

# Christmas Bible Trivia

How well do you know the real Christmas story? Twenty questions about the birth of Jesus as recor...

Name / Team: .....

Score: .....

**1** In which Gospel is the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary recorded?

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

**2** What was Mary's relationship status when she learned she would have a baby?

- A. Single
- B. Married
- C. Engaged (betrothed)
- D. Widowed

**3** Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?

- A. To visit family
- B. To flee from Herod
- C. For a Roman census
- D. To offer sacrifices at the temple

**4** Where was Jesus laid after he was born?

- A. A cradle
- B. A basket
- C. A manger
- D. A bed

**5** Who were the first people to visit the newborn Jesus according to Luke?

- A. The wise men
- B. King Herod's servants
- C. Shepherds
- D. Temple priests

**6** How many wise men (Magi) does the Bible say visited Jesus?

- A. Two
- B. Three
- C. The Bible does not say how many
- D. Twelve

**7** According to Matthew, where did the wise men find Jesus?

- A. In a stable
- B. In a manger
- C. In a house
- D. In the temple

**8** What gifts did the wise men bring?

- A. Gold, silver, and jewels
- B. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh
- C. Food, clothing, and coins
- D. Livestock, grain, and wine

**9** What did the angels say to the shepherds?

- A. Merry Christmas
- B. Peace on earth, goodwill toward men
- C. Do not be afraid; a Savior has been born to you
- D. Go worship the newborn king

**10** Which Old Testament prophet foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem?

- A. Isaiah
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Micah
- D. Malachi

**11** What did Joseph plan to do when he found out Mary was pregnant?

- A. Have her publicly disgraced
- B. Divorce her quietly
- C. Immediately marry her
- D. Report her to the authorities

**12** What appeared in the sky that guided the wise men to Jesus?

- A. An angel
- B. A comet
- C. A star
- D. A pillar of fire

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**13** After the wise men visited, where did Joseph take his family to escape King Herod?

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

**14** What did Herod do when the wise men did not return to tell him where the child was?

- A. Sent soldiers to find them
- B. Gave up the search
- C. Ordered all boys two and under in Bethlehem to ...
- D. Offered a reward for information

**15** What did Simeon say when he saw the baby Jesus at the temple?

- A. This is the Son of God
- B. My eyes have seen your salvation
- C. Blessed is the king who comes
- D. This child will be a great prophet

**16** What elderly prophetess also recognized Jesus at the temple?

- A. Elizabeth
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Anna
- D. Martha

**17** Does the Bible say there was a donkey present at the birth of Jesus?

- A. Yes, Mary rode it to Bethlehem
- B. Yes, it was in the stable
- C. The Bible does not mention animals at the birth
- D. Yes, both a donkey and an ox

**18** According to Luke, what did the multitude of angels do after the announcement to the shepherds?

- A. Flew away silently
- B. Praised God saying 'Glory to God in the highest'
- C. Sang 'Silent Night'
- D. Led the shepherds to Bethlehem

**19** What was the name of the king who ruled Judea at the time of Jesus' birth?

- A. Herod the Great
- B. Herod Antipas
- C. Pontius Pilate
- D. Caesar Augustus

**20** What does the name 'Emmanuel' (or Immanuel) mean, as used in the prophecy about Jesus' birth?

- A. Prince of Peace
- B. Savior of the World
- C. God with us
- D. Mighty God

# Christmas Bible Trivia — Answer Key

## 1. B Luke

Luke 1:26-38 records Gabriel's announcement to Mary. Matthew tells the story from Joseph's perspective.

## 2. C Engaged (betrothed)

Mary was betrothed (engaged) to Joseph but they had not yet come together as husband and wife (Luke 1:27, Matthew 1:18).

## 3. C For a Roman census

Caesar Augustus ordered a census that required everyone to register in their ancestral town. Joseph went to Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David (Luke 2:1-4).

## 4. C A manger

Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, a feeding trough for animals, because there was no room in the inn (Luke 2:7).

## 5. C Shepherds

Angels appeared to shepherds in nearby fields announcing the birth. The shepherds went to Bethlehem and found the baby in a manger (Luke 2:8-16).

## 6. C The Bible does not say how many

The Bible mentions three gifts (gold, frankincense, myrrh) but never states the number of wise men. The tradition of three comes from the three gifts (Matthew 2:1-11).

## 7. C In a house

Matthew 2:11 says the wise men 'came into the house' and saw the child with Mary. By the time they arrived, the family had apparently moved from the birthplace to a house.

## 8. B Gold, frankincense, and myrrh

The three gifts were gold (a gift for a king), frankincense (used in worship), and myrrh (used for burial, foreshadowing Jesus' death). See Matthew 2:11.

## 9. C Do not be afraid; a Savior has been b...

The angel said 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you' (Luke 2:10-11).

## 10. C Micah

Micah 5:2 prophesied: 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel.' This was written about 700 years before Jesus' birth.

## 11. B Divorce her quietly

Joseph, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace Mary publicly, planned to divorce her quietly. An angel appeared to him in a dream and told him not to be afraid

## 12. C A star

The wise men saw 'his star' in the east and followed it. The star went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was (Matthew 2:2, 9).

## 13. C Egypt

An angel warned Joseph in a dream to flee to Egypt because Herod was going to search for the child to kill him. The family stayed until Herod died (Matthew 2:13-15).

## 14. C Ordered all boys two and under in Bet...

Herod was furious and ordered the massacre of all male children in Bethlehem aged two and under, fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy (Matthew 2:16-18).

## 15. B My eyes have seen your salvation

The elderly Simeon had been promised he would not die before seeing the Messiah. He took Jesus in his arms and praised God (Luke 2:25-32).

## 16. C Anna

Anna was an 84-year-old prophetess who never left the temple. She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem (Luke 2:36-38).

## 17. C The Bible does not mention animals at...

The Bible mentions a manger (feeding trough), which implies animals were nearby, but no animals are specifically mentioned in the birth accounts in Matthew or Luke.

## 18. B Praised God saying 'Glory to God in t...

A great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace' (Luke 2:13-14).

## 19. A Herod the Great

Herod the Great was king of Judea when Jesus was born. He is the Herod who sought to kill the child. His son Herod Antipas later ruled during Jesus' adult ministry.

## 20. C God with us

Matthew 1:23 quotes Isaiah 7:14: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means God with us.'