precious perfume*

The wise men found Jesus in a ...

- A. stable
- B. house
- C. Motel 6
- D. Good mood

*B. house*

The wise men stopped in Jerusalem...

- A. to inform Herod about Jesus
- B. to find out where Jesus was
- C. to ask about the star they say
- D. for gas

*B. to find out where Jesus was*

In “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”, what did the Herdsman give to baby Jesus?

- A. gift cards
- B. flowers
- C. Christmas ham
- D. Blanket

*C. Christmas ham*

Who played Mary in the Christmas pageant in the book “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever”?

- A. Mrs. Armstrong
- B. Imogene
- C. Julie
- D. Suzy Snowflake

*B. Imogene*

In *Frosty the Snowman*, who brought Frosty back to life?

*Santa Claus*

In *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, what biological shortcoming made the Grinch so mean?

*His heart was two sizes too small.*

What Christmas carol contains the line, “O tidings of comfort and joy”?

*“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”*

Name the three reindeer whose names begin with a “D”.

*Dasher, Donder, Dancer*

Who wrote “The Night Before Christmas”?

*Clement C. Moore*

How long did cousins Mary and Elizabeth spend together during their pregnancies?

*Three months*

Joseph, Mary's husband, was warned in dreams to do four things. What were they?

*Marry Mary, take a different route out of Bethlehem, flee to Egypt, and return from Egypt. (Matt. 1:18-2:23)*

Who was visited by an angel of the Lord while sleeping?

*Joseph*

Who said, "Behold, the lamb of God"?

*John the Baptist*

What did Mary and Joseph sacrifice in the temple when they took the young Jesus there?

*A pair of doves*

Who did Jesus command to shepherd his church?

*Peter*

What city was the birthplace of both David and Jesus?

*Bethlehem*

According to the Dutch tradition, what do children put out instead of stockings?

*Wooden shoes*

How much younger was Jesus than his cousin John?

*3 months*

What is the name of the little girl in most versions of the Nutcracker?

*Clara*

What country started the tradition of exchanging gifts?

*Italy*

What year did the "Peanuts" Christmas special debut?

- A. 1960
- B. 1962
- C. 1965
- D. 1968

*C. 1965*

True or False? Jimmy Durante narrates "Frosty the Snowman."

*True*

Who narrates "How the Grinch Stole Christmas?"

*Boris Karloff*

What color is Rudolph's nose?

*Red*

Who told the shepherds of Jesus' birth?

- A. Wisemen
- B. Angels
- C. Soldiers
- D. Elves

*B. Angels*

What does the word "advent" mean?

*Coming or arrival*

True or False? The third Sunday in advent is the Sunday of Joy marked by the pink candle.

*True*

True or False? Mary and Joseph were already married when Mary became pregnant.

*False.*

*(See Matthew 1:18)*