

Max and Leo's Festive Celebration Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the origins, customs, and significance of Christmas within the Christian tradition.

Join Max the monkey and Leo the lion on a festive journey! Use your knowledge of religious traditions and history to answer these ten questions. Read each question carefully before choosing your answer.

Answer Key: 1. (B) 2. True 3. Bethlehem 4. (C) 5. False 6. (A) 7. (D) 8. True 9. (B) 10. The arrival of the three wise men (Magi).

Word bank: Nativity · Advent · Bethlehem · Incarnation · Carols · Epiphany · Christingle

1. 1. What is the name of the four-week period leading up to Christmas Day? A) Lent, B) Advent*, C) Easter, D) Pentecost (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Christians celebrate Christmas to mark the birth of Jesus Christ. (1 mark)

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

4. 4. Which of these items is often used in a Christingle service to represent the world? A) A star, B) A golden crown, C) An orange*, D) A wooden manger (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The 'Three Wise Men' arrived at the stable on the very night that Jesus was born. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the term for the story of Jesus' birth as depicted in plays and displays? A) Nativity*, B) Pilgrimage, C) Revelation, D) Sacrament (1 mark)

7. 7. Why do many Christians light candles during Christmas services? A) To keep warm, B) To decorate the trees, C) To find their way home, D) To symbolise Jesus as the 'Light of the World'* (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Christmas carols are traditional songs that tell the story of the Christmas message. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which event is traditionally celebrated on the 6th of January? A) The start of Advent, B) Epiphany*, C) Midnight Mass, D) Christmas Eve (1 mark)

10. 10. What does the festival of Epiphany commemorate? (Short answer) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene from the Nativity story, ensuring you include the star, the stable, and the visitors arriving to welcome the baby.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why the concept of 'giving' is central to the Christian celebration of Christmas. 2. Compare and contrast the different ways families celebrate Christmas today with the historical accounts found in the Gospels. 3. Justify why Christians might consider the incarnation to be the most important part of the Christmas story. 4. What might happen if symbols, such as the star or the manger, were removed from Christmas traditions? 5. How does the season of Advent prepare a believer for the celebration of Christmas Day? 6. Research and describe the significance of the gifts brought by the Magi; what did gold, frankincense, and myrrh represent?