

## Intermediate Grades

### *Knowing More About Christmas*

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How much about Christmas do you know? Test your knowledge of Christmas characters, legends, myths, poems, and customs by answering the following questions:

I. Fill in the blank in each of these sentences with the right word.

1. On Christmas Day we celebrate the birth of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. He was born in the town of \_\_\_\_\_ in Judea.

3. In the Philippines the custom of attending the \_\_\_\_\_ or early morning mass for nine days before Christmas is being observed.

4. The flower that is commonly used for Christmas decorations is the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The Christmas tree had its origin in \_\_\_\_\_.

6. The custom of portraying the scene of Christ's birth in churches is called the \_\_\_\_\_ or cradle.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ originated this custom.

8. The three wise men brought gifts of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Write the title of the poem or song where each of the following lines is taken.

1. "Glory to the new-born King!"

2. "O come, let us adore Him."

3. "Let ev-ry heart prepare Him  
room,

And heav'n and nature sing."

4. "Wake, O sleeping shepherds,  
awake,

Let us join the angels' song."

5. "O Holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray."

III. Give a synonym or brief explanation about each:

1. Noel

2. The King of Kings

3. The City of David

4. Kriss Kringle

5. Carol

6. The Messiah

7. The Magi

8. Mistletoe

9. Bambino

10. Las Posadas

*(Please turn to page 349 for the answers.)*

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HEALTH SECTION**ANTONIO**

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One day Antonio's mother said, "Antonio, I am very busy. You go to the market and bring home something for our lunch."

"Very well," answered the little boy cheerfully, "What would you like for me to bring?"

"You may select the things yourself. Here is the money."

Antonio's mother knew that her son's healthy appetite would tell him the proper things to buy. When he came home what do you suppose he brought?

Putó?

No.

Bibingka?

No.

This is what was in his basket—pechay, radish, fish, unpolished rice, eggs, and bananas.

**KEY TO ANSWERS***From page 329***I.**

1. Jesus Christ
2. Nazareth
3. Misa de Gallo
4. Poinsettia
5. Germany
6. Presipio
7. St. Francis of Assisi
8. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh

**II.**

1. "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
2. "O Come, All ye Faithful"
3. "Joy to the World"
4. "Philippine Christmas Carol"
5. "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**III.**

1. It is a French word meaning Christmas.
2. Jesus Christ
3. Bethlehem
4. It is a German name for the Christ Child who is supposed to give the presents.
5. It is the name given to a song of Christmas joy.
6. Another name for Jesus Christ
7. The three Wise Men.
8. It is a parasitic vine growing on hardwood trees.
9. It is an Italian name for the Holy Child that is exposed to the people after mass during Christmas.
10. It is a religious drama performed the night before the birth of Christ.

Choose the word that best describes Antonio: honest, helpful, wise, industrious.

Give reasons for your choice.