

Christmas Quiz



1. The first Christmas trees were decorated with what items?

- Apples
- White candy canes
- Pastries shaped like stars, hearts or flowers
- All of the above

2. What favorite Christmas carol was written by Charles Wesley?

- "White Christmas"
- "Away in a Manger"
- "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
- "I'll be Home for Christmas"
- "Jingle Bells"

3. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. What does the Hebrew word "bethlehem" mean?

- House of bread
- Little town
- City of David
- Village of stars
- Family of Elizabeth

4. How is the Christ Child depicted in most Nativity scenes?

- Sleeping
- With arms outstretched
- Standing
- Holding a sword

5. In many Nativity sets and Christmas scenes, what color is Mary's dress?

- Blue
- Green
- Purple
- Red
- Yellow

6. What do scholars say is the significance of the shepherds at the manger?

- To represent the common man
- To represent David, the shepherd who became king
- To denote Jesus' ancestral lineage
- All of the above

7. What is a manger?

- The French word for crib
- Feeding trough
- A cave
- Wooden cradle

8. Who do scholars speculate the Magi actually were?

- Estate owners from nearby
- Wealthy doctors
- Astronomers or sages
- All of the above

9. One of the wise men gave the gift of myrrh, which is...

- Middle Eastern money
- A brewed drink
- An easily shaped metal
- A perfume
- Rare, expensive food

10. Which historic period(s) mention fruitcake?

- Ancient Egypt
- Roman Empire
- Middle Ages
- Victorian England
- All of the above

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Answers to the Christmas Quiz



1. The first Christmas trees were decorated with what items?

The correct answer is all of the above.

2. What favorite Christmas carol was written by Charles Wesley?

The correct answer is "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

3. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. What does the Hebrew word "bethlehem" mean?

The correct answer is house of bread. The name "bethlehem" is the combination of two Hebrew words: "bet," which means house, and "lehem," which means bread.

4. How is the Christ Child depicted in most Nativity scenes?

The correct answer is with arms outstretched. Scholars believe this gesture implies an invitation to all to come to God through him.

5. In many Nativity sets and Christmas scenes, what color is Mary's dress?

The correct answer is red. Scholars say the Virgin Mary is often arrayed in a red gown, to signify lifeblood.

6. What do scholars say is the significance of the shepherds at the manger?

The correct answer is all of the above.

7. What is a manger?

The correct answer is feeding trough. A manger is a feeding trough for cattle or horses.

8. Who do scholars speculate the Magi actually were?

The correct answer is astronomers or sages.

9. One of the wise men gave the gift of myrrh, which is...

The correct answer is perfume. Myrrh is the aromatic resin of a number of small, thorny trees.

10. Which historic period(s) mentions fruitcake?

The correct answer is all of the above.



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