

FUN NIGHT IDEAS

A Merry Little Christmas Night

Basic Overview:

A Merry Little Christmas Night is a fun night filled with Christmas trivia. Obviously this is a night you would want to schedule right around Christmas time to get the best results. Questions are taken from all sorts of Christmas categories including: Bible Christmas questions, Christmas food questions, Christmas Traditions questions, Christmas songs questions, Christmas movie questions and more!

Using the Blamee powerpoint game (which can be downloaded from our website in the same place that you downloaded these instructions and flyer) you will compete in a boys vs. girls review game to see which gender has the best Christmas trivia knowledge. If powerpoint is not available, please see the last pages of this file for an alternate way of competing. Award everyone on the winning team with a piece of candy.

Additional Ideas:

None.

Reminder Flyer:

See the flyer and additional instructions on the next pages.

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Running A Merry Little Christmas Night:

Using the Blamee powerpoint game (which can be downloaded from our website in the same place that you downloaded these instructions and flyer) you will compete in a boys vs girls Christmas trivia game to see which gender has the best knowledge. If powerpoint is not available, please see the last pages of this file for an alternate way of competing. Questions can be asked in one of two ways:

1. You can alternate by asking question 1 to the girls, question 2 to the boys, questions 3 to the girls, etc. If the girls miss their question, the boys can have a chance to answer and vice versa. If both teams miss the question then read the page number included with each question and see who can find it first.
2. You can just have a general mob mentality and ask questions to everyone and see who stands up to answer first.

After they answer the question, the child will pick a blue square on your powerpoint game board. Clicking on that square with your mouse will reveal a point value behind the square, which is how many points that team gets. A "Blamee" will reset the teams score to zero. Bonus Questions are given at the end for the kids to answer especially if it is a close competition. For these questions simply call on the child who stands up the fastest.

At the end of the question time, we recommend giving a small prize (i.e. piece of candy etc.) to each player on the winning team.



Bible Christmas Questions:

1. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel? Egypt
2. What are the gifts that the Three Wise Men gave baby Jesus, according to Christmas history? Gold, Myrrh, and Frankincense
3. What does Jesus' other name, "Emmanuel", mean? God with us
4. Why did Joseph and Mary go to the city of David? To pay taxes
5. In what city was Jesus born? Bethlehem
6. With what did Mary wrap newborn Jesus? Swaddling clothes
7. After Jesus was born, where did Mary lay Him? In a feeding trough or manger
8. What was the shepherds' initial reaction to the angel who visited them? They were afraid
9. Who visited Joseph, Mary, and Jesus on the night He was born? Shepherds
10. The wise men traveled _____ to Jerusalem. Westward (Matthew 2:1)
11. Who diligently asked the wise men about baby Jesus? King Herod
12. What guided the wise men to find Jesus? A star
13. When they returned, where did Jesus and His family dwell? Nazareth

Christmas Foods:

1. Visions of which danced in the children's heads as they slept? Answer: Sugar-plums
2. Which type of tree was the partridge sitting in, according to a well-known Christmas song? Answer: Pear
3. Traditionally, kids leave out snacks for Santa Claus. What are these snacks? Cookies and milk
4. What food did Scrooge buy for Bob Cratchet's family on Christmas morning? A goose
5. According to the song, what food is roasted over an open fire? Chestnuts
6. What does the grinch carve at the end of the movie? Roast Beast
7. The grinch stole the last can of what from the who's refrigerator? Who hash
8. In the carol "we wish you a Merry Christmas" what food do the carolers want you to bring to them? Figgy pudding



Christmas Traditions:

1. Where does Santa Claus live? The North Pole
2. Every elf has this ornament on the tip of their shoes. Which ornament are we talking about? bells
3. Everyone is familiar with the mistletoe tradition. What is the color of the berries of the plant? White
4. Which is the most popular ornament used to place at the top of the Christmas tree? angel
5. How does Santa Claus go back up the chimney to continue his journey of delivering gifts? He places his finger on the side of his nose, gives a smile and a nod.
6. How many points does a snowflake traditionally have? six
7. Name the eight original Reindeer. Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Dancer, and Donner
8. One of the most famous Cola companies in the world used to have advertisements featuring a happy, smiling Santa Claus. Name the company coca cola
9. Red and green are the two colors most associated with Christmas. Which are the two other colors, according to Christmas holiday trivia, that are also extremely popular in this season? Gold and silver
10. In the poem "twas the night before Christmas, Nothing was stirring including what animal? A mouse

Christmas Traditions (Cont.):

1. Traditions of Christmas around the world will tell you that Santa Claus is known by many names. What is the French name for Santa Claus? Pere Noel
2. Canada and England celebrate the day after Christmas as what holiday? Answer: Boxing Day
3. How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish? Answer: Feliz Navidad
4. What are two other names for Santa Claus? Answer: Saint Nick and Kris Kringle
5. How many reindeer drive Santa Claus' sleigh (counting Rudolph)? Answer: Nine
6. Which country was the first to use the tradition of Christmas trees? Answer: Germany
7. Who invented electric Christmas lights? Answer: Thomas Edison in 1880
8. Where did the Nativity take place? Answer: Bethlehem
9. Who helps Santa Claus in making his gifts? Answer: Elves and Mrs. Claus!
10. How does Santa get into a house on Christmas eve? Through the Chimney
11. What is put in the stocking of a naughty child? Coal



Christmas Songs

1. In the 'silly' version of Jingle Bells, which super hero smells? Batman
2. In the song, "Frosty the Snowman" what is used to make his eyes? Two eyes made out of coal
3. According to the song, how many times does Santa check his list? Checking it twice
4. In the carol, "Jingle Bells," what kind of a sleigh is mentioned? one-horse open sleigh"
5. On the tenth day of Christmas, what does my true love give to me? 10 Lords a-leaping
6. Which is the most famous Christmas ballet of all time? The Nutcracker
7. Which Christmas song's second verse begins with "The cattle are lowing"? "Away In a Manger"
8. What song does Lucy ask Schroeder to play on his piano in "A Charlie Brown Christmas"? "Jingle Bells"
9. Which hymn's second verse begins with "Christ by highest heaven adored"? "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
10. Which Christmas hymn's second verse begins with "O sing, choirs of angels"? "O Come All Ye Faithful"
11. In the carol, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas", what is the prettiest sight to see? "The holly that will be on your front door".
12. In the carol, "We three Kings," which way is the star of wonder and star of light leading them? "Westward leading, still proceeding".

Christmas Songs (Cont.):

12. Traditions of Christmas around the world will
13. What Christmas song has the line, "I don't know if there'll be snow, but have a cup of cheer?" "Holly Jolly Christmas"
14. Which Christmas song's has the words fa la la la la la la la? "Deck the Halls"
15. Which song was created to try to convince a town of people to let their zoo get an animal? I want a hippopotamus for Christmas

Christmas Carols to Hum:

1. Frosty the snowman
2. 12 days of Christmas
3. Jingle bells
4. Away in a manger
5. Rudolph the red nosed reindeer
6. joy to the world
7. I want a hippopotamus for Christmas
8. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth



Christmas Movies

1. In The Polar Express movie, what is "The First Gift of Christmas?" A bell from Santa's sleigh!
2. In The Polar Express movie, what word does the conductor punch into the ticket of "the young man with all the questions"? BELIEVE
3. In The Polar Express movie, what sort of "liquid refreshment" is dispensed to the children during their trip? Hot Chocolate!
4. What is the name of the rabbit in the magic hat in Frosty the Snowman? Hocus Pocus!
5. What was the little girl in Frosty the Snowman's name? Karen!
6. In Frosty the Snowman, what was the name of the magician with the "Magic Hat" Professor Hinkle!
7. In Rudolph, What is the name of the explorer who is looking for silver and gold? Yukon Cornelius
8. In Rudolph, what is the name of the jack in the box who welcomes them to misfit island? Charlie
9. Who chases Rudolph throughout the movie? The abominable snow monster
10. In Rudolph, what was the name of the dentist elf? Hermie
11. In Rudolph, what was the name of Rudolph's girlfriend? Clarice
12. In Rudolph, what is the name of the snowman who wears the vest at the beginning? Sam

Christmas Movies (Cont.):

1. How much did Lucy charge for a psychiatric session in the classic Christmas TV special A Charlie Brown Christmas? Five cents please!
2. What was "the most likely" reason that The Grinch hated Christmas? His heart was two sizes too small!
3. In the Christmas Classic, It's A Wonderful Life, what happened every time a bell rang? An Angel Got His Wings!
4. What is the name of the Grinch's dog? Max
5. In the movie Santa Claus is coming to town, Kris Kringle marries a school teacher named what? Jessica
6. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's partner from A Christmas Carol? Jacob Marley
7. The Grinch wakes up a little girl while he is stealing Christmas. Who does he wake up? Cindy Lou Who
8. In which Christmas movie would you hear the phrase "Bah humbug"?
9. In the animated television movie, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" where do unwanted toys go?
10. How many ghosts are there in A Christmas Carol? Answer: Four
11. What job did Charlie Brown get in Charlie Brown's Christmas? Director of the Christmas play



What movie has this line?

1. "Teacher says, every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings." - It's A Wonderful Life
2. "What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more." - How The Grinch Stole Christmas
3. "He never got his picture on bubble gum cards, did he? Have you ever seen his picture on a bubble gum card? Hmmm? How can you say someone is great who's never had his picture on bubble gum cards?"- A Charlie Brown Christmas
4. "Uh, since the United States Government declares this man to be Santa Claus, this court will not dispute it. Case dismissed." - Miracle On 34th Street
5. "Fog as thick as peanut butter" - Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Who said this line?

1. "Bah Humbug" - Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' 1843 novel: A Christmas Carol
2. "Don't you cry, I'll be back again some day!" - Frosty the Snowman
3. "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" - The Grinch in How The Grinch Stole Christmas

Who said this line (cont.) ?

1. "I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love." - Linus Van Pelt in A Charlie Brown Christmas
2. "This fog's as thick as peanut butter!" - Yukon Cornelius in Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer
3. "The thing about trains... it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on." - The Conductor in The Polar Express
4. "We elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup." - Buddy the Elf in Elf
5. "You want the moon? Just say the word and I'll throw a lasso around it and pull it down." - George Bailey in It's a Wonderful Life
6. "Let's face it. We all know that Christmas is a big commercial racket. It's run by a big eastern syndicate, you know." - Lucy Van Pelt in A Charlie Brown Christmas
7. "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?" - It's A Wonderful Life
8. In the song "Winter Wonderland", who do we pretend the snowman is? Parson Brown!
9. Pig Pen is the only person that Charlie Brown knows who can do what? "Raise a cloud of dust in a snow storm!"



Who said this line (cont.) ?

1. In The Polar Express movie, what is "The First Gift of Christmas?" A bell from Santa's sleigh!
2. When catching snow flakes on his tongue, Linus thought the flakes needed something. What? "Needs sugar!"
3. During Charlie Brown's psychiatric session with Lucy, he reveals that he has pantophobia. What's that? The fear of everything!
4. Instead of getting "a lot of stupid toys", what is it that Lucy wants for Christmas? Real Estate!
5. In dictating a letter to Santa, Sally ultimately asks Santa for one gift. What is it? "Just send money. How about tens and twenties?"
6. Lucy was kissed once during the show. Who kissed her? Snoopy..."ahhhhg I've been kissed by a dog!"
7. How many good reasons did Lucy give Linus to encourage him to memorize his lines for the play? "I'll give you 5 good reasons!"....as she made a fist.
8. What part is Sally asked to perform in the Christmas play? A shepard's (Linus) wife. "Isn't he the cutest thing!"
9. What traditional Christmas carol does the entire Peanuts gang hum, and then eventually sing at the end of the show? Hark The Herald Angels Sing
10. Where did the Grinch live? Just North of Who-ville

Who said this line (cont.) ?

1. What was the most likely reason that the Grinch hated Christmas? His heart was two sizes too small
2. Although the Grinch disliked many things about Christmas, what was the one the one thing he liked least of all? Every Who down in Who-ville would start singing
3. As the Grinch ransacked Who-ville, what was "the first thing to go!" These stockings!
4. Only leaving bare wall with nothing but hooks and some wire, what was the last thing the Grinch took from the house? The log for their fire
5. How much did the Grinch's heart grow that day? 3 sizes!

If PowerPoint is not available at your church, you can also print out papers and tape them to the wall in a fashion similar to what is seen below. Print out copies of the following pages and use masking tape to tape the papers to the front wall of your classroom. It may be best to do three rows of 7 (21 total) or 3 rows of 8 (24 total). Each question that the kids get right gives them the chance to come up and pull one paper off of the wall. They will get the points or lose all their points if they pick a “blamee.”





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BLAMEE

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