

Epiphany: King's Day Celebration

Twelve Night Dinner

Many cultures celebrate with a huge feast on the evening of Epiphany. Popular Twelfth Night customs include singing Christmas carols, having one's house blessed, and attending church services. In some countries, Twelfth Night marks the start of the Carnival season (or Mardi Gras).

Every culture celebrates with its own foods and traditions. What is your heritage? Find out how that country celebrates Epiphany or the Twelve Night and then serve those foods. Don't forget to eat some King Cake while playing this fun Epiphany Game.

Play Epiphany Game:

You do homeschool so don't feel guilty adding a little learning and game time into your King Day celebration. Split into two or three teams.



Gather the supplies needed: a pair of dice, paper and pencil, the game questions (attached), baby Jesus from your nativity set and the three Magi "gifts" : a few coins (gold), a few bottles of essential oil (frankincense) and a few pieces of bark or wood (myrrh). Before the game begins, hide baby Jesus. Write three different clues on three separate index cards of where to look for Jesus. Fold them and keep them with the other game pieces.

Directions:

The object of the game is to be the first person to collect all three gifts and baby Jesus. Take turns rolling the dice. If an even number is rolled, pick a Pictionary / charade card to draw or act out. If your team member correctly guesses the item drawn (or acted out), add one of the "gifts" to your pile. If an odd number is rolled, pick a question card to answer. If your team answers the question correctly, add one of the "gifts" to your pile. The first team to earn all three "gifts," reads one of the clue cards and searches for Baby Jesus. Play continues until one team collects all three "gifts" and successfully searches and finds baby Jesus.

Epiphany Game Cards

Act Out or Draw

Baby Jesus

Three Kings

A Stable

Mary

Joseph

A Christmas Tree

Star

Sheep

Epiphany Game Cards

Answer Correctly

Where did Mary and Joseph live before Jesus was born?

- a) Nazareth b) Bethlehem c) Jerusalem

What was the name of the angel that told the Virgin Mary she would have a child?

Why did Mary and Joseph leave to go to Bethlehem?

In which city was Jesus born?

What does the angel say to the shepherds when they tell them to go to Bethlehem?

What gifts did the wise men bring for Jesus?

Where did Jesus' family flee to from Bethlehem?

- a) Egypt b) Nazareth c) Samaria d) Greece

Who was the Roman ruler at the time Jesus was born

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Extra to Add Your Own

