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How Much Do You Know About...

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Tokens (for scorekeeping); Prizes (small) for winner(s)

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this game, we look at one subject in depth – it could be a person, place, event, or thing. As we begin this Advent season, let's see how much you know about ... **THE LIFE OF JESUS**.

Instructions:

- 1. This game can be played by individuals or teams.
- 2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
- 3. After a team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give one answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
- 4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.



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INSTRUCTIONS: Just answer the questions to find out how much you know about today's subject ... THE LIFE OF JESUS.

- 1. What was the name of the angel who visited Mary to tell her that she was chosen to bear the Son of God?
- 2. What village were Mary and Joseph from?
- 3. Where was Jesus born?
- 4. What three gifts were brought to Jesus by the Magi, the Three Kings from the East?
- 5. What are frankincense and myrrh?
- 6. Jesus was likely born during the reign of this evil King of the Jews.
- 7. When Herod heard that the Messiah had been born, he plotted to have Him killed. To what country did Joseph and Mary escape to protect the baby Jesus?
- 8. What four books of the Bible are the main sources for the biography of Jesus' life?
- 9. At around age 30, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and began his public ministry. Where was Jesus baptized?
- 10. During his brief ministry, Jesus reportedly performed many miracles, such as healing the sick, resurrecting the dead, and exorcising demons. There are also eight specific accounts of Jesus' power over nature. Can you name three such miracles?
- 11. What holiday was being celebrated at the *Last Supper*?
- 12. How did Judas Iscariot identify Jesus to the temple guards?
- 13. According to Matthew and Mark, what were Jesus' final words before he died?



- 14. Who was the first person to see the resurrected Jesus?
- 15. Which of his disciples refused to believe that Jesus had been resurrected until he (the disciple) could feel His (Jesus's) wounds?
- 16. It is likely that Jesus spoke three languages. What were they?
- 17. What was Jesus' last name?



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ANSWERS

- 1. Gabriel
- 2. Nazareth
- 3. Bethlehem
- 4. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh
- 5. Frankincense and myrrh are both tree resins, i.e. sap. Frankincense was commonly burned as incense, with myrrh more often used in perfumes medicines. Along with the third gift of gold, all three were considered precious and significant offerings.
- 6. Herod
- 7. Egypt. (They did not return to Nazareth until after Herod's death.)
- 8. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- 9. In the Jordan River
- 10. Turning water into wine; the great catch of fish in the Sea of Galilee; feeding the multitudes with five loaves and two fishes; walking on water; the transfiguration of Jesus, wherein he became "radiant"; calming the storm; finding a coin in a fish's mouth; and the cursing of the fig tree.
- 11. The *Last Supper* is a Passover seder.
- 12. Judas kissed Jesus.
- 13. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
- 14. Mary Magdalene
- 15. Thomas (hence, known as Doubting Thomas)
- 16. Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek
- 17. People didn't have last names in ancient times. "Christ" is not a name but a title, which translates as "anointed one."