

## **Notre Dame de Lourdes Catholic Church, Price, Utah**

### **Christmas Family Quiz: 50 Bible-Related Questions and Answers**

Here's a list of questions for your Christmas family quiz competition, categorized for easy use and variety.

#### **Category 1: Prophecies of Christ's Birth**

- 1. Which prophet foretold that a virgin would conceive and bear a son called Emmanuel?**  
*Answer: Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14)*
- 2. In which Old Testament book do we read about Bethlehem being the birthplace of the Messiah?**  
*Answer: Micah (Micah 5:2)*
- 3. What symbol from Isaiah represents Jesus and the lineage of David?**  
*Answer: A shoot from the stump of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1)*
- 4. Which prophet predicted that the Messiah would come from the tribe of Judah?**  
*Answer: Jacob's prophecy in Genesis (Genesis 49:10)*
- 5. Who is the "messenger" who prepares the way for the Lord, as prophesied in the Old Testament?**  
*Answer: John the Baptist (Malachi 3:1)*

#### **Category 2: The Annunciation**

- 6. To whom did the angel Gabriel first announce the birth of Jesus?**  
*Answer: Mary (Luke 1:26-31)*
- 7. What was Mary's response to the angel Gabriel's message?**  
*Answer: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)*
- 8. What sign did Gabriel give Mary to confirm God's power?**  
*Answer: Elizabeth, her relative, was also expecting a child in her old age. (Luke 1:36)*
- 9. What was the name of the angel who announced Jesus' birth to Mary?**  
*Answer: Gabriel (Luke 1:26)*
- 10. What town was Mary living in when she was visited by Gabriel?**  
*Answer: Nazareth (Luke 1:26)*

#### **Category 3: The Nativity of Jesus**

- 11. In which town was Jesus born?**  
*Answer: Bethlehem (Luke 2:4-7)*

**12. Who ordered the census that led Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem?**

*Answer: Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1)*

**13. Where was Jesus laid after His birth?**

*Answer: In a manger (Luke 2:7)*

**14. Who were the first people to visit Jesus after His birth?**

*Answer: Shepherds (Luke 2:8-16)*

**15. What was the sign the angel gave the shepherds to find Jesus?**

*Answer: A baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger (Luke 2:12)*

#### **Category 4: The Magi and the Star**

**16. What guided the Magi to find Jesus?**

*Answer: A star (Matthew 2:9)*

**17. How many gifts did the Magi bring to Jesus?**

*Answer: Three (Matthew 2:11)*

**18. What were the gifts brought by the Magi?**

*Answer: Gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11)*

**19. From which direction did the Magi come?**

*Answer: The East (Matthew 2:1)*

**20. Who was the king that the Magi visited to ask about Jesus' birthplace?**

*Answer: King Herod (Matthew 2:1-3)*

#### **Category 5: The Role of Joseph**

**21. Who appeared to Joseph in a dream to tell him not to fear taking Mary as his wife?**

*Answer: An angel of the Lord (Matthew 1:20)*

**22. What was Joseph's occupation?**

*Answer: Carpenter (Matthew 13:55)*

**23. Why did Joseph take Mary and Jesus to Egypt?**

*Answer: To escape King Herod's order to kill all the male children in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:13)*

**24. What prophecy was fulfilled when Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt?**

*Answer: "Out of Egypt I called my son." (Hosea 11:1, Matthew 2:15)*

**25. What did the angel tell Joseph in a dream after King Herod died?**

*Answer: To return to Israel (Matthew 2:19-20)*

#### **Category 6: Hymns and Praises**

- 26. Who sang the *Magnificat*, praising God for His blessings?**  
*Answer: Mary (Luke 1:46-55)*
- 27. What is the opening line of Mary's *Magnificat*?**  
*Answer: "My soul magnifies the Lord." (Luke 1:46)*
- 28. Who sang the *Nunc Dimittis* after seeing the infant Jesus?**  
*Answer: Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)*
- 29. What is the song of the angels that the shepherds heard?**  
*Answer: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men." (Luke 2:14)*
- 30. Who sang a prayer of thanksgiving upon the birth of John the Baptist?**  
*Answer: Zechariah (Luke 1:67-79)*

### **Category 7: Other Characters and Events**

- 31. Who was the Roman governor during Jesus' birth?**  
*Answer: Quirinius (Luke 2:2)*
- 32. What does the name "Emmanuel" mean?**  
*Answer: God with us (Matthew 1:23)*
- 33. Who was the prophetess in the temple who recognized Jesus as the Messiah?**  
*Answer: Anna (Luke 2:36-38)*
- 34. What animal is traditionally thought to have been present at Jesus' birth?**  
*Answer: Donkey (though not explicitly mentioned in Scripture)*
- 35. Which Gospel contains the most details about Jesus' birth?**  
*Answer: Luke*

### **Category 8: The Epiphany**

- 36. What does the Feast of the Epiphany celebrate?**  
*Answer: The visit of the Magi and Christ's revelation to the Gentiles (Matthew 2:1-12)*
- 37. What warning did the Magi receive in a dream?**  
*Answer: Not to return to Herod (Matthew 2:12)*
- 38. How did King Herod respond to the news of Jesus' birth?**  
*Answer: He ordered the massacre of all boys in Bethlehem two years old and under (Matthew 2:16)*
- 39. What is another name for the Magi?**  
*Answer: Wise men or kings*
- 40. What does the gold brought by the Magi symbolize?**  
*Answer: Jesus' kingship*

### **Category 9: Reflection on the Christmas Story**

- 41. What is the central message of Christmas?**  
*Answer: The Incarnation—God becoming man to save humanity.*
- 42. Why is Bethlehem significant in Jesus' birth?**  
*Answer: It is the City of David and fulfilled the prophecy (Micah 5:2).*
- 43. What does the swaddling cloth symbolize?**  
*Answer: Humility and humanity.*
- 44. Why was Jesus born in a stable?**  
*Answer: There was no room in the inn (Luke 2:7).*
- 45. What is the meaning of the name “Jesus”?**  
*Answer: The Lord saves (Matthew 1:21).*

### **Category 10: True or False**

- 46. True or False: The Bible specifies that three Magi visited Jesus.**  
*Answer: False (The number is not mentioned in the Bible).*
- 47. True or False: The angels appeared to the shepherds at night.**  
*Answer: True (Luke 2:8-9).*
- 48. True or False: The census required Joseph to return to his hometown.**  
*Answer: True (Luke 2:3-4).*
- 49. True or False: Mary and Joseph were already married when Jesus was conceived.**  
*Answer: False (They were betrothed; Matthew 1:18).*
- 50. True or False: The angel told Mary she was highly favored by God.**  
*Answer: True (Luke 1:28).*