

SWORDSMAN TEEN

NEWSLETTER



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Christmas Quiz:

Circle the right answer. Watch it! They're tricky.

- For the journey to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph
 - Walked.
 - Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey.
 - Rode a bus.
 - Who knows?
- When Mary became pregnant, Mary and Joseph were
 - Married.
 - Just friends.
 - Espoused.
 - None of the above
- When Mary became pregnant,
 - Joseph married her.
 - Joseph wanted to dissolve their relationship.
 - Mary left Nazareth for a while.
 - Both B and C
- Christmas has always been observed
 - On December 25.
 - On January 17.
 - At Grandma's house.
 - None of the above
- How many wise men came to see Jesus? _____
- Who directed Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
 - Herod
 - An angel
 - Caesar
 - The IRS
- Just what is a heavenly host?
 - An angelic choir
 - The welcoming angel in heaven
 - A multitude of angels
 - None of the above
- How many angels spoke to the shepherds?
 - A multitude
 - Two...Gabriel and Michael
 - One
 - Who knows?
- What song did the angels sing?
 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
 - "Joy to the World"
 - "Glory to God in the Highest"
 - None of the above
- Baby Jesus was born in
 - A cave.
 - A manger.
 - The North Pole.
 - None of the above
- Joseph's family was from which city?
 - Jerusalem
 - Nazareth
 - Bethlehem
 - None of the above
- What animals were present at Jesus' birth?
 - Cows, sheep and camels
 - Cows, sheep and donkeys
 - Lions and tigers and bears
 - Who knows?
- What is a manger anyway?
 - A barn
 - A place for hay
 - A feeding trough
 - A Bible term for the church nursery
- When did baby Jesus cry?
 - When he opened the wise men's gifts
 - Whenever babies usually cried
 - When the cattle started lowing
 - "No crying He makes."
- Who saw the star over Bethlehem?
 - Mary and Joseph
 - Shepherds
 - Three kings
 - None of the above
- Who are Magi?
 - Eastern kings
 - Bankers
 - Astrologers
 - Wise men
- When the wise men brought their gifts to Jesus, they found him in
 - A manger
 - A house
 - Vacation Bible School
 - None of the above
- What sign were the shepherds to look for?
 - A star over the stable
 - A barn outlined with Christmas lights
 - A baby in a manger
 - Both A and C
- What did the innkeeper say to Mary and Joseph?
 - "I have a stable out back."
 - "Come back after the holidays."
 - "There's no room in the inn."
 - None of the above
- In what books of the Bible will you find these fascinating facts?
 - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
 - Matthew and Luke
 - Mark and Matthew
 - Matthew, Mark and Luke

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All Scripture in this publication is from the King James Bible.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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The Christmas Message

Luke 2:1-20 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. **2** (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) **3** And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) **5** To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. **6** And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. **7** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. **8** And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. **10** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **12** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. **15** And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. **16** And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. **17** And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. **18** And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. **19** But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. **20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The holiday season is, for many people, one of the most depressing times of the year. In fact, the suicide rate is higher between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day than at any other time during the year. It is easy to get so caught up in the preparations and the festivities and even the pain we may feel in our hearts during the holidays that we **may forget the real meaning of the season**. It isn't about gifts and trees and decorations. It isn't even about families and parties and fun. It certainly isn't about Santa Claus, snowmen, elves and reindeer. **It is all about Jesus and Him alone!**

Editor's Note: I am all for Family, big dinners, presents and giving; but don't forget the reason for the season.

So for just a few minutes, let's leave our world behind and visit once again the little town of Bethlehem. Let's let Jesus transform our Christmas. The night God became flesh and walked among men ranks as one of the greatest moments in human history. It was a night of tremendous miracles and great blessings. It was the night when God moved into the world to live and eventually to die. Though this story is 2,000 years old, it is still as fresh to me as if this were the first time I had ever heard it. Let's visit Bethlehem again today and notice that as Mary delivered Jesus into this world, there were other Christmas messages being delivered also.

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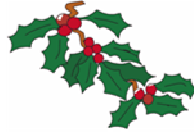
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Can you figure out what these abbreviations mean?

1. 3 F. C. of J.
2. 49 Y. between J.
3. 4 G. W. for L.
4. 3 A. witnessed J. T.
5. 3 S. G., M., M., and L.
6. A. M. of W. for a P., 3 M. of B. for a P.
7. 3 S. of J., C. 10
8. 1000 Y. R. of C.
9. 3 D. and 3 N. in the B. of the W.
10. 3 H. C. of D.
11. 5 T. 40 S. less 1 for P.
12. 3 T. B. with R., 3 T. E. S.
13. 7 S. and 3 D. of J.
14. 3 T. P. D. J.
15. 3000 B. at P.
16. 2 or 3 W. E. a M.
17. 6 C. of R., 3 on E. S. of J. and 3 on W. S. of J.
18. 4 L. C. with F. like a L., C., M., and E.
19. 2 S. C. of V. L. V.
20. 48 C. given to the L.



2 Peter 1:1 *Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:*

Merry Christmas



This is fun for a group game or [ice breaker](#) - or just fun to figure out on your own. They are a group of words, that at first glance and first saying don't make sense...but say them SLOWLY or QUICKLY and LISTEN to what you hear to figure out what the phrase is.

Example:

Common Firm Their Rain =
Come In From The Rain.

Luke 2:11 *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*



1. Aid Are Crank Loud _____
2. Aid Arrive Her Slice Sins _____
3. Aid Arriving Arrange _____
4. Aid Hay Huff Ache Asian _____
5. Aid Hub Bladee Gent _____



1. Bee Way Rough Thud Hog _____
2. Bees Items Say Elf _____
3. Below They Whiz Ill _____
4. Bet Relate Thin Heifer _____
5. Better Hoses _____



As a Delta Air Lines jet was flying over Arizona on a clear day, the copilot was providing his passengers with a running commentary about landmarks over the PA system. "Coming up on the right, you can see the Meteor Crater, which is a major tourist attraction in northern Arizona. It

was formed when a lump of nickel and iron, roughly 150 feet in diameter and weighing 300,000 tons struck the earth at about 40,000 miles an hour, scattering white-hot debris for miles in every direction. The hole measures nearly a mile across and is 570 feet deep."

From the cabin, a blonde passenger was heard to exclaim, "Wow! It just missed the highway!"

Humor español
Spanish Humor

¡Feliz Navidad!

#1

Hay tres clases de personas:

There are three kinds of people:

las que saben contar y las que no.

those who know how to count, and those who don't.

#2

El doctor llama por teléfono a su paciente:

The doctor calls his patient by telephone:

Vera, tengo una noticia buena y otra mala.

"Vera, I have good news and bad news."

Bueno... dígame primero la buena.

"Well then, . . . tell me the good news first."

Los resultados del análisis indican que le quedan 24 horas de vida.

"The results of the analysis indicate that you have 24 hours left to live."

Pero, bueno, ¿eso es la buena noticia? ¿Entonces cuál es la mala?

"Well, that's the good news? Then what's the bad news?"

Que llevo intentando localizarle desde ayer.

"That I have been trying to reach you since yesterday."

#3

Unos tíos están subidos a un árbol cuando les ve un policía.

Some guys are up in a tree when a policeman sees them.

Pero, bueno, ¿ustedes qué hacen ahí? Venga hombres, bajen. ¡No sea que se caigan y se rompan algo!

"Well, what are you all doing there? Come on, men, come down. Let's not have any of you falling and breaking something!"

Y cuando llegan al suelo...

And when they arrive on the ground . . .

A ver, ¿ustedes quiénes son?

"O.K. now, who are you?"

¡Pucha, qué memoria! ¡Los del árbol!

"Geez, what a memory! The ones from the tree!"

#4

Doctor, doctor, el pelo se me está cayendo. ¿Me puede dar algo para conservarlo?

"Doctor, doctor, my hair is falling out on me. Can you give me something to keep it?"

Sí, claro. Aquí tiene una caja de zapatos.

"Yes, of course. Here's a shoe box."

The End

The Christmas Message

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The heavenly choir preached a message.

Luke 2:10-14 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **12** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

They delivered a message of peace: "Fear not." This should be a soothing message.

Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, **Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.**

Luke 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Jesus removes fear.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Death, Hell, Satan and life are things you don't need to fear if you are saved. I have a lot of favorite Scriptures, but this is one of my favorites. If you are saved, you can swing across Hell on a spider web and have no fear of falling into Hell. Jesus took all fear of Hell away from me when I got saved. When I was younger, I was burnt pretty badly. It was extremely painful. That was not nearly as bad as it will be when someone goes to Hell. I AM GLAD Jesus took the fear of going to Hell from me. Has He done that for you? Are you saved?

This bring us to another message preached that day: A message of salvation.

Luke 2:10-11 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. **11** **For unto you** is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Jesus is the one to be served, worshiped and adored! Jesus is called Saviour! Not an example or a teacher, but a Saviour!

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent an entertainer.

If our greatest need had been military, God would have sent a soldier.

If our greatest need had been for justice, God would have sent a judge.

But, our greatest need was forgiveness and redemption, and, therefore, God sent a Savior!

Are you saved? If not, talk to your preacher or a soul winner. Don't put it off!!! **HELL IS REAL!!**

Notes in Church

An older couple is attending church services.

About halfway through, she writes a note and hands it to her husband.

It says, "I just let out a silent gas. What do you think I should do?"

He scribbles back, "Put a new battery in your hearing aid!"

Riddle #1

I am enjoyed by many.

I am at parties, picnics, and special get togethers.

I am just about in every public area.

I am in almost every convenience store or business place.

And I am known world wide.

What am I ? _____ Hint: 4 Letters

Riddle #2

It says when someone wants you, it makes noise and moves a lot, it tells the time and sometimes the date, what is it?

_____ Hint: 5 Letters

Riddle #3

My coat is brown, my cloak is black,

And I always carry both on my back.

Night and I fall right in time.

The sun, alas, is no friend of mine.

I use my arms to soar,

Hearing every detail as a roar. _____ Hint: 3 letters

Going on a Date

Possibly it was the excitement of going out with Dave, her new boyfriend, for the first time. Alternatively, it could have been something she had eaten. Whatever the reason, Caroline had been stricken for the last hour with a rather bad attack of wind. By the time her date arrived, it was all she could do to get from the house and into the car without disgracing herself. As Dave closed the door on her side and walked around to his, in desperation Caroline exploded with a very large and loud fart.

Dave, getting into the driving seat, appeared not to have noticed. However, turning to her and indicating towards the back seat he said, "Let me introduce my two friends, Linda and Brian. I thought they would like to join us tonight!"

Flattered Minister

A pastor was leaving his area and was saying farewell to his congregation at the church doors for the last time. He shook the hand of an elderly lady as she walked out. She said, "Your successor won't be as good as you."

"Nonsense," said the pastor, in a flattered tone.

"No, really," said the old lady, "I've been here under five different ministers, and each new one has been worse than the last."

The End

Answers to Christmas Quiz:

- 1) D. The Bible gives no record of their means of travel.
- 2) C. See [Matthew 1:18](#).
- 3) D. See [Matthew 1:19](#); [Luke 1:39, 56](#).
- 4) D. Dec. 25 was selected late in the fourth century as a day to celebrate Christ's birth.
- 5) See [Matthew 2:11](#). The Bible doesn't say how many, only that Magi came bringing gold, frankincense and myrrh.
- 6) C. See [Luke 2:1](#).
- 7) C. See [Luke 2:13](#).
- 8) C. See [Luke 2:10](#).
- 9) D. See [Luke 2:13](#). They didn't sing; they spoke. OK, if you picked C, we'll give you a point!
- 10) D. See [Luke 2:7](#). We aren't told where Jesus was born, only that after his birth, he was laid in a manger.
- 11) C. See [Luke 2:4](#).
- 12) D. The Bible doesn't say anything about animals being present.
- 13) C. A trough or box in which fodder is laid for cattle, or the place in which horses and cattle are fed. Webster's 1928 Dictionary
- 14) B. He was fully human as well as fully God.
- 15) D. Three kings are not mentioned in the Bible, only in songs.
- 16) D. Wise men or philosophers of the East. Webster's 1928
- 17) B. See [Matthew 2:11](#).
- 18) C. See [Luke 2:12](#).
- 19) D. An innkeeper is never mentioned in the Scriptures.
- 20) B. Check it out!

Scoring:

19-20 correct -- Congratulations! You can separate fact from fiction.

16-18 correct -- Not bad! Truth wins over tradition.

11-15 correct -- Uh oh! You've been to too many Christmas plays.

10 or below correct -- Ouch!

**Mad Lab 1 Answers**

1. A Dark Rain Cloud
2. A Driver's License
3. A Driving Range
4. A Day of Vacation
5. A Double Agent

Mad Lab 2 Answers

1. Beware of the Dog
2. Beside Himself
3. Blow the Whistle
4. Better Late Than Never
5. Bed of Roses

Answers to Mind Twisters

- 1) 3 False Comforters of Job (Job called them "miserable comforters") [Job 16:2](#)
- 2) 49 Years between Jubilees [Lev. 25:10](#)
- 3) 4 Greek Words for Love (aga'pe, phil'ia, storge', e'ros)
- 4) 3 Apostles witnessed Jesus' Transfiguration [Matt. 17](#)
- 5) 3 Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke
Synoptic: Describes the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke that tell the story of Jesus Christ's life and ministry from a similar point of view and are similar in structure.
- 6) A Measure of Wheat for a Penny, 3 Measures of Barley for a Penny. [Rev. 6:6](#)

- 7) 3 Sheepfolds of John, Chapter 10
- 8) 1000 Year Reign of Christ
- 9) 3 Days and 3 Nights in the Belly of the Whale
[Matt. 12:40](#)
- 10) 3 Hebrew Companions of Daniel [Dan. 1:6](#)
- 11) 5 Times 40 Strokes less 1 for Paul [2 Cor. 11:24](#)
- 12) 3 Times Beaten with Rods, 3 Times Escaped Shipwreck
[2 Cor. 11:25](#)
- 13) 7 Sons and 3 Daughters of Job [Job 42:13](#)
- 14) 3 Times Peter Denied Jesus
- 15) 3000 Baptized at Pentecost
- 16) 2 or 3 Witnesses Establish a Matter [2 Cor. 13:1](#)
- 17) 6 Cities of Refuge., 3 on East Side of Jordan and 3 on West Side of Jordan [Num. 35:13, 14](#)
- 18) 4 Living Creatures with Faces like a Lion, Calf, Man, and Eagle [Rev. 4:6, 7](#)
- 19) 2 Small Coins of Very Little Value [Luke 21:2](#)
- 20) 48 Cities given to the Levites [Joshua 21:41](#)

Three Blondes Fishing

Three blondes are sitting by the side of a river holding fishing poles with the lines in the water. A Game Warden comes up behind them, taps them on the shoulder and says, "Excuse me, ladies, I'd like to see your fishing licenses."

"We don't have any," replied the first blonde.

"Well, if you're going to fish, you need fishing licenses," said the Game Warden.

"But officer," replied the second blonde, "we aren't fishing. We all have magnets at the end of our lines and we're collecting debris off the bottom of the river."

The Game Warden lifted up all the lines and, sure enough, there were horseshoe magnets tied on the end of each line.

"Well, I know of no law against it," said the Game Warden.

"Take all the debris you want." And with that, he left.

As soon as the Game Warden was out of sight, the three blondes started laughing hysterically. "What a dumb Fish Cop," the second blonde said to the other two. "Doesn't he know that there are steelhead trout in this river?"

Answers to Riddles from Page 5

- #1 Coke
- #2 Pager
- #3 Bat

Merry Christmas

Hiding from the Cops

A blonde, a brunette and a redhead are running from the cops. They hide on a potato farm. They crawl into some potato bags. The first cop pokes the bag with the brunette in it. She says, "Meow." The cop confirms that it is just a cat.

The second cop pokes the bag with the redhead in it. She says, "Woof." The cop says that it is just a dog.

The third cop pokes the bag with the blonde in it. She says in her sweetest voice, "Potato."