



Advent and Christmas Family Trivia Cards

The following four pages of trivia cards can be printed two-sided (flip on the long edge) on an Avery business card template such as 5371 or 28371. Print one set of twenty Christmas Trivia Cards for each of your families with kids in elementary school. Encourage kids to ask these questions of their family members and friends throughout the season.

TRUE OR FALSE:

Jesus was born on December 25 (the day we celebrate Christmas).

TRUE OR FALSE:

Christmas trees started as a Christmas tradition.

Mary rode to Bethlehem on what kind of animal?

- a. A horse
- b. A donkey
- c. A camel

What is the theme of the season of Advent (the time before Jesus is born)?

- a. Darkness
- b. Thankfulness
- c. Waiting

Which country invented the red and white striped candy cane?

- a. United States
- b. Germany
- c. Italy

How many candles are lit for an Advent wreath?

- a. 4
- b. 5
- c. 1

How many presents did Jesus receive from the wise men?

- a. 1
- b. 3
- c. 10

Who were the first people to visit Jesus when he was born?

- a. Angels
- b. Shepherds
- c. An innkeeper

How old was Jesus when the wise men came to visit him?

- a. A few hours old
- b. A few days old
- c. A few years old

What is hidden inside an Epiphany King's Cake?

- a. A yummy fruit filling
- b. A tiny Jesus figurine
- c. A candy cane

a. 4

Most Advent wreaths have one candle for each Sunday of the Advent season (the time of waiting for Jesus to be born), but some churches light an extra candle on Christmas Day that represents Jesus as the light of the world.

False! No one knows for sure when Jesus was born. There are some hints in the Bible that he might have been born around September, but Christmas has been celebrated in December for hundreds of years!

b. 3

Jesus received three presents from the wise men: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. There were three presents, but we don't actually know how many wise men there were! (Matthew 2:11)

False! Even though *Christmas* is in the name, decorated Christmas trees were used for other celebrations before they were used to celebrate Christmas.

b. Shepherds

Angels appeared to shepherds while they were out in the fields with their sheep and told them to go find a very special baby who was born that night! (Luke 2:8-12)

That's a trick question! The Bible doesn't tell us if Mary rode an animal to Bethlehem or what kind it was, but that would be a long way to walk! (Luke 2:5)

c. A few years old

Even though wise men are included in most Christmas stories and nativity scenes, Bible scholars believe the wise men didn't actually meet Jesus until he was a few years old. (Matthew 2:1-12)

c. Waiting

Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for Jesus' arrival. We decorate our churches and homes to get ready, and we get our hearts and minds excited to celebrate!

b. A tiny Jesus figurine

Baking a King's Cake for Epiphany represents how the wise men had to search to find Jesus. The figurine is baked into the cake and whoever finds it while they're eating their piece wins a prize. (Matthew 2:1-2)

b. Germany

Candy canes were invented in Germany in 1670 and brought to the United States in 1847. Now almost 2 billion candy canes are made every year!

What is the best Christmas food your family cooks?

- a. 9
- b. 15
- c. 6

TRUE OR FALSE:
Santa Claus is from the South Pole.

TRUE OR FALSE:
The Bible says Jesus was born in a stable.

How far did Mary and Joseph (Jesus' parents) have to travel from Nazareth, where they lived, to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born?

- a. 300 miles
- b. 90 miles
- c. 15 miles

TRUE OR FALSE:
The first nativity scene set up for Christmas used real animals.

What is the most popular Christmas song?

- a. "Joy to the World"
- b. "Silent Night"
- c. "Jingle Bells"

What color represents the season of Advent?

- a. Gold
- b. Blue
- c. Purple

What is the best Christmas present you've ever gotten?

What color represents the festival of Epiphany?

- a. Blue
- b. Pink
- c. White

True! In 1260, Saint Francis set up a nativity scene to celebrate Christmas using real animals and real people to represent Jesus' parents.

Christmas is a time of celebration! Many families like to cook special meals or dishes to celebrate. What are some of your favorite Christmas meals or treats?

b. "Silent Night"

"Silent Night," or "Stille Nacht" in German, was written by Franz Gruber in 1818 and performed for the first time in Austria, where Gruber was from.

a. 9 reindeer

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, and Rudolph.

b. Blue

Many churches are decorated with the color blue during the season of Advent. The color blue symbolizes hope and reminds us of the dark night sky when Jesus was born.

False! Santa Claus is said to live at the North Pole, which is the very top of Earth, but the story of Santa Claus comes from different countries like Greece, the Netherlands, and England.

During Christmas, many people give presents to people they care about to show the joy of Christmas. Maybe you also have a favorite time you gave someone a present they really liked!

False! The Bible doesn't tell us in what kind of shelter Jesus was born. It does say that after he was born, his mom laid him in a manger, which is where hay for animals goes, but in Bible times animals often stayed in a lower part of a family's house. (Luke 2:6-7)

c. White

Epiphany is the celebration of the light of Jesus spreading all over the world after the wise men visited him. The color reminds us of the light of the star during Epiphany.

b. 90 miles

Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem with lots of other people so the government could count them and know how many people lived in the region. With no cars or concrete roads, it was probably a tough trip! (Luke 2:4)