Answers to Christmas quiz:

1. Only two gospels have the details of Jesus’s conception and birth, which are they?

Matthew and Luke – Mark and John do not chronicle Jesus’s early life

1. What was the name of the angel who appeared to Elizabeth, Mary’s cousin to tell her she would give birth to John the Baptist?

Gabriel (Luke 1:19)

1. This same angel appeared to Mary to tell of Jesus’s birth – how many months later was this?

Six months later. (Luke 1:26)

1. Which prophet prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem?

Micah 5:2 as written in Matthew 2:6

1. How did Joseph and Mary get to Bethlehem?

The bible doesn’t actually say how Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem; they may have had a donkey, but it isn’t recorded anywhere.

1. When the shepherds went looking for Jesus what was the sign they were to look for?

The angel told them ‘This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger’ (Luke 2:12)

1. Which Old Testament prophet had the most to say about the birth of Christ?

Isaiah.

1. How many wisemen or Magi came to see Jesus and how old was Jesus when they arrived?

The bible does not say how many wise men there were. Tradition puts it at three because there were three gifts, but there may have been more or less.

The wise men saw His star at his birth and began following it. If the journey was 500 miles from Persia or Mesopotamia, then it would have taken at least a month. Later in the account Herod ordered all the children aged 2 and younger to be killed. Therefore, Jesus was at least a month old but not yet 2 years old. Matthew 2:9-18

1. When Joseph and Mary took the baby Jesus to the temple for the purification rites they met two people, who were they?

Simeon, (Luke 2:25-35) and Anna, (Luke 2:36-38)

1. Which emperor ordered all the boys under 2 in Bethlehem to be killed?

Herod, (Matthew 1:16)

1. Where did Jesus and his parents move to, to escape from this?

They went to Egypt (Matthew 1:13-15)

1. How long did they stay there?

Until Herod died (Matthew 1:19-21)