

CHRISTMAS PUZZLE GAMES

1) Christmas Math Puzzle

Players can work in pairs or teams of mixed ages. All the answers are found in Matthew chapter 1 and 2, and Luke chapter 1 and 2.

First answer the following four math problems, using the key below:

- A – the number of years that Anna was a widow _____
- B – the number of generations from Abraham to David _____
- C – the number of days after Jesus' birth that he was circumcised _____
- D – the number of months that Elizabeth hid herself when she was pregnant _____
- E – the number of years that Anna had lived with her husband _____
- F – the number of gifts given to Jesus from wise men _____
- G – the number of pigeons offered as a sacrifice in the temple by Mary and Joseph _____
- H – the number of months Mary stayed with Elizabeth _____
- I – the age in years of the male children killed by Herod in Bethlehem _____

Problem #1 $A - B =$ _____

Problem #2 $C \times D =$ _____

Problem #3 $E + F + G =$ _____

Problem #4 $H + I =$ _____

Then SUBTRACT answer #2 from answer #1 and MULTIPLY the result by answer #3. _____

Finally ADD the answer #4 to get your final answer, which tells us when Jesus loves us.

FINAL ANSWER _____

2) Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Players can work in pairs or teams of mixed ages.

Read each of the following verses in the Bible to discover an article or something that reminds us of Christmas, then find an example of each (you cannot leave the building!).

The first team to bring all seven examples (or the most that are acceptable) wins.

Genesis 2:11

Matthew 2:2

Jeremiah 10:3,4

Exodus 30:35

Proverbs 18:16

Mark 16:1

Exodus 23:20

ANSWERS

1) – Problem #1 = 84-14 Problem #2 = 8x5 Problem #3 = 7+3+2 Problem #4 = 3+2

Answer 365 – every day of the year!

2) - gold; star; Xmas tree; perfume/frankincense; gift; spices/myrrh; angel