

## Nativity and Epiphany Quiz

It is the season of “Nativity Plays” in nurseries, in Primary schools and in churches, and lots of Christmas cribs around. So let’s see how much you really know about the Christmas story – after all most people have seen Nativity plays and we have all heard the readings in church every Christmas.

Which of these statements are true and which of these statements are false. No “sitting on the fence” – you need to decide on what you know, or if you are unsure then decide based on the “balance of probabilities” or just have a guess. Have fun.

**Mark here:** T for “true” or F for “false”



1. We know Gabriel was the name of the angel who visited Mary. This was his first visit to earth to speak to a human being.
2. Mary was probably in her late teens or early 20's when she became pregnant.
3. Mary getting pregnant before she got married would just have been a bit embarrassing for her and Joseph, and for both their families, but with no serious consequences.
4. Joseph was quite happy with Mary's explanation of her pregnancy.
5. Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem by donkey.
6. The innkeeper told Mary & Joseph that there was no room in his inn.
7. Mary's baby was due any day when they travelled and she gave birth just after they arrived in Bethlehem.
8. We know Mary gave birth in a stable because she laid her baby in a manger.
9. Mary called her baby Jesus which means “God with us”.
10. Shepherds were visited by angels who sang of peace on earth to all men (all human beings).
11. There were three wise men (Magi) from the East.
12. The Magi were Kings.
13. The Magi knew to go straight to Bethlehem when they arrived in Israel/Judah from the east.
14. The Magi visited baby Jesus, Mary & Joseph in the stable.
15. The Magi bowed down to the baby simply out of respect as one would do for a king.
16. All the gifts the Magi brought were because they believed that the baby was a king.
17. The Magi decided to go home by a different route because it was quicker.
18. King Herod did not really mind that there was a baby king in Judah.
19. The sacrifice offered at the temple is evidence that carpenters were reasonably well paid.
20. Jesus spent his early years in Nazareth.

If you read the first 2 chapters of St Matthew's Gospel and the first 2 chapters of St Luke's Gospel and you will get many of the answers. The rest of the answers will appear in mid-January. There is a simple Bible reading plan over the page for those who are not used to reading the Bible regularly.