

80 Christmas Bible Trivia Questions

Four rounds — easy, medium, hard, and expert — covering the real Christmas story from Matthew, Luke, and the prophets, with the full answer key and verse references at the back. Free to print and copy.

Easy Round (Questions 1-20)

1. In what town was Jesus born? _____
2. Who was Jesus' mother? _____
3. Who was Mary's husband? _____
4. Which angel told Mary she would have a baby? _____
5. Where did Mary lay the newborn Jesus? _____
6. Why did she lay him in a manger? _____
7. What is a manger? _____
8. Who was watching flocks in the fields nearby that night?

9. Who brought the shepherds the news of the birth? _____
10. What did the shepherds do after the angels left? _____
11. What did the wise men follow to find Jesus? _____
12. What three gifts did the wise men bring? _____
13. From what direction did the wise men come? _____
14. What name did the angel say to give the baby? _____
15. What was baby Jesus wrapped in? _____
16. What did the great company of angels declare? _____
17. Which jealous king wanted to find the child? _____
18. To what country did the family flee to escape Herod? _____
19. In what town did Jesus grow up? _____

20. What do we celebrate at Christmas? _____

Medium Round (Questions 21-40)

21. In what town was Mary living when Gabriel visited her?

22. Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel to Bethlehem?

23. Which Roman emperor ordered that census? _____

24. Which famous king of Israel was Joseph descended from?

25. Why is Bethlehem called "the town of David"? _____

26. Who was Mary's relative, also expecting a miracle baby?

27. Who did Elizabeth's baby grow up to be? _____

28. What happened when Mary's greeting reached Elizabeth?

29. What were the angel's first words to the terrified shepherds?

30. What sign did the angel give the shepherds to identify the right baby?

31. What question did the wise men ask when they arrived in Jerusalem?

32. What did Herod secretly ask the wise men to do? _____

33. How were the wise men warned not to return to Herod?

34. How did Joseph learn he needed to flee to Egypt? _____

35. What does the name "Immanuel" mean? _____

36. Why was the baby to be named Jesus? _____

37. How did Mary respond to everything the shepherds reported?

38. What did Joseph plan to do before the angel appeared to him?

39. Which two people recognized the infant Jesus as the Messiah at the temple?

40. What happened to Zechariah when he doubted the angel's message?

Hard Round (Questions 41-60)

41. How many wise men does the Bible say there were? _____

42. When the wise men arrived, did they find Jesus in a stable or a house?

43. What animal did Mary ride to Bethlehem? _____

44. What temple offering showed that Jesus' family was poor?

45. What terrible order did Herod give when the wise men never returned?

46. Which prophet foretold that Israel's ruler would come from Bethlehem?

47. Which prophet wrote, "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son"?

48. What is Mary's song of praise called? _____

49. What detail did Herod ask the wise men about the star?

50. What did the mute Zechariah write on a tablet? _____

51. Who told Herod where the Messiah was to be born? _____

52. How did the wise men react when they saw the star stop over the place where the child was?

53. How did the wise men travel home? _____

54. Who was Anna? _____
55. What had the Holy Spirit promised Simeon? _____
56. What sobering thing did Simeon tell Mary? _____
57. About how long did Mary stay with Elizabeth? _____
58. What was Zechariah's occupation? _____
59. Does the Bible say Jesus was born on December 25? _____
60. John the Baptist would go before the Lord "in the spirit and power of" whom?

Expert Round (Questions 61-80)

61. Which governor of Syria does Luke name to date the census?

62. Where exactly was Zechariah when Gabriel appeared to him?

63. How did Gabriel introduce himself to Zechariah? _____
64. In which Old Testament book does Gabriel also appear?

65. What was Mary's reply to Gabriel's announcement? _____
66. What is Zechariah's prophetic song called? _____
67. What is Simeon's song called? _____
68. Mary's Magnificat closely echoes which Old Testament woman's prayer?

69. Matthew quotes which prophet's words about "Rachel weeping for her children" after Herod's massacre? _____
70. "Out of Egypt I called my son" quotes which prophet? _____
71. Whose rule over Judea made Joseph afraid to settle there after Egypt?

72. Does the text actually say the angels "sang" to the shepherds?

73. Are the names Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar in the Bible?

74. Matthew arranges Jesus' genealogy into three sets of how many generations?

75. Name two of the women Matthew includes in Jesus' genealogy.

76. Matthew's genealogy begins with Abraham -- how far back does Luke's go?

77. What does the name "Bethlehem" mean in Hebrew? _____

78. On what day was Jesus circumcised and officially named?

79. How many dreams guided Joseph in Matthew's account of Jesus' early years?

80. How does John's Gospel tell the Christmas story? _____

Answer Key

Every answer with its verse reference — look the verse up together when an answer surprises someone.

Easy Round (Questions 1-20)

1. Bethlehem (Luke 2:4-7)
2. Mary (Luke 1:30-31)
3. Joseph (Matthew 1:24)
4. Gabriel (Luke 1:26-31)
5. In a manger (Luke 2:7)
6. There was no guest room available for them (Luke 2:7)
7. A feeding trough for animals (Luke 2:7)
8. Shepherds (Luke 2:8)
9. An angel of the Lord (Luke 2:9-11)
10. Hurried to Bethlehem to find the baby (Luke 2:15-16)
11. A star (Matthew 2:2)
12. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11)
13. The east (Matthew 2:1)
14. Jesus (Luke 1:31; Matthew 1:21)
15. Cloths -- swaddling cloths (Luke 2:7)
16. "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace..." (Luke 2:13-14)
17. King Herod (Matthew 2:3)
18. Egypt (Matthew 2:13-14)
19. Nazareth (Matthew 2:23)
20. The birth of Jesus (Luke 2:10-11)

Medium Round (Questions 21-40)

21. Nazareth, in Galilee (Luke 1:26)
22. A census required everyone to register in their own town (Luke 2:1-4)
23. Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1)
24. David (Matthew 1:20; Luke 2:4)
25. It was King David's hometown (Luke 2:4, 11; 1 Samuel 16:1)
26. Elizabeth (Luke 1:36)

27. John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-60)
28. The baby leaped in Elizabeth's womb (Luke 1:41)
29. "Do not be afraid" (Luke 2:10)
30. A baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger (Luke 2:12)
31. "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2)
32. Find the child and report back to him (Matthew 2:8)
33. In a dream (Matthew 2:12)
34. An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream (Matthew 2:13)
35. "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)
36. "Because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21)
37. She treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart (Luke 2:19)
38. Divorce Mary quietly (Matthew 1:19)
39. Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:25-38)
40. He was unable to speak until his son John was born (Luke 1:20)

Hard Round (Questions 41-60)

41. It never gives a number -- "three" comes from the three gifts (Matthew 2:1, 11)
42. A house -- likely months after the birth (Matthew 2:11)
43. Trick question -- the Bible never mentions one (Luke 2:4-5)
44. A pair of doves or two young pigeons (Luke 2:24)
45. Kill all the boys two years old and under in Bethlehem and its vicinity (Matthew 2:16)
46. Micah (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:5-6)
47. Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23)
48. The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)
49. The exact time it had appeared (Matthew 2:7)
50. "His name is John" (Luke 1:63)
51. The chief priests and teachers of the law (Matthew 2:4-6)
52. They were overjoyed (Matthew 2:9-10)
53. By another route (Matthew 2:12)
54. A prophet, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, who worshiped at the temple night and day (Luke 2:36-37)
55. He would not die before seeing the Lord's Messiah (Luke 2:26)
56. "A sword will pierce your own soul too" (Luke 2:35)

- 57. About three months (Luke 1:56)
- 58. A priest, belonging to the division of Abijah (Luke 1:5)
- 59. No -- Scripture never gives a date; the church chose it centuries later (cf. Luke 2:8)
- 60. Elijah (Luke 1:17)

Expert Round (Questions 61-80)

- 61. Quirinius (Luke 2:2)
- 62. In the temple, at the right side of the altar of incense (Luke 1:11)
- 63. "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God" (Luke 1:19)
- 64. Daniel (Daniel 8:16; 9:21)
- 65. "I am the Lord's servant... May your word to me be fulfilled" (Luke 1:38)
- 66. The Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79)
- 67. The Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)
- 68. Hannah's (1 Samuel 2:1-10)
- 69. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:18)
- 70. Hosea (Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:15)
- 71. Archelaus, Herod's son (Matthew 2:22)
- 72. No -- it says the heavenly host was "praising God and saying"; the singing is tradition (Luke 2:13-14)
- 73. No -- they come from later tradition; Matthew leaves the Magi unnamed (Matthew 2:1)
- 74. Fourteen (Matthew 1:17)
- 75. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, "Uriah's wife" (Bathsheba), and Mary (Matthew 1:3-16)
- 76. All the way to Adam (Matthew 1:1-2; Luke 3:38)
- 77. "House of bread" (cf. John 6:35)
- 78. The eighth day (Luke 2:21)
- 79. Four -- marry Mary, flee to Egypt, return to Israel, withdraw to Galilee (Matthew 1:20; 2:13, 19, 22)
- 80. In one line of theology: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14)