

Answers

1. What is the meaning of the word Advent? **Coming**
2. Which Book(s) of the Bible tell the story of the birth of Jesus?
Matthew (1: 18-25) and Luke (2: 1-14)
3. Which Christmas hymn's second verse begins with "Christ by highest heaven adored"? **"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**
4. What is the most popular ornament placed at the top of the Christmas tree? **An angel**
5. What was the name of Elizabeth's (Mary's relative) husband?
Zechariah
6. Of all the popular Christmas songs, which is the best-selling single of all time? **"White Christmas"**
7. St. Nicholas was originally from which country? **Turkey**
8. Which Book(s) of the Bible tell the story of the Magi (Wise Men)?
Matthew (2: 1-12)
9. Which country can be credited with the creation of the Christmas beverage, eggnog? **England**
10. What item did "my true love sent to me" on the fifth day of Christmas?
5 Gold Rings¹
11. Which figure in the Old Testament was also born in Bethlehem?
David
12. Why are spiders and spider webs common Christmas tree decorations in Poland? **According to legend, a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus**
13. Who was Good King Wenceslas? **Duke of Bohemia**²

14. What does the rose (pink) candle lit on third Sunday of Advent symbolize? **Joy**³
15. Who did "The angel of the Lord appeared to" after the birth of Jesus?
Shepherds (Luke 2: 9)

Footnotes

¹ Question 10 ... The song's origin is unknown, but some believe the song was written to help Catholic children remember various articles of faith.

These are:

True love ... *God*

1. A partridge in a pear tree ... *Jesus*
2. Two turtle doves ... *Old and New Testaments*
3. Three French hens ... *Faith, Hope, and Charity*
4. Four calling birds ... *Four Gospels*
5. Five golden rings ... *The first five books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch, which records the history and laws of ancient Israel*
6. Six geese a-laying ... *Six days of Creation*
7. Seven swans a-swimming ... *Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, or the Seven Sacraments*
8. Eight maids a-milking ... *Eight beatitudes*
9. Nine ladies dancing ... *Nine fruits of the Holy Spirit*
10. Ten lords a-leaping ... *Ten Commandments*
11. Eleven pipers piping ... *Eleven faithful disciples*
12. Twelve drummers drumming ... *Twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed*

² Question 13 ... The Duke of Bohemia (A.D. 924) was a man of great faith. As King he served his people very well, especially the children and the poor. His reign lasted only five years. His brother, Boleslaw, invited Wenceslas to a religious festival, then attacked and murdered him on the way there.

³ Question 14 ... Advent candles and their meaning:

- First purple candle ... *Hope,*
- Second purple candle ... *Love,*
- Pink candle ... *Joy* and the
- Third purple candle ... *Peace*