

Christmas Trivia

1. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?
A: Egypt
2. Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December. Who is the patron saint remembered on the 26th of December? For an extra point, what is the familiar Christmas carol that mentions this saint?
A: St. Stephen / Good King Wenceslas
3. Everyone is familiar with the mistletoe tradition. What is the color of the berries of the plant?
A: White
4. How many points does a snowflake traditionally have?
A: 6
5. Red and green are the two colors most associated with Christmas. Which are the two other colors, according to Christmas holiday trivia, that are also extremely popular in this season?
A: Gold and silver
6. What are the gifts that the Three Wise Men gave to Jesus?
A: Gold, frankincense and myrrh
7. When does the Russian Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas?
A: January 7th
8. Which country can be credited with the creation of the Christmas beverage eggnog?
A: England
9. Which country does St. Nicholas originally belong to?
A: Turkey
10. What did the angels sing on the night Jesus was born?
A: "Glory to God in the highest"
11. Which is the most popular ornament used to place at the top of the Christmas tree?
A: Angel
12. Which was the first state in the United States to recognize Christmas as an official holiday?
A: Alabama
13. Which was the last state in the United States that declared Christmas a legal holiday?
A: Oklahoma
14. Stollen is the traditional fruit cake of which country?
A: Germany
15. What carol contains the line, "Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing"?
A: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

16. When the wise men arrived in the Holy Land, where did they go first?
A: To the city of Jerusalem (Matt. 2:1-2)
17. What is a 'Bûche de Noël', commonly eaten in France at Christmas?
A: Yule log (cake/chocolate log)
18. In Oaxaca City, Mexico, *Noche de rábanos* is celebrated every 23rd December. Which food gives this festival its name?
A: Radish. Noche de rabanos is Night of the Radishes- when Mexican craftsmen create carvings from root vegetables.
19. As well as being a gift from the wise men, at what other time was "myrrh" associated with Christ?
A: During His crucifixion, Jesus was offered a drink of wine mixed with myrrh (Mk. 15:23) Myrrh was also one of the spices used in the wrapping of Christ's body at the time of His burial (Jn. 19:38-40).
20. What year was Christmas declared a federal holiday in the United States?
A: 1870
21. Which country is the largest exporter of Christmas trees?
A: Canada
22. How many days do we have between Christmas and the Epiphany?
A: Twelve
23. Why are Christmas candy canes red and white in color?
A: The color white symbolizes the purity of Jesus, and the color red symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed for us.
24. What is the meaning of the name "Jesus"?
A: The name Jesus means Jehovah [the Lord] is Salvation
25. What country has the tradition of filling children's clogs with candy and treats on December 5?
A: Netherlands
26. How many miles did Mary and Joseph have to travel to get to Bethlehem?
A: 80 miles
27. How many animals are mentioned as being at the stable with Mary and Joseph?
A: Zero, but we have some here tonight for your viewing pleasure, and because where there are mangers, there are probably animals.

“Sing around the Christmas Song” Game

Object: Be the person who remembers all the words to your favorite Christmas songs.

To play: Choose a Christmas hymn, carol or song verse that everyone in the car is familiar with. Choose which order you are singing around your vehicle. The first person sings the first line of the song, the 2nd person sings the second line, the 3rd person sings the 3rd and so on. The first person to mess up their line gets a letter. The person who messes up gets to choose the next song. First person to spell STAR loses.

To play with your little ones: Let *them* choose the song, Christmas or otherwise. When their singing tapers off, if you can finish their song, then congrats! You’ve spent too much time listening to their favorite show. Play this game for as long as it keeps them happy. 😊

Merry Christmas from all of us at Lakeview Ministries!