

A Festive Celebration: Religious Traditions Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the origins, customs, and religious significance of Christmas within Christianity, and to reflect on the themes of giving and community.

Welcome to our festive quiz! Join Max the monkey and Ellie the elephant as they explore the story and traditions of Christmas. Answer the questions below to test your knowledge of religious history and festive customs.

Answer Key: 1. C (Bethlehem) 2. True 3. Advent 4. B (The arrival of the Magi) 5. False (It represents the Incarnation) 6. Giving 7. A (St Luke) 8. True 9. 12 days 10. Frankincense. Higher-order thinking responses will vary; look for logical justification linking historical context to modern practice.

Word bank: Nativity · Incarnation · Bethlehem · Advent · Gospel · Epiphany · Charity · Frankincense

1. 1. According to the Gospel of Luke, in which town was Jesus born? A) Jerusalem, B) Nazareth, C) Bethlehem*, D) Galilee (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: For Christians, Christmas celebrates the belief that God became human in the form of Jesus. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the period of four weeks leading up to Christmas, which means 'coming' or 'arrival'? (1 mark)

4. 4. What does the festival of Epiphany celebrate? A) The birth of Jesus, B) The visit of the Wise Men*, C) The start of winter, D) The lighting of candles (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The tradition of gift-giving at Christmas is meant to remind people of the gifts brought by the shepherds. (1 mark)

6. 6. In the Christian tradition, which virtue or action is central to the Christmas story, inspired by the gifts of the Magi? (1 mark)

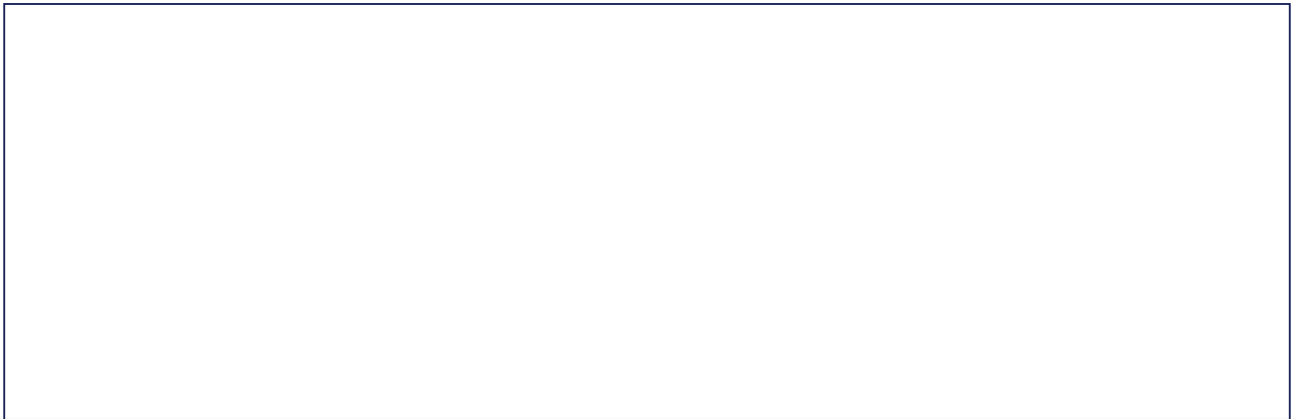
7. 7. Which Gospel writer provides the most detailed account of the Nativity story? A) Luke*, B) Mark, C) John, D) Peter (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Some Christian denominations celebrate Christmas on the 7th of January due to the use of the Julian calendar. (1 mark)

9. 9. Traditionally, how many days are there between Christmas Day and the festival of Epiphany? (1 mark)

10. 10. Name one of the three precious gifts traditionally associated with the Wise Men in the Nativity story. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene depicting a modern-day community 'Nativity' scene. Include symbols of peace and kindness, such as people sharing food or helping others, as seen through the eyes of Ellie the elephant.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the themes of 'light' and 'hope' are central to the Christmas story in a cold winter setting. 2. Compare and contrast how Christmas is celebrated in the UK versus how it might be celebrated in a country with a different climate. 3. Justify your answer: Is the commercialisation of Christmas helpful or harmful to the original religious meaning of the festival? 4. What might happen if the traditions of Christmas were suddenly forgotten by society? 5. If you were organising a charity event at Christmas, how would you ensure the spirit of 'giving' is the focus? 6. Research the history of the Christmas carol; why do you think music is such a powerful way to share a religious story?