

CHRISTMAS HOST – TRUE OR FALSE/GIFT OPENING GAME

Date Used _____ Group _____

To Guests Before the Reading of the Christmas Story:

“Now it’s time to read the Christmas story. It’s the story of Jesus’ birth and infancy, as told in the Bible. We won’t include all the Scriptures surrounding Jesus’ birth and early life, since it would take too long. Listen carefully. When it’s time to open the gifts, those under age 10 can take turns opening theirs first. Then the rest of you can take turns opening yours, but you will have to answer a true/false question correctly in order not to miss your first turn to open a gift.”

To Guests After Scripture Reading and After Those Under Age 10 Have Opened Their Gifts:

“For the rest of you, when it’s your turn to open a gift, draw a True/False statement. Read the True/False Statement # and the statement out loud. Then give us your guess as to whether it’s true or false. You can have someone else read it for you before you give the answer, if you want. If you give the right answer, go ahead and open a gift. If you’re wrong, you’ll have to miss your first turn to open a gift. Don’t worry if you get it wrong. It’s just a fun way to help us remember some interesting details of this important story.”

- #1 – False – See Matthew 1:19 (He was going to divorce her privately. [Engagement was a part of the marriage process in their culture, so breaking an engagement required a divorce.]
- #2 – False – See Matthew 1:21 (It was because He would save His people from their sins. According to crossway.org, the Hebrew roots of the name “Jesus” means “the Lord is salvation.” The name “Joshua” has the same meaning.)
- #3 – True – See Matthew 1:23 (The prophecy about a son born to a virgin and called “Immanuel” is in Isaiah 7:14.)
- #4 – False – See Matthew 2:1 (They came from the east.)
- #5 – False – See Luke 2:1 (The World English Bible says it was for the whole world. The New International Version calls it a “census” and says it was for the entire Roman World.)
- #6 – False – See Luke 2:9 (They were terrified.)
- #7 – False – See Luke 2:15 (Baby Jesus was in Bethlehem, so that’s where they wanted to go.)
- #8 – True – See Luke 2:23 (The law can be found in Exodus 13:1.)
- #9 – True – See Luke 2:24 (According to Leviticus 12:6-8, the poor could offer these if they couldn’t afford a lamb.)
- #10 – False – See Matthew 2:1 (He had to ask the chief priests and scribes.)
- #11 – True – See Matthew 2:6 (The chief priests and scribes could find the information in Micah 5:1-5.)
- #12 – False – See Matthew 2:8 and 2:13 (He wanted to kill Him.)
- #13 – True – See Matthew 2:10
- #14 – True – See Matthew 2:11
- #15 – False – See Matthew 2:13 (It was Egypt.)
- #16 – False – See Matthew 2:15 (It was “out of Egypt,” quoting from Hosea 11:1.)
- #17 – True – See Matthew 2:17 (It was prophesied in Jeremiah 31:15.)
- #18 – True – See Matthew 2:19-20
- #19 – False – See Matthew 2:22 (His name was Archelaus [ark-uh-lay’-us]. An “archipelago” [ark-uh-pel’-uh-go] is a group of islands.
- #20 – False – See Matthew 2:23 (They went to Nazareth in the district of Galilee because Herod’s son was ruling in the district of Judea.)

