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What a feast coming up. Christmas is a special time of the year for so many reasons. This edition of our teaching resource once again presents different aspects of Christmas; the real meaning of the holy season, the fun part and frivolous activities associated with its celebration, and the commercial component that threatens to swallow up all the other themes. We hope that some of the material will help you to make the period leading up to those last weeks of school prior to Christmas both meaningful for your students and lighter for you, what with all the distractions that occur around that time.



We also take the opportunity to remind you to let your students know that the deadline for submission of applications and accompanying essay for the Father Ted Colleton Scholarship is just 18 days from now, midnight of December 1.

There are several parts to this supplement: quizzes on Christmas lore; quotations for reflection; the meaning of Christmas; and our Christmas crossword puzzle.

## PART A: QUIZ ON CHRISTMAS LORE

In keeping with the festive aspect of the Christmas season a number of traditions/events/factoids have made their way into the celebration. Here are a number of statements on things spiritually or popularly associated with the celebration of Christmas over the years.

Are these statements true or false. If false provide the correct information in the space provided.

### Circle True or False

1. "The Firecracker" by Tchaikovsky is the name of the ballet performed around Christmas time each year.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Friday and Saturday before Christmas are the two busiest shopping days of the year in North America.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_
3. In 1647, the English parliament passed a law that made Christmas illegal as such festivities were banned by the Puritan leader, Oliver Cromwell.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_
4. December 26 commonly known as Boxing Day came about because money was collected in alms-boxes placed in churches during the festive season and the money was then distributed to the poor and needy after Christmas.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_
5. The first Canadian Christmas carol was written in 1649 by St. Jean de Brebeuf.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_
6. "Silent night" was written for an orchestra by a church organist.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_
7. In 350 A.D., Pope Julius I, proclaimed December 25 the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_



8. Despite the tradition of three wise men paying homage to baby Jesus, the Bible never gives a number.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

9. Carols weren't sung in churches until they were introduced by Martin Luther in the 16th century.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

10. The word Noel derives not from a personal name, but from the French expression "les bonnes nouvelles" or "the good news".  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

11. Jesus was born during the rule of Julius Caesar.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

12. In Quebec the Christmas Eve banquet is called.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

13. The first "crèche" scene was originated by St. Anthony of Padua.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

14. St. Nicholas was actually born in Switzerland.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

15. There are 5 Sundays during the Advent season.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

16. The angel Raphael appeared to Mary at the Annunciation.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

17. Because of Herod's threats the Holy Family escaped to Ethiopia.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

18. The word Emmanuel means "God is with us".  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

19. Angels were the first to announce the news of Jesus' birth  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

20. The first persons to visit Jesus were the magi.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

21. The Roman festival of Saturnalia was replaced by the feast of Christmas.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

22. The tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at a shopping centre in Seattle.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

23. A Yule log is an enormous log that is typically burned during the Twelve Days leading up to Christmas.  
T F \_\_\_\_\_

24. Contrary to popular belief, the poinsettia flower is not poisonous, but holly berries are. T F \_\_\_\_\_



25. Actually, the abbreviation Xmas isn't irreligious. The letter X is a Greek abbreviation for Christ.

T F

**PART B: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

1. In Clement C. Moore's poem *The Night Before Christmas* who was not stirring?  
A) the father  
B) the mother  
C) the mouse  
D) all of the above.

2. Bolivians celebrate *Misa del Gallo* or "Mass of the Rooster" on Christmas Eve. Some people bring roosters to the midnight mass, a gesture that symbolizes the belief that  
A) a rooster was the first animal to announce the birth of Jesus  
B) each parishoner should donate a rooster for the poor  
C) the rooster brings good fortune  
D) rooster is a proper gift for the pastor.

3. Mistletoe is from the Anglo-Saxon word *misteltan*, which means  
A) "little evergreen" as the plant stays green  
B) "little dung twig" because the plant spreads though bird droppings  
C) "sparkling leaf" as the plant shines  
D) "twinkle toe" as the plant is very delicate.



4. One of the following events did not take place on Christmas Day

- A) Charlemagne is crowned Holy Roman Emperor
- B) Napoleon met defeat at Waterloo
- C) World War I Christmas truce is reached
- D) Apollo 8 orbits the moon.

5.





6. Which well-known author of fantasy fiction also created a book called ? *The Father Christmas Letters*?
  - A) Lewis Carroll
  - B) J.R.R. Tolkien
  - C) E. Nesbit
  - D) C.S. Lewis
7. The author of *A Christmas Carol* was
  - A) Mark Twain
  - B) Charles Dickens
  - C) Hans Christian Andersen
  - D) Alexander Solzhenitsyn
8. The first Christmas card was commissioned in 1843 by
  - A) prime minister William Gladstone
  - B) Sir Henry Cole
  - C) Lord Byron
  - D) Queen Victoria.
9. In the carol *The Twelve Days of Christmas* how many gifts are mentioned?
  - A) 12 gifts
  - B) 25 gifts
  - C) 173 gifts
  - D) 364 gifts.
10. The tradition of putting tangerines in stockings comes from

- A) 12<sup>th</sup> century French nuns who left socks full of fruit, nuts and tangerines at the houses of the poor
- B) 13<sup>th</sup> century mendicant monks
- C) Florentine bankers wishing to give Christmas bonus to their employees
- D) 17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch burghers wishing to give their children a special treat.

11. The leading exporter of Christmas trees is
  - A) Alaska
  - B) Vermont
  - C) Ontario
  - D) Nova Scotia

### PART C: CAN YOU MATCH THE FOODS?

Every nation or ethnic group has a food that has a special connection with Christmas celebrations. Can you match the food with the correct country? Choose the name of the country from the list and write it beside the food/description.

India, Canada, Albania, Poland, Ukraine, Germany, Norway, Guatemala, Mexico, Sweden, Venezuela, Greece, Philippines, Australia, Italy.

1. Buñuelos (dough with hint of anise deep-fried & drenched in a syrup of brown sugar, cinnamon, and guava.)



2. Hallaca (mixture of beef, pork, capers, raisins, and olives wrapped in maize bound within plantain leaves with string and steamed)

**PART D: QUOTES TO REFLECT ON**

3. Rum balls (sweet dense balls flavoured with chocolate and rum)
4. Kutia (a sweet grain pudding)
5. Sorpotel (a pork dish, utilizing liver, the heart and the kidney cooked in a spicy sauce)
6. Stollen (fruitcake with bits of candied fruits, raisins, walnuts and almonds and spices such as cardamom and cinnamon; sprinkled with confectioners sugar and often with a core of marzipan).
7. Torrone (a nougat confection, typically made of honey, sugar, and egg white, coated in crushed, toasted almonds)

8. Tourtière (a meat pie usually made with ground pork and/or veal, or beef)



9. Julmust (a soft drink that is consumed at Christmas)
10. Kataifi (phyllo-wrapped confections made from cinnamon and sugar and drizzled with honey)
11. Byrek me kungull dhe arre (a traditional pumpkin and walnut pie cooked usually on Christmas Eve).
12. Bigos (“Hunter’s stew”, a delightful and rich blend of various meats, mushrooms, and cabbage).
13. Ponche (Christmas fruit punch served hot with lots of fruits).



14. Akevitt (a spirit flavored with spices like caraway and aniseed).
15. Bibingka (traditional dessert made with rice flour, sugar, clarified butter and coconut milk, baked in layers and topped with butter and sugar).

We all have memories and expectations regarding Christmas. We provide here a few representative quotes and images/cartoons about what some people in real life or through fictional characters have had to say about Christmas. There are questions that could help centre the ensuing class discussion on the material.

- A. *God’s sign is simplicity. God’s sign is the baby. God’s sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendour. He comes as a baby – defenceless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child. ...God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him, and love him.*



**Pope Benedict XVI**

- B. *It comes every year and will go on forever. And along with Christmas belong the keepsakes and the customs. Those humble, everyday things a mother clings to, and ponders, like Mary in the secret spaces of her heart.*

**Marjorie Holmes**

- C. *Christmas is a season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.*

**Washington Irving**

- D. *I sometimes think we expect too much of Christmas Day. We try to crowd into it the long arrears of kindness and humanity of the whole year. As for me, I like to take my Christmas a little at a time, all through the year. And thus I drift along into the holidays, let them overtake me unexpectedly, waking up some fine morning and suddenly saying to myself: ‘Why this is Christmas Day!’*

**Ray Stannard Baker**

- E. *One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don’t clean it up too quickly.*

**Andy Rooney**

- F. *Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.*  
**Winston Churchill**
- G. *Christmas is the day that holds all time together.*  
**Alexander Smith**



The preceding material for the quizzes was sourced on the internet, but liberally adapted, plus original material developed by Interim staff. Below are some of the more useful sites accessed for this. Enjoy.

- <http://www.christmaslore.com/>
- <http://triviapark.com/quizzes/xmasquiz.html>
- <http://www.catholic.net/index.php?option=dedestaca&id=268&grupo=Podcast%20%20Webcast&canal=Music>
- <http://www.the-north-pole.com/carols/index.htm>
- <http://www.allthingschristmas.com/quotes.html>
- [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/homilies/2006/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_hom\\_20061224\\_christmas\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/homilies/2006/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20061224_christmas_en.html)
- <http://www.history.com/news/history-lists/7-historical-events-that-took-place-on-christmas>
- <http://hispanickitchen.com/recipes/ponche-caliente-warm-holiday-punch/>
- [https://www.buzzfeed.com/juliapugachevsky/heavenly-christmas-foods-from-around-the-world?utm\\_term=.lal9Yk0d73#.lg4gzjPvQ7](https://www.buzzfeed.com/juliapugachevsky/heavenly-christmas-foods-from-around-the-world?utm_term=.lal9Yk0d73#.lg4gzjPvQ7)
- [http://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/HTML/History\\_of\\_Hymns\\_and\\_Carols.htm](http://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/HTML/History_of_Hymns_and_Carols.htm)
- <https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/christmas>
- <http://www.beliefnet.com/inspiration/galleries/10-quotes-that-capture-the-true-meaning-of-christmas.aspx?p=5#1jDBGZbpYpZfRDRc.99>

### Questions

1. Which of the quotations address the spiritual meaning of Christmas and which appear to be dealing with the strictly social/popular aspect of the feast?
2. Which do you find more appealing and why?
3. What enormous truth is captured in Pope Benedict's statement?
4. Consider and explain the metaphysical consequence of Alexander Smith's insight.
5. How does or can the mundane aspect of Christmas serve to strengthen the spiritual meaning of the feast?
6. In light of the gift that God gave to us on Christmas day, what is the powerful message being expressed in the image of the dove and the baby?
7. How could this particular message be taken to heart and acted upon?
8. How are the courts being criticized in cartoon #2?
9. Are we ruled by technology's social media even on Christmas day? Is this a sad statement or recognition of reality today?
10. What would be the perfect Christmas for you? Is Jesus at its centre?

### PART E: THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



In his little book, *The Purpose of Christmas*, pastor Rick Warren, says that “ironically, at most Christmas parties the person whose birthday we’re supposed to be celebrating is completely ignored. He’s never even mentioned”. So we could pose that important question: *What are you celebrating this Christmas?* Would your answer be something like the following?

- “I’m celebrating that I got through my mid-semester.”
- “I’m celebrating seeing my family.”
- “I got a Christmas surprise bonus.”

- “I get to skate on the pond at midnight.”
- “I’m getting a new iPhone X.”
- “I’m celebrating that I’ve finished all my shopping.”
- “I’m not celebrating anything. I’m just trying to relax.”
- “I get to go skiing!”
- “I get to eat all kind of neat foods and snacks galore!”
- “I got NHL hockey game tickets.”
- “I’m going on a cruise.”
- “I’m too busy trying to make ends meet. No time for celebrating.”



Just think of what an incredibly diverse universe He created for us. So many different things to see, feel, imagine, enjoy and with family and friends. Every human being is different. No two of us are exactly alike. Every one of us is a true original, not cloned, not replaceable, not recyclable, simply unique and priceless.

But, despite all this goodness in creation, something went awry, humanity got sidetracked by sinning. All through the centuries people were lost and they were searching for answers to the problems of evil, suffering, injustice, and mortality.

Philosophers and teachers came up with all sorts of answers (as they try to do today as well). But to no avail. Human beings had some understanding of God’s love, but it was very limited.

This all changed when Jesus was born. God Himself came into our midst as human flesh, to communicate with us directly face-to-face. It was the best way to show how much He loved us.

Everything that exists, visible and invisible: energy and gravity; matter and anti-matter; stars and galaxies;



Whether young or old, getting ready for Christmas can be absolutely exhausting, with all the running around, buying gifts, sending cards or twitting greetings, putting up outdoor and indoor decorations, shopping for food and drinks, attending and hosting parties. Naturally, the really young tots anxiously wait for Santa’s visit. Let’s not forget about cleaning up afterward, returning or exchanging gifts, and paying those bills we allowed to pile up for all the fun. In the end did we have or take the time to actually enjoy the real meaning of Christmas?

So why celebrate? First and foremost because it’s a birthday party. Whose birthday? What happened to make us so happy? The most remarkable event in history took place. Jesus, the Son of God, was born in Bethlehem.

That piece of good news has resounded down through the ages, bringing hope, peace and joy to all, for God so loved us, his creatures, that he gave his only Son to us “so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

In the Incarnation, God became one of us, a human being, so we could understand what He is really like. It is a great mystery and wondrous in every way.

atoms and neutrons; molecules and muons; plant, trees and flowers; birds, fish and animals; angels and humankind; all were created out of love, for God is love itself.

His love is the reason we are alive. We do not exist by chance, by some accident. God was thinking of us even before He made the world. He designed that world with just the right qualities and physical characteristics so human beings could live in it.

His love for us moreover is unchanging. Everything else will change during our lifetime, but God's love is continuous, eternal, unceasing.

Jesus was born like other babies, wrapped in swaddling clothes and visited by neighbours and strangers seeking the truth. Of course Jesus did not remain a baby. He grew up to model the kind of life that pleases God, His Father.

But we must remember that in all this splendour of lights, rich aromas, and glittering presents, for many people, Christmas can be a time of sorrow and depression. They may not have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. Others are saddened by past memories and by the absence of loved ones.

The reality is that there are the poor among us, the homeless, the abandoned. We can perform the works of mercy and love our less fortunate human beings among us.

We have the opportunity to look at Christmas each year in a new light, a different way, appreciating its significance and how to make it brighter for other people who may be less fortunate than us.

Jesus the Christ is our Saviour who died for our sins and was raised from the dead, who lives with us, who loves us, who teaches us the truth. He is the reason for celebrating Christmas!

(The full original article by Rick Warren can be found at <http://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2008/december/151-55.0.html>)

**How can we live up to the true Christmas spirit?**

One teacher in the Toronto area shares a Christmas wish list with colleagues, friends and the students he teaches. Steve de Quintal points out that we can do some good things to bring cheer, hope, and relief to others. As he puts it "Like snowflakes, little by little we can make a big difference... let us gather seeds to plant in the spring and hopefully we or others will see the harvest." Christmas can last all year round. Seeds can be sown year round. One just needs to begin.



Different organizations are trying to ameliorate life for others in some practical way. Students could participate in doing good deeds in many ways: food drives, clothing drives, gift baskets, visitations, serving at shelters, singing and storytelling to little boys and girls or to shut-ins in senior homes. The list is endless.

Steve De Quintal reassures everyone that "truly there is a need for every gift" whether material, psychological or spiritual. See below for Steve's top 10 wish list. He shows that everyday items no longer needed by the owner may be of great use to someone else in need of just that very thing!! Steve identifies a receiving organization for the item. He works and lives in a specific neighbourhood and frequents a specific church and parish, but many of the ideas can be translated to other locales and environs. For specific information or if you wish to contribute to these efforts contact Steve at St. Mary Catholic Academy, 66 Dufferin Park Ave. Toronto, Ontario M6H-1J6., tel. 416-393-5528 ext. 84293

- Broken Pens, Can Tabs, Canadian Food For Children, Coffee Mugs, Eyeglasses
  - Freerice.com rice donated, Pauline Books Stores (Dec. 2, Baby Jesus Birthday Party), Street Patrols (Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, on streets of downtown Toronto), Used Stamps, Used Christmas cards
- But there are other ideas to also consider:
- Ask volunteer students to spend zero for seven days
  - Take students to meet refugees. (eg Romero House , Toronto)
  - Take students to Niagara to work with migrants on a fruit farm for a day.
  - Take students on a Toronto night street patrol. (Anishnawabe)
  - Take the same students to the same nursing home monthly for a year.
  - Take students to Habitat for Humanity 3W theme park in Americus. Georgia, or volunteer for the local branch
  - Take students to volunteer at a pregnancy centre for mothers in distress

- Take students to the offices of a pro-life organization, (e.g. Campaign Life Coalition, Toronto Right to Life, or the local version)
- Encourage students to learn more about pre-born life and the extreme challenges faced by them, too often falling victims to a “throw-away” culture



One can appreciate that social justice comes in many forms, from child labour in developing countries’ factories to inadequate education opportunities for indigenous populations. But one must never forget the absolute need to protect innocent human life, that same life made in the image of the Christ whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas.

### Questions

1. Do we have a proper understanding of true social justice?
2. Are we responsible for our fellow human beings in far-away lands? How? Why or why not?
3. Are we responsible for our classmates in our own school? In what ways can we help them? What prevents us from helping them? How can we know if they need or want help? Our help?
4. What prevents people from accepting the good news of Christmas?
5. Is there need for a club in your school that tries to answer these needs? How can you participate?
6. Are we too taken up with the material aspects of daily living and thus missing out on the deeper meaning of our relationships within our family and with friends?
7. What could we do as individuals to make Christmas a truly spiritual celebration?

#### Answers To True Or False Quiz

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|--|---|
| 1. <b>False (It’s The Nutcracker)</b>  | 12. <b>True</b>   |
| 2. <b>True</b>   | 13. <b>False ( St. Francis of Assisi)</b>                             |
| 3. <b>True</b>   | 14. <b>False (the historical St. Nicholas was a native of Turkey)</b> |
| 4. <b>True</b>   | 15. <b>False (there are 4 Sundays during the advent season)</b>       |
| 5. <b>True</b>   | 16. <b>False (was angel Gabriel)</b>                                  |
| 6. <b>False (written by the priest when the church organ broke down)</b>             | 17. <b>False (they went to Egypt)</b>                                 |
| 7. <b>True</b>   | 18. <b>True</b>   |
| 8. <b>True</b>   | 19. <b>True</b>   |
| 9. <b>False (introduced by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13<sup>th</sup> century)</b> | 20. <b>False (were the shepherds from the fields)</b>                 |
| 10. <b>True</b>  | 21. <b>True</b>   |
| 11. <b>False (was during rule of Augustus Caesar)</b>                                | 22. <b>True</b>   |

23. **False (it’s the Twelve Days of Christmas, December 25-January 6)**

24. **True**  
25. **True**

#### Answers to Multiple Choice Christmas Lore

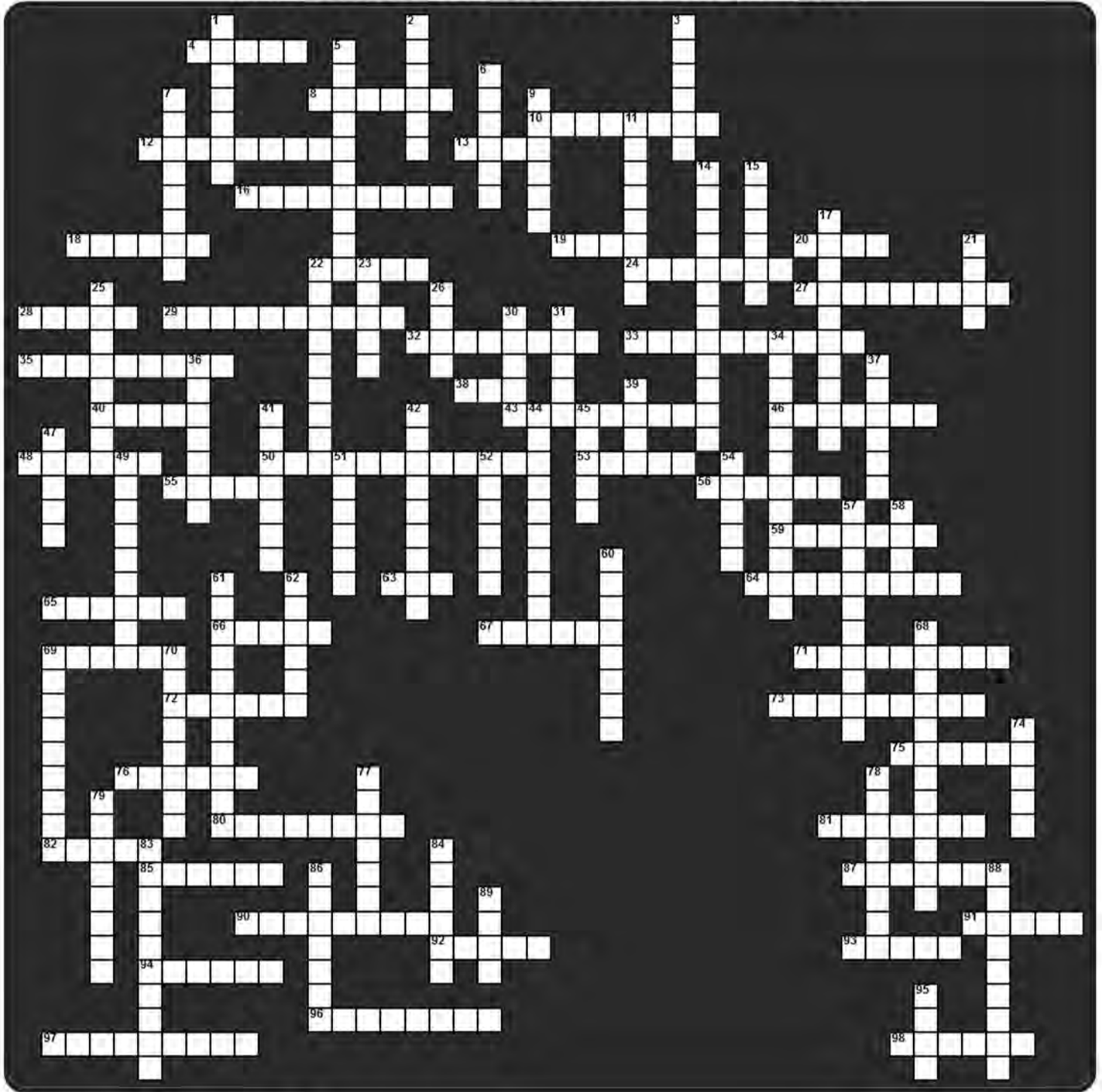
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| 1. <b>D</b> | 5. <b>B</b> | 9. <b>A</b>  |
| 2. <b>A</b> | 6. <b>B</b> | 10. <b>D</b> |
| 3. <b>B</b> | 7. <b>B</b> |              |
| 4. <b>B</b> | 8. <b>D</b> |              |

#### Answers to Matching Christmas Foods

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. <b>Mexico</b>    | 9. <b>Sweden</b>       |
| 2. <b>Venezuela</b> | 10. <b>Greece</b>      |
| 3. <b>Australia</b> | 11. <b>Albania</b>     |
| 4. <b>Ukraine</b>   | 12. <b>Poland</b>      |
| 5. <b>India</b>     | 13. <b>Guatemala</b>   |
| 6. <b>Germany</b>   | 14. <b>Norway</b>      |
| 7. <b>Italy</b>     | 15. <b>Philippines</b> |
| 8. <b>Canada</b>    |                        |



# Christmas Crossword Puzzle 2017



## Christmas Crossword Puzzle 2017

**Across:**

- 4 Deck The Halls With Boughs Of This
- 8 The Animal That Carried Mary To The Stable
- 10 Isaiah's Name For Jesus The Messiah
- 12 In Quebec The Christmas Banquet Is Called
- 13 Wrote Book Of Revelation

- 16 Special Italian Bread Loaf Served At Christmas
- 18 Name Of The Mythical Snowman Of Songs
- 19 Mother Of Mary
- 20 "The First \_\_\_\_\_ The Angel Did Say ..."
- 22 Fragrant Tree Native To Lebanon

- 24 Author Of Lord Of The Rings
- 27 Soft Piece Of Frozen Water That Falls From The Sky
- 28 A Gift Of Aromatic Gum Resin
- 29 French Christmas Greeting (2 Wds)
- 32 Exclamation Praising God
- 33 Shell-Breaking Device, Also A Ballet
- 35 Bird In The Pear Tree

- 38 The First Female Parent
- 40 The \_\_\_\_\_ Carol By Brebeuf
- 43 Were Hung By The Chimney With Care
- 46 Entryway For Santa
- 48 Dr. Seuss Character Hears A Who!
- 50 " \_\_\_\_\_ To Be Jolly."
- 53 A Branch Was Brought Back To Noah
- 55 Radiant Energy Visible To The Human Eye
- 56 Aggregations Of Woolly Animals
- 59 Known For His Wisdom
- 63 " \_\_\_\_\_ To The World"
- 64 Really Big Shopping Day Following Christmas
- 65 Dr. Seuss Character Who Tried To Steal Christmas
- 66 "A \_\_\_\_\_ Of Angels Sang"
- 67 Prophesied To Mary At Circumcision
- 69 A General Official Count Of The Population
- 71 In Hebrew 'House Of Bread'
- 72 Stick Of Wax With A Wick In The Middle
- 73 "It's \_\_\_\_\_ To Look A Lot Like Christmas"
- 75 Guardians Who Announce The Good News
- 76 " \_\_\_\_\_ In Excelsis Deo".
- 80 Event Of Being Born
- 81 Handel's Great Composition
- 82 What Dutch Children Leave By The Fireplace For Sinterklaas
- 85 Number Of Tribes Of Israel
- 87 " \_\_\_\_\_ On 34Th

- Street" Took Place In New York.
- 90 A Royal Personage Who Went Out For Winter Fuel
- 91 A Jeweled Headband
- 92 The First Five Books Of The Bible
- 93 "God Rest You \_\_\_\_\_, Gentlemen"
- 94 Gift In French
- 96 Keeper Of The Flock
- 97 Frank Capra Film 'It's A \_\_\_Life'.
- 98 Round Decoration Hung On Door

**Down:**

- 1 French Location For Mary's Apparition
- 2 Long Period Of Reflection Preparing For Christmas
- 3 Scrooge's Business Partner
- 5 Christmas Greeting In Italian (2 Wds)
- 6 Leader Of Santa's Reindeer Crew
- 7 What Children Look For Under The Tree
- 9 Sound Made By Sleigh Bells
- 11 Village Where Jesus Grew Up
- 14 Asian Aromatic Bark Used As Spice
- 15 Herod Was Its Ruler
- 17 Brilliant Red Flower Native To Mexico
- 21 Gives Most Detailed Description Of The Nativity
- 22 The Fortieth Day After Christmas
- 23 The Means By Which Joseph Was Warned To Leave Israel
- 25 Last Name Of Scrooge's Clerk
- 26 Tree Whose Fronds Were Waved When Christ Entered Jerusalem
- 30 Mythical Workers At The North Pole
- 31 Traditional Number-Based Game

- 34 Surgery Undergone By Baby Jesus
- 36 The First Book Of The Bible
- 37 An Animal Trough Used As Baby's Bed
- 39 Eighth To Horace
- 41 Wrote One Of The Gospels, Former Tax Collector
- 42 Stand Underneath To Get A Kiss.
- 44 German For Christmas Fir Tree
- 45 Cross In French
- 47 "Once In \_\_\_\_\_ David's City"
- 49 Baubles To Hang On Christmas Tree
- 51 Traditional Meat For Christmas
- 52 Colour Of City Bells
- 54 Greek For Jesus As The Beginning
- 57 A Showy Mexican Flowering Plant
- 58 Precious Metal Brought As Gift To Baby Jesus
- 60 "It Came Upon The \_\_\_\_\_ Clear"
- 61 God Made Flesh
- 62 " \_\_\_\_\_ Nacht"
- 68 Spanish Christmas Greeting (2 wds)
- 69 Roasted Around Yuletide
- 70 Tree Climbed By Zaccheus
- 74 Type Of Song Attributed To David
- 77 Paul Wrote Many Of Them
- 78 One Of The 70 Sent Forth By Christ
- 79 Foretelling Uttered Under Divine Inspiration
- 83 September 29 Is His Feast Day (2 Wds)
- 84 " \_\_\_\_\_ Fideles"
- 86 Author Of "A Christmas Carol"
- 88 Mother Of St. John The Baptist
- 89 Heavenly Instrument
- 95 Sang The Magificat

# Christmas Crossword Solution 2017

