

FREE PRINTABLE • KING JAMES VERSION



Christmas Bible Trivia

50 questions & answers from the Christmas story

For kids, families, Sunday school & Christmas parties • answer key with KJV references



“And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.”

LUKE 2:18 (KJV)



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BEFORE YOU PLAY

How to Play Christmas Bible Trivia

Fifty questions about the birth of Jesus, straight from Luke 1–2 and Matthew 1–2 in the King James Bible.

Start easy with the little ones, work up to the hard round for the grown-ups, and finish with the trick questions that catch almost everyone: *does the Bible really say that?*

- 1 Print it.** Print at 100% / Actual size. Print the answer key (pages 11–14) separately for the host so no one can peek.
- 2 Make teams.** Play in teams of 2–5 or one-on-one. Give each team the question pages and a pencil, or just read the questions aloud.
- 3 Ask the questions.** The host reads each question and the choices. Teams circle or write their answer before the host moves on.
- 4 Check the answers.** Read out the answer and the KJV verse from the answer key. Every answer is in the Bible text.
- 5 Add up the points.** Use the scorecard on page 10. Tied? Use the tie-breaker question.

SCORING

Round	Questions	Points each	Max
Round 1 • Easy	15	1	15
Round 2 • Medium	15	2	30
Round 3 • Hard	10	3	30
Round 4 • True or False	10	1	10
Total	50		85

WAYS TO PLAY

Family game night. Kids answer Round 1, grown-ups take Round 3, everyone plays Round 4. Winner picks the Christmas movie.

Christmas party. Cut the question pages into strips, draw one at a time, and keep score on the fridge.

Sunday school & youth group. Read Luke 2:1-20 first, then play in teams. Younger classes: Rounds 1 and 4 only.

Advent devotions. Ask two questions a night through December and read the verse from the answer key together.

Open-Bible variation. For a learning game, let teams look up the story in their Bibles (Luke 1–2, Matthew 1–2) and race to find each answer. The answer key lists every reference.

“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:7 (KJV)



ROUND 1 • EASY

The Night Jesus Was Born

For kids & families

1

POINT EACH

Team / name _____

Round score _____

1 In what town was Jesus born?

- (A) Nazareth (B) Jerusalem (C) Bethlehem (D) Capernaum

2 What was the name of Jesus' mother?

- (A) Martha (B) Mary (C) Elisabeth (D) Anna

3 Mary was "espoused" (engaged) to a man. What was his name?

- (A) Joseph (B) Zacharias (C) Simeon (D) Peter

4 Where did Mary lay baby Jesus?

- (A) In a cradle (B) In a basket (C) In a boat (D) In a manger

5 Why was baby Jesus laid there?

- (A) It was warmer there (B) The shepherds asked her to
(C) There was no room for them in the inn (D) The wise men told her to

6 What were the shepherds doing that night?

- (A) Counting the stars (B) Keeping watch over their flock
(C) Sleeping in their homes (D) Selling sheep at market

7 What did the wise men follow to find Jesus?

- (A) A star (B) The moon (C) A rainbow (D) A river

8 Which gifts did the wise men bring?

- (A) Silver, spices and oil (B) Bread, fish and honey
(C) Lambs, doves and wool (D) Gold, frankincense and myrrh

- 9 What were the angel's first words to the shepherds?
(A) "Wake up!" (B) "Go home!" (C) "Fear not" (D) "Follow me!"
- 10 What name did the angel tell Mary to give her baby?
(A) John (B) David (C) Samuel (D) Jesus
- 11 What was baby Jesus wrapped in?
(A) A royal robe (B) A sheepskin
(C) Swaddling clothes (D) A blue blanket
- 12 Which angel visited Mary?
(A) Michael (B) Samuel (C) Elijah (D) Gabriel
- 13 What did the multitude of angels say?
(A) "Joy to the world" (B) "Glory to God in the highest"
(C) "Hallelujah, amen" (D) "Good morning"
- 14 When the wise men saw the young child, what did they do?
(A) Fell down and worshipped him (B) Sang him to sleep
(C) Asked him for directions (D) Went straight home
- 15 After seeing baby Jesus, how did the shepherds go back?
(A) Glorifying and praising God (B) Quietly, telling no one
(C) Feeling sad (D) Riding camels





ROUND 2 • MEDIUM

Prophets, Rulers & a Long Journey

For older kids, teens & adults

2

POINTS EACH

Team / name _____

Round score _____

- 16 What does the name “Emmanuel” mean?
(A) King of kings (B) God with us (C) Prince of Peace (D) Son of David
- 17 Which Roman ruler sent out the decree “that all the world should be taxed”?
(A) Pontius Pilate (B) Nero (C) Tiberius (D) Cæsar Augustus
- 18 Who was governor of Syria when that first taxing was made?
(A) Felix (B) Festus (C) Cyrenius (D) Gallio
- 19 Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem from which city?
(A) Jericho (B) Nazareth (C) Capernaum (D) Damascus
- 20 Why did Joseph go to Bethlehem, of all places?
(A) He had work there (B) His parents lived there
(C) To visit the temple (D) He was of the house and lineage of David
- 21 Bethlehem is called “the city of” whom?
(A) Abraham (B) Moses (C) David (D) Solomon
- 22 Who was king when Jesus was born in Bethlehem?
(A) Saul (B) Solomon (C) Hezekiah (D) Herod
- 23 How did God warn the wise men not to return to Herod?
(A) In a dream (B) By a letter
(C) Through a shepherd (D) Through Mary

- 24 Where did Joseph take Mary and Jesus to escape Herod?
 (A) Rome (B) Babylon (C) Damascus (D) Egypt
- 25 Mary's cousin became the mother of John the Baptist. What was her name?
 (A) Anna (B) Elisabeth (C) Martha (D) Ruth
- 26 When Mary greeted Elisabeth, what did Elisabeth's unborn baby do?
 (A) Leaped in her womb (B) Cried out
 (C) Fell asleep (D) Nothing at all
- 27 Which prophet wrote, "a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"?
 (A) Jonah (B) Isaiah (C) Malachi (D) Ezekiel
- 28 Which Old Testament book foretold that a ruler would come out of Bethlehem?
 (A) Micah (B) Obadiah (C) Esther (D) Joel
- 29 What did Mary do with all the things the shepherds told?
 (A) Wrote them in a book
 (B) Kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart
 (C) Told them to the king
 (D) Soon forgot them
- 30 In Matthew 2, what does the Bible call the visitors "from the east"?
 (A) Kings (B) Shepherds (C) Wise men (D) Priests





ROUND 3 • HARD

The Bible Scholars' Round

For teens & adults • write your answer



Team / name _____

Round score _____

- 31 Name the two people in the temple who recognized baby Jesus: a just and devout man, and an old prophetess.

Answer: _____

- 32 How many days old was Jesus when he was circumcised and named?

Answer: _____

- 33 At the temple, what did Joseph and Mary come to offer, "according to that which is said in the law of the Lord"?

Answer: _____

- 34 Anna the prophetess came from which tribe of Israel?

Answer: _____

- 35 Herod ordered the children of Bethlehem to be slain. From what age and under?

Answer: _____

36 Holding the baby, Simeon called Jesus “A light to lighten the” whom?

Answer: _____

37 Coming back from Egypt, Joseph was afraid to go to Judaea because which ruler reigned there?

Answer: _____

38 Zacharias doubted the angel’s message about his son. What happened to him?

Answer: _____

39 Matthew 2:15 says, “Out of Egypt have I called my son.” Which prophet’s book is he quoting?

Answer: _____

40 According to Matthew 1, how many generations were there from Abraham to David?

Answer: _____





ROUND 4 • TRUE OR FALSE

Does the Bible Really Say That?

Trick questions for everyone

1

POINT EACH

Team / name _____

Round score _____

41 The Bible says there were three wise men.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

42 The Bible tells us the name of the innkeeper.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

43 The wise men visited baby Jesus at the manger on the night he was born.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

44 The Bible says Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

45 The Bible says Jesus was born on December 25.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

46 The shepherds followed a star to find Jesus.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

47 Luke says Jesus was born in a stable.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

48 The Bible says the angels sang to the shepherds.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

49 An angel told Joseph in a dream to flee into Egypt.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

50 The wise men went home by a different way.

☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

KEEP SCORE

Christmas Trivia Scorecard

Team name	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Round 1 • Easy 15 Qs × 1 pt				
Round 2 • Medium 15 Qs × 2 pts				
Round 3 • Hard 10 Qs × 3 pts				
Round 4 • True or False 10 Qs × 1 pt				
Tie-breaker if needed				
TOTAL				



TIE-BREAKER QUESTION

Finish Simeon's words: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant" ...

Answer: _____

First team to say it word for word wins. The answer is in the answer key.

WINNER'S CERTIFICATE

Christmas Bible Trivia Champions

Awarded to _____

Date _____ Score _____

Cut along the dotted line and hang it on the fridge.

Answer Key

Every answer comes from the King James Bible. Read the verse aloud after each answer: it turns the game into a walk through the Christmas story. Quotes are exact KJV wording.

ROUND 1 • EASY • THE NIGHT JESUS WAS BORN

1 point each

1. **C • Bethlehem** Matthew 2:1
"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea"
2. **B • Mary** Luke 1:27
"and the virgin's name was Mary."
3. **A • Joseph** Luke 1:27
"To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph"
4. **D • In a manger** Luke 2:7
"and laid him in a manger"
5. **C • There was no room for them in the inn** Luke 2:7
"because there was no room for them in the inn."
6. **B • Keeping watch over their flock** Luke 2:8
"keeping watch over their flock by night."
7. **A • A star** Matthew 2:9
"the star, which they saw in the east, went before them"
8. **D • Gold, frankincense and myrrh** Matthew 2:11
"gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."
9. **C • "Fear not"** Luke 2:10
"And the angel said unto them, Fear not:"
10. **D • Jesus** Luke 1:31
"and shalt call his name JESUS."
11. **C • Swaddling clothes** Luke 2:7
"and wrapped him in swaddling clothes"
12. **D • Gabriel** Luke 1:26
"the angel Gabriel was sent from God"
13. **B • "Glory to God in the highest"** Luke 2:14
"Glory to God in the highest"
14. **A • Fell down and worshipped him** Matthew 2:11
"and fell down, and worshipped him"
15. **A • Glorifying and praising God** Luke 2:20
"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God"

ANSWER KEY (CONTINUED)

ROUND 2 • MEDIUM • PROPHETS, RULERS & A LONG JOURNEY

2 points each

- 16. B • God with us** Matthew 1:23
"they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
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- 17. D • Cæsar Augustus** Luke 2:1
"there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed."
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- 18. C • Cyrenius** Luke 2:2
"this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria."
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- 19. B • Nazareth** Luke 2:4
"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth"
-
- 20. D • He was of the house and lineage of David** Luke 2:4
"because he was of the house and lineage of David"
-
- 21. C • David** Luke 2:4
"unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem"
-
- 22. D • Herod** Matthew 2:1
"in the days of Herod the king"
-
- 23. A • In a dream** Matthew 2:12
"And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod"
-
- 24. D • Egypt** Matthew 2:13
"take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt"
-
- 25. B • Elisabeth** Luke 1:36 • Luke 1:13
"thy cousin Elisabeth" (Luke 1:36) "thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John." (Luke 1:13)
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- 26. A • Leaped in her womb** Luke 1:41
"the babe leaped in her womb"
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- 27. B • Isaiah** Isaiah 7:14
"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
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- 28. A • Micah** Micah 5:2
"But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel"
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- 29. B • Kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart** Luke 2:19
"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."
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- 30. C • Wise men** Matthew 2:1 • Isaiah 60:3
Matthew never calls them kings. Isaiah 60:3 says "kings to the brightness of thy rising", which is why many carols do.
"there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem" (Matthew 2:1) "and kings to the brightness of thy rising." (Isaiah 60:3)
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ANSWER KEY (CONTINUED)

ROUND 3 • HARD • THE BIBLE SCHOLARS' ROUND

3 points each

31. Simeon and Anna

Luke 2:25 • Luke 2:36

"whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout" (Luke 2:25) "And there was one Anna, a prophetess" (Luke 2:36)

32. Eight days

Luke 2:21

"And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS"

33. A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons

Luke 2:24

"And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

34. Aser (Asher)

Luke 2:36

"the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser"

35. Two years old and under

Matthew 2:16

"from two years old and under"

36. The Gentiles

Luke 2:32

"A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

37. Archelaus

Matthew 2:22

"But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither"

38. He was "dumb, and not able to speak" until the promise came to pass

Luke 1:18 • Luke 1:20

"And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this?" (Luke 1:18) "thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed" (Luke 1:20)

39. Hosea

Matthew 2:15 • Hosea 11:1

"that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son." (Matthew 2:15) "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt." (Hosea 11:1)

40. Fourteen

Matthew 1:17

"So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations"

ROUND 4 • TRUE OR FALSE • DOES THE BIBLE REALLY SAY THAT?

1 point each

41. FALSE

Matthew 2:1 • Matthew 2:11

Matthew never says how many came. He names three gifts: "gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

42. FALSE

Luke 2:7

No innkeeper appears in the story at all. Luke only says "there was no room for them in the inn."

43. FALSE

Matthew 2:11

Matthew says "when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother". The manger and the shepherds are in Luke 2.

44. FALSE

Luke 2:5

No animal is mentioned for the journey. Luke 2:5 says only that Joseph went "with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

ANSWER KEY (CONTINUED)

45. FALSE

Luke 2:6

No date is given. Luke says “while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.” Christmas is the day Christians set aside to celebrate His birth.

46. FALSE

Luke 2:9 • Luke 2:12

The star is in Matthew 2, with the wise men. The shepherds were sent by an angel, who gave them a sign: “Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

47. FALSE

Luke 2:7

The word ‘stable’ is not used. Luke says Mary “laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” A manger is a feeding trough, so many picture a stable or a cave.

48. FALSE

Luke 2:13 • Luke 2:14

Luke says the angels were “praising God, and saying,” “Glory to God in the highest”. Singing it today is a lovely way to join them!

49. TRUE

Matthew 2:13

True. The family stayed in Egypt until Herod died (Matthew 2:13–15).

50. TRUE

Matthew 2:12

True. They were “warned of God in a dream” and “departed into their own country another way.”

TIE-BREAKER

TB depart in peace, according to thy word

Luke 2:29

“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:”



Merry Christmas

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”

LUKE 2:52 (KJV)

Thanks for playing! The best part of Christmas trivia is the story behind every answer. Read Luke 2 together on Christmas Eve, and see how many answers you can spot.

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A Christmas prayer to pray together. Father, thank You for the good tidings of great joy: a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Thank You for the shepherds who hurried, the wise men who worshipped and Mary who pondered. As we laugh and play together, help us treasure Your Word in our hearts. In Jesus' name, amen.

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