

CHRISTMAS 2002

This month we take a light hearted look at the most festive of the Christian celebrations. In this edition you will find many quizzes to keep students and friends interested and productive as we draw near to the holy season of Christmas. The material can be found on different web sites in one form or another. Much of it is original and compiled by the staff of *The Interim*. Enjoy the trivia questions and make up some of your own to pass on to us. We welcome contributions and will use them in future editions, giving appropriate credit.

Quiz #1 Complete the Lines

Everyone knows Christmas carols and other songs associated with Christmas. Let's see how well you know these songs. For each song you are given one or two lines. You provide the next two lines of the song.

- a) Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
- b) Away in a manger,
no crib for His bed,
- c) They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
- d) Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!
- e) It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
- f) What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?
- g) I'll be home for Christmas;
You can plan on me.
- h) Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
- i) Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright



Quiz #2 More Favourites

- 1. What did the baby Jesus do when the little drummer boy played his drum for Him?
 - a) clapped His hands
 - b) smiled at him
 - c) winked at him
 - d) closed His eyes and fell asleep
- 2. In the song *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, who is told to sing?
 - a) choirs of angels,
 - b) shepherds of Bethlehem
 - c) citizens of Judea
 - d) Roman soldiers
- 3. In the song *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus* where did the child see mommy tickle Santa?
 - a) underneath his beard so snowy white
 - b) underneath his cheery chin
 - c) underneath the mistletoe
 - d) underneath the glowing candle
- 4. In the song *Beginning to Look Like Christmas* what do Barney and Ben wish for?
 - a) a pair of Leaf sweaters
 - b) a pair of b-b guns
 - c) a pair of hopalong boots
 - d) a pair of new pajamas
- 5. In the same song what do Janice and Jen hope for?
 - a) toys that will last
 - b) dolls that will talk
 - c) snazzy clothes
 - d) CD'S that don't break
- 6. In *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* what did the other reindeer do to him?
 - a) painted his very shiny nose,
 - b) made his nose glow
 - c) laughed at him and called him names
 - d) invited him to all the reindeer games.
- 7. In the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* what did the true love give to her on the seventh day?
 - a) calling birds
 - b) golden rings
 - c) geese a-laying
 - d) swans a-swimming
- 8. When *Good King Wenceslas* looked out on the feast of Stephen...
 - a) the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
 - b) dimly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
 - c) a poor woman came in sight, gathering winter fuel.
 - d) a peasant ventured forth from his dwelling

9. In *Little Town of Bethlehem* what went by in its deep and dreamless sleep?

- a) the sleepy shepherds
- b) the silent stars
- c) the ages past
- d) rays of soft moonlight

10. In *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* what do the singers ask for?

- a) a happy New Year.
- b) some figgy pudding
- c) a cup of good wine
- d) roasted chestnuts



Quiz #3 A Bit of History and Tradition

1. Christmas came to be celebrated on the fixed date of December 25

- a) when in 320 AD, Pope Julius I and other religious leaders specified 25 December as the official date of the birth of Jesus Christ
- b) when Constantine declared Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire
- c) when Charlemagne was crowned Holy Roman Emperor on December 25, 800.
- d) when Napoleon ended the attempt of the French revolutionaries to outlaw Christianity

2. December 26 is known as Boxing Day because

- a) unwanted presents were often returned to the stores in boxes
- b) money was collected in alms-boxes placed in churches during the festive season and was then distributed to the poor and needy after Christmas
- c) food stuffs were gathered as leftovers and stored

in boxes for shipment

- d) soccer games came to deteriorate into boxing free-for-alls in the London area of Chelsea

3. Melbourne, Australia has a sporting Boxing Day tradition

- a) the Melbourne Ocean Club hosts a large surfing contest
- b) the Melbourne Fisticuffs Society hosts amateur boxing contests
- c) the Melbourne Cricket Ground hosts a Cricket test match
- d) the Melbourne F. C. (Football Club) hosts the final of the Australian Rules Football league

4. The first printed reference to Christmas trees

- a) appeared in Germany in 1531
- b) appeared in Norway in 1234
- c) appeared in Denmark in 1767
- d) appeared in Austria in 1848

5. The first instrument on which the carol "*Silent Night*" was played was:

- a) a pipe organ
- b) a harp
- c) a guitar
- d) a violin

6. Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in:

- a) 1865
- b) 1895
- c) 1912
- d) 1925

7. Good King Wenceslas was king of which country?

- a) Slovakia
- b) Hungary
- c) Bohemia
- d) Poland

8. The name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* was:

- a) James Robinson
- b) Clayton Simms
- c) Stuart Grainger
- d) Jacob Marley

9. The poinsettia, a traditional Christmas flower, originally grew in which country?

- a) China
- b) Egypt
- c) Mexico
- d) Brazil

10. Which name does not belong to one of Santa's reindeer?

- a) Pretzel
- b) Donner
- c) Blitzen
- d) Comet

11. The crib (creche) or nativity scene was first popularized by

- a) St. Francis of Assisi in 1223

- b) St. Thomas of Aquinas in 1234
 c) St. Bernard of Clairvaux in 1110
 d) St. Bonaventure in 1197
12. One notable medieval English Christmas celebration featured:
- a) a giant, 165-pound pie
 b) soccer game between courtiers
 c) snow sculpture contest on the Thames
 d) long distance relay ski race
13. In Sweden, a common Christmas decoration is the Julbukk, a small figurine of a goat. It is usually made of what material?
- a) spun sugar
 b) straw
 c) tin
 d) dough
14. Which of the following was not one of the Three Kings?
- a) Alejandro
 b) Caspar
 c) Melchior
 d) Balthazar
15. In Armenia, the traditional Christmas Eve meal consists of:
- a) dried figs, stuffed mushrooms and lentils
 b) lamb kebobs, rice, and cabbage
 c) potato dumplings filled with minced, spicy meats
 d) fried fish, lettuce and spinach
16. *The Nutcracker* ballet was written by
- a) Rachmaninoff
 b) Moussgorsky
 c) Stravinsky
 d) Tchaikovsky
17. In *The Nutcracker ballet* the enemy of the nutcracker is
- a) the King of the Mice
 b) the Elephant Tamer
 c) the Tin Soldier
 d) the Queen's Musketeer
18. The day after Christmas, December 26, is known as Boxing Day. It is also the holy day of which saint?
- a) St. Eustace
 b) St Stephen
 c) St. Clare
 d) St. Bernard
19. When visiting Finland, Santa leaves his sleigh behind and rides on:
- a) Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
 b) Freddy the Pig
 c) A goat named Ukko
 d) A dinosaur named Tuttou
20. A boar's head is a traditional Christmas dish. According to a popular story, the unlucky boar whose head began the custom in the Middle Ages was killed by:
- a) the Sheriff of Nottingham
 b) Choking to death on a book of Greek philosophy
 c) an errant arrow shot by Robin Hood
 d) Tom the Taylor
21. Who was the author of *A Christmas Carol*?
- a) Carlo Goldoni
 b) Luigi Pirandello
 c) Hans Christian Andersen
 d) Charles Dickens
22. Which popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
- a) *Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer*
 b) *Jingle Bells*
 c) *Winter Wonderland*
 d) *Chestnuts Roasting*
23. A favorite Christmas story is Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in...*
- a) Ohio
 b) Quebec
 c) Wales
 d) Queensland
24. The poem commonly known as *The Night Before Christmas* was originally titled:
- a) *The Night Visitor*
 b) *A Visit From Saint Nicholas*
 c) *Santa Comes to Town*
 d) *You'd Better Watch Out*
25. If you were given "torrone" at a Christmas party, you would probably:
- a) eat it
 b) spend it
 c) melt it
 d) cook it
26. "Hot cockles" was popular at Christmas in medieval times. It was:
- a) a hot spicy drink
 b) a branded meat dish
 c) a game in which a blindfolded person was struck
 d) a toast offered to damsels

27. George Frederick Handel's great Christmas oratorio, The Messiah, was first performed in 1742, in:

- a) London
- b) Dublin
- c) Paris
- d) Berlin

28. A modern Christmas custom borrowed from ancient Rome's New Year's celebrations is:

- a) Hanging stockings by the chimney
- b) Serving seafood, specifically cod
- c) Decorating an evergreen tree
- d) Displaying a wreath on the front door of one's house

29. Who banned Christmas in England in the 17th Century?

- a) Charles I
- b) Samuel Pepys
- c) Oliver Cromwell
- d) William of Orange

30. Who brings gifts to children in Italy according to folklore?

- a) Signor Frosti
- b) La Befana
- c) Santo Nicola
- d) Cenerentola

31. Spicy cookie used to make little houses and people, all covered with frosting and candies is

- a) biscotti
- b) gingerbread
- c) shortbread
- d) flan



Quiz 4 Bible and Religious Knowledge

1) Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?

- a) an angel
- b) a dream
- c) Caesar Augustus
- d) King Herod

2) When did the Magi begin following the star?

- a) when they left Herod.
- b) when they saw it in the East.
- c) when they saw it in the West.
- d) late in the spring

3. What did the Innkeeper say to Mary and Joseph?

- a) We have no room in the inn.
- b) You can stay in our stable.
- c) The hotel has good meals
- d) None of the above

4. The Magi found the child Jesus in

- a) a stable
- b) a house
- c) a manger
- d) a cave.

5. How did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem?

- a) they walked
- b) he walked, she rode a donkey
- c) they rode on a chariot
- d) by horse-drawn cart

6. The "Magi" were likely

- a) wise men
- b) kings
- c) astrologers - astronomers
- d) university professors

7. Which of the four gospels contain the story of Christ's birth?

- a) Luke and Mark
- b) John and Matthew
- c) Mark and John
- d) Matthew and Luke

8. Joseph was engaged to Mary when

- a) an angel appeared to him and told him that she was with child
- b) an angel told him to leave for Bethlehem
- c) an angel warned him about Herod
- d) an angel told him to put Mary away

9. Zechariah, the husband of Elizabeth, was

- a) a priest of the temple
 - b) a tax collector
 - c) a member of the Saducees
 - d) the uncle of John the Baptist
10. What happened to Zechariah because he did not believe the angel Gabriel's words?
- a) he lost his job
 - b) he got sick
 - c) he became mute
 - d) he became poor
11. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary she
- a) was out walking in the countryside
 - b) was troubled by the angel's message
 - c) did not believe what she was hearing
 - d) was with her cousin Elizabeth
12. Mary's song of praise is known in Latin as
- a) the Magnificat
 - b) the Dormitian
 - c) the Gloria
 - d) the Exultus
13. Who ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire?
- a) Julius Caesar
 - b) Nero
 - c) Constantine
 - d) Augustus
14. Joseph went to Bethlehem because
- a) he was a descendant of David
 - b) he paid taxes in that town
 - c) his carpentry shop was there
 - d) the Jewish records were kept there
15. The first people to be told of Jesus' birth were
- a) the friends of Herod
 - b) the innkeeper and his wife
 - c) shepherds watching their flock
 - d) the wise men
16. Jesus was taken to Jerusalem eight days after His birth
- a) to be presented to the relatives
 - b) to be dedicated to God
 - c) to be named officially
 - d) to register His birth
17. The Magi travelled to Judea from
- a) the steppes
 - b) the deserts of Arabia

- c) the East
 - d) the Himalayas
18. Concerned for the safety of Jesus, Joseph and Mary fled to
- a) Palestine
 - b) Northern Israel
 - c) Egypt
 - d) Abyssinia
19. The host who sang God's praises on the night of Jesus' birth
- a) were an army of angels
 - b) were off-duty shepherds
 - c) were visiting carollers
 - d) villagers from Judea
20. The season of Advent begins
- a) four Sundays after Thanksgiving
 - b) six weeks before Christmas
 - c) four Sundays before Christmas
 - d) twenty-eight days before Epiphany.
21. Advent is a period of
- a) fasting
 - b) gift-giving
 - c) anticipation and hope
 - d) almsgiving
22. The liturgical colour of the season of Advent is
- a) gold
 - b) green
 - c) white
 - d) purple.
23. One of the following is not part of the Advent season
- a) candles
 - b) wreath
 - c) Jesse tree
 - d) stars
24. The birth of Jesus was
- a) foretold in the Old Testament
 - b) feared by Herod
 - c) welcomed by St. Elizabeth
 - d) all of the above
25. The prophet most associated with Advent is
- a) Hosea



- b) Jeremiah
- c) Isaiah
- d) Samuel



Quiz #5 Christmas at the Movies

1. In *Frosty the Snowman*, who brought Frosty back to life?
 - a) the crossing guard
 - b) Santa Claus
 - c) Lucy
 - d) Mr. Winter
2. In *It's a Wonderful Life* what role did Jimmy Stewart play?
 - a) Jack Jones
 - b) Sylvester Stone
 - c) George Bailey
 - d) Willard Branks
3. In *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, what biological short-coming made the Grinch so mean?
 - a) his skin was green
 - b) his heart was two sizes too small
 - c) his toes protruded
 - d) he was shortsighted
4. Where was I when *I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus*?
 - a) on the stairs
 - b) by the chimney
 - c) by the window
 - d) behind the tree
5. What was the name of Rudolph's dogsled driving friend?
 - a) Snow Cone
 - b) Klondike Bill
 - c) Alaska Pete
 - d) Yukon Cornelius
6. What is the last ghost called in *A Christmas Carol*?
 - a) The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come
 - b) The Spectre of Tomorrow
 - c) The Ghost of Tomorrow
 - d) The Ghost of the Future
7. What 1990 movie told of a boy's experience when two men break into his house during Christmas?
 - a) *Christmas Fright*
 - b) *Black Christmas*
 - c) *Home Alone*
 - d) *Christmas Comes to Harlem*
8. What three characters sing "*The Chipmunk Song*"?
 - a) Melvin, Teddy, and Stevie
 - b) Alvin, Theodore, and Simon
 - c) Huey, Louie, and Dewey
 - d) Nelly, Sally, and Molly
9. What *Dr Who* episode was broadcast on Christmas Day in 1965?
 - a) *Invasion of the Reindeer*
 - b) *The Feast of Stephen*
 - c) *Kanine and Company*
 - d) *The Nutcracker Sweet*
10. In the movie *A Christmas Story* what did the mother warn the son about the BB gun?
 - a) "you'll be the butt of jokes"
 - b) "you'll harm your baby brother"
 - c) "you'll be the envy of your friends"
 - d) "you'll shoot your eye out"
11. In the same movie what happened to the Christmas turkey?
 - a) it ended up in a Chinese restaurant
 - b) it was eaten by the dogs
 - c) it was given to the poor
 - d) it burned to a crisp
12. In the same movie, what was the father's prized possession?
 - a) a golf trophy
 - b) a leg lamp

- c) an onyx chess set
- d) a Ty Cobb baseball card

13. The Miracle happened on what street in the movies?

- a) Main
- b) Gorky Park Circle
- c) Fifth Avenue
- d) 34th Street

14. In what movie was *White Christmas* sung by Bing Crosby?

- a) *Holiday Inn*
- b) *Brigadoon*
- c) *Going My Way*
- d) *The Bells of St. Mary's*

15. In the movie *Babes in Toyland* (1961) Tom the Piper's Son is about to marry

- a) Mary Quite Contrary
- b) Alana Not So Nice
- c) Patricia With Tresses
- d) Lucy Bonnie

16. In the same movie Tom, the hero, is sold to

- a) a band of robbers
- b) a band of gypsies
- c) a band of highwaymen
- d) a band of secret spies

17. The Grinch lived in

- a) Centreville
- b) Whoville
- c) Tinseltown
- d) Snowfall

*A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.*

*Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But only His mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.*

*What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.*

A Christmas Poem

Heaven Cannot Hold Him

by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

*In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter
Long ago.*

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter*

Lessons

There are many sites on the internet that present ready-made theme lessons and ideas. One such site rich with lesson ideas especially for primary and junior grades is <http://www.lesson-planspage.com/Christmas.htm> . The following two lessons are inspired by that site.

Lesson A

Title - Christmas Journal Writing Ideas

Subject - Language Arts

Grade Level - 3-5

Materials: chalkboard; chalk; paper and pencils or journals; crayons; scissors; assorted construction paper

Directions: Print one or more of these ideas on the board and let the students complete the activity.

1. List four things you could do to help someone at Christmas time. Draw a picture of what you will do.

2. Choose your favourite Christmas recipe, then write down all the ingredients and the directions on how to make it.

3. Ask a relative to share his/her memories of Christmas, especially their favourite games.

4. Write a letter to Santa. Tell him what you want and why you think you deserve it.

5. Write a letter to the Grinch and tell him why he should get the Christmas spirit.

Lesson B

Title - Partner Christmas Story

By - Ginny Jones

Primary Subject - Language Arts

Grade Level - 5-8

Divide students into pairs. Each person is responsible for 2-3 fully developed paragraphs. (6 sentences minimum) Use descriptive details and action verbs.

Each new paragraph must have a connecting phrase (transition) that ties it to the preceding paragraph.

Possible story topics:

1. You went to bed Christmas Eve 2002 and woke up Christmas Day 2020.

2. Christmas is here and you just won the lottery.

3. Christmas has been cancelled this year.

4. Spending Christmas in another country.

5. The Christmas dinner to remember.

6. Acts of charity on Christmas eve.

Stories must be edited and the story practiced before reading to class. Animate voices.

<http://bellsouthpwp.net/l/g/lgriner/christmas/heavencan-notholdhim.htm>

ANSWERS

Quiz #1

- a) And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
- b) The little Lord Jesus
lay down his sweet head.
- c) And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
- d) Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
- e) From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
- f) Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
- g) Please have snow and mistletoe
And presents on the tree.
- h) Ring - a - ling, hear them ring
Soon it will be Christmas Day
- i) Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild,

Quiz #2 1. b) 2. a) 3. a) 4. c) 5. b) 6. c) 7. d) 8. a) 9. b) 10. b)

Quiz #3 1. a) 2. b) 3. c) 4. a) 5. c) 6. b) 7. c) 8. d) 9. c) 10. a) 11. a) 12. a) 13. b) 14. a) 15. d) 16. d) 17. a) 18. b) 19. c) 20. b) 21. d) 22. b) 23. c) 24. b) 25. a) 26. c) 27. b) 28. d) 29. c) 30. b) 31. b)

Quiz #4 1. c) 2. a) 3. d) 4. c) 5. b) 6. c) 7. d) 8. a) 9. a) 10. c) 11. b) 12. a) 13. d) 14. a) 15. c) 16. b) 17. c) 18. c) 19. a) 20. c) 21. c) 22. d) 23. d) 24. d) 25. c)

Quiz #5 1. b) 2. c) 3. b) 4. a) 5. d) 6. a) 7. c) 8. b) 9. b) 10. d) 11. b) 12. b) 13. d) 14. a) 15. a) 16. b) 17. b)

Merry Christmas From The Interim Staff

