

**The Christmas Story Quiz: How much do you really know?**

Have the students go through the quiz on their own and then go through the answers as a group.

**1. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?**

- a) Walked
- b) Mary rode a donkey as Joseph walked along side
- c) Joseph piggy-backed Mary
- d) Who knows?

**Answer: d**

**The Bible gives no record of their means of travel.**

*Luke 2:5 (NIV)*

*He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.*

**2. What did the innkeeper say to Mary and Joseph?**

- a) "I have a stable in the back."
- b) "No babies allowed."
- c) "There is no room at the inn."
- d) None of the above

**Answer: d**

**An innkeeper is never mentioned in the scriptures.**

*Luke 2:7 (NIV)*

*and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

**3. The baby Jesus was born in a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Cave
- b) Manger
- c) Stable
- d) Who knows?

**Answer: d**

**The bible doesn't say where Jesus was born. After he was born he was placed in a manger as a safe sleeping place. There is no mention of a stable at all.**

*Luke 2:7 (NIV)*

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**4. What is a heavenly host?**

- a) An angelic army
- b) An angelic choir
- c) An angelic greeter that shows you around heaven
- d) Who knows?

**Answer: A**

**This would have been a gathering of warrior angels.**

*Luke 2:13 (NIV)*

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel*

**5. What did the heavenly host sing?**

- a) The Hallelujah Chorus
- b) Glory to God in the highest
- c) Silent Night
- d) They did not sing

**Answer: D**

**They spoke.**

*Luke 2:13 (NIV)*

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and **saying**, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*

**6. Who were the "Wisemen" that brought gifts to the baby Jesus?**

- a) Kings
- b) Astrologers
- c) Smart men who created the first GPS
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

**They were astrologers. Kings are not mentioned visiting the baby Jesus in the bible at all.**

**7. How many Wisemen came to see Jesus?**

- a) 3
- b) 2
- c) There is no such thing as a "wise" man.
- d) None of the above

**Answer: d**

**The bible doesn't actually say how many Magi came bringing gifts.**

*Matthew 2:1 (NIV)*

*After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem*

Jewish scholars for centuries anticipated the arrival of the Messiah. By examining Old Testament prophecies, determine exactly how much information they could have gathered regarding the Messiah's birth.

**PASSAGE**

**DETAIL**

**Genesis 3:15 (NIV)**

*And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel."*

[Offspring of a woman](#)

**Luke 1:30-31 (NIV)**

*But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.  
<sup>31</sup> You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.*

**Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)**

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:  
The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son,  
and will call him Immanuel.*

[Born of a virgin](#)

**Luke 1:34-35 (NIV)**

*"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"  
<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.*

**Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given*

[Will be a boy](#)

**Luke 2:6-7 (NIV)**

*While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,  
<sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.*

**Isaiah 11:1 (NIV)**

*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*

[Descendent of Jesse](#)

**Genealogy in Matthew 1:6**

**Jeremiah 23:5 (NIV)**

*The days are coming," declares the Lord,  
"when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.*

[Descendent of David \(Son of Jesse\)](#)

**Genealogy in Matthew 1:6**

**Luke 1:32 (NIV)**

*He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.  
The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,*

**Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

[Will be God](#)

**Hebrews 1:8 (NIV)**

*But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever,  
and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.*

**Micah 5:2 (NIV)**

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small  
among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will  
be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.*

[Born in Bethlehem](#)

**Luke 2:4-7 (NIV)**

*So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea,  
to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.  
<sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him  
and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,  
<sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.*

**Hosea 11:1 (NIV)**

*When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.*

[Would have to move to Egypt](#)

This passage would seem to merely relate to Israel's exodus from Egypt. However, as Matthew writes to a Jewish audience to convince them that Jesus is the promised king, he uses this passage as part of his convincing argument (Matthew 2:15).

**Matthew 2:13 (NIV)**

*When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.  
"Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt.  
Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."*

**Jeremiah 31:15 (NIV)**

*This is what the Lord says: "A voice is heard in Ramah,  
mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more."*

[Children would be put to death](#)

**Matthew 2:16 (NIV)**

*When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi,  
he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem  
and its vicinity who were two years old and under,  
in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.*

**Isaiah 9:1 (NIV)**

*Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress.  
In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles,  
by the way of the sea, along the Jordan--*

[Raised in Nazareth/Galilee](#)

**Matthew 2:19-23 (NIV)**

*After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt  
<sup>20</sup> and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,  
for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."  
<sup>21</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.  
<sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place  
of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream,  
he withdrew to the district of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth.  
So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."*

**Malachi 3:1 (NIV)**

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

[Will be born when the temple is still standing](#)

**Luke 2:22 (NIV)**

*When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord*

**What do you think about the odds of one individual fulfilling even two, three or four of these prophecies?**

**Would it be possible for simply anyone to come along and fulfill these messianic prophecies?**

**Which prophecies would be impossible to manipulate?**

**Why do you think God provides all these prophecies (and many more) about the person of Jesus Christ? Why not just have Jesus appear and accomplish what he needed to accomplish without all the prophecies?**

**How do these prophecies impact your level of confidence in the Bible?**

**How do these prophecies impact your level of confidence in the person of Jesus Christ?**