

Max's Festive Maths and Traditions Quiz

Learning objective: To explore the origins, traditions, and significance of Christmas within a religious and cultural context.

Join Max the monkey as he explores the history and customs of Christmas. Read each question carefully and write your answers clearly.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. False (It celebrates the birth of Jesus), 4. Bethlehem, 5. C, 6. True, 7. A, 8. Giving gifts/Charity, 9. B, 10. False (It is 12 days).

Word bank: Advent · Nativity · Bethlehem · Charity · Epiphany · Christingle · Midwinter

1. 1. Which of these is the main religious reason Christians celebrate Christmas? A) The start of winter, B) The birth of Jesus, C) The end of the school year, D) The winter solstice.* (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The word 'Advent' comes from a Latin word meaning 'coming'. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The Nativity story describes the birth of Jesus in a palace. (1 mark)

4. 4. According to the Gospel of Luke, in which town was Jesus born? (One word) (1 mark)

5. 5. What is a 'Christingle' usually made from? A) A pinecone, B) A star, C) An orange*, D) A candle in a jar. (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Giving gifts at Christmas is often linked to the story of the Three Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus. (1 mark)

7. 7. How much might a charity donation be? A) £5.00*, B) 500p, C) £50.00, D) All of the above. (1 mark)

8. 8. What is the traditional name for the day that marks the arrival of the Wise Men, often celebrated on 6th January? (One word) (1 mark)

9. 9. In the UK, which traditional Christmas food contains dried fruits and spices? A) Vegetable soup, B) Mince pie*, C) Fish pie, D) Cheese sandwich. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The 'Twelve Days of Christmas' begins on Christmas Day and ends on 5th January. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Christingle and label the parts: the orange (representing the world), the red ribbon (love), the four skewers (the seasons), and the candle (the light of the world).



Extension challenge: Max has £20.00 to spend on Christmas presents for his friends. If he buys three small gifts costing £4.50 each, how much money does he have left? Show your working out.