

# Epiphany

Celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas



*"Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."*

*~ Matthew 2:2*

# 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. 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 the clue card 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?

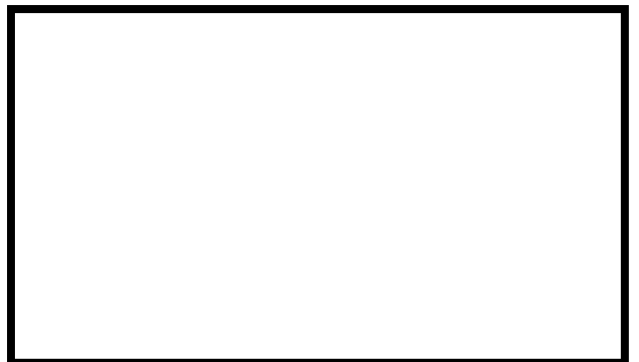
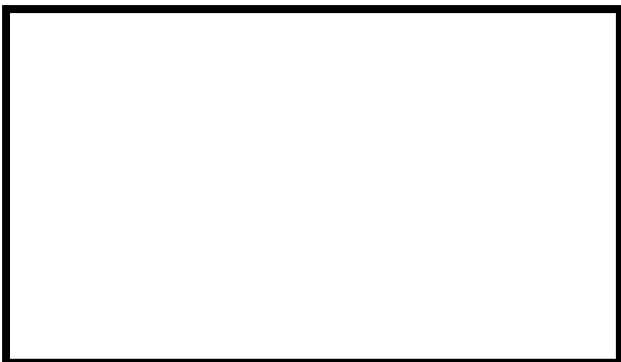
- a) Egypt b) Nazareth c) Samaria d) Greece

Who was the Roman ruler at the time Jesus was born



# Epiphany Game Cards

Extra to Add Your Own





# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

## OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 26

SIT SPOT DAY  
ONE

DECEMBER 27

COLLECT ROCKS.  
PAINT THEM.  
HIDE THEM

DECEMBER 28

OUTDOOR BOOK  
READING

DECEMBER 29

HIKE WITH  
FRIENDS

DECEMBER 30

SEARCH FOR  
ANIMAL TRACKS

DECEMBER 31

NATURE TABLE  
DECOR  
COLLECTION

JANUARY 1

MAKE & HANG  
BIRD FEEDERS

JANUARY 2

20 MINUTE BIRD  
COUNT

JANUARY 3

SIT SPOT DAY  
TWO

JANUARY 4

PLAY I SPY  
POINSETTIA

JANUARY 5

OBSERVE NIGHT  
SKY. FIND  
CONSTELLATIONS

JANUARY 6

OUTDOOR  
EPIPHANY TEA  
PARTY

# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PROBLEM SOLVING

The 12 Days of Christmas offers a fun way to connect your holiday sing-a-long with math!

**SING** Print the lyrics and sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas.

**ASK:** Have you ever wondered how many gifts in total were received?



Many will immediately add up the gifts this way:  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 =$

That's quite a heap of presents! However, is this what the song really says? Is ONE gift given each day?" After a closer look at the lyrics, you will see that on the second day, it appears that the "true love" gives three gifts- two turtle doves and another partridge in a pear tree!

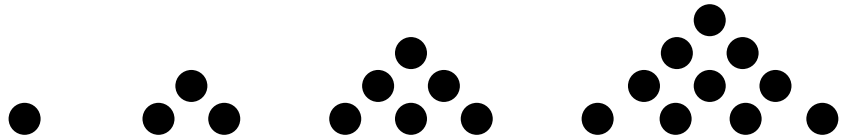
Let the math fun begin! List the days and the number of presents given! Predict the grand total before actually doing the figuring.

Day 1 - 1 gift

Day 2 - 3 gifts

Day 3 - 6 gifts

Day 4 - 10 gifts .... and so on.



Do you notice any patterns? Check this one out!

Day 1 : 1

Day 2 : 3 (1 + 2)

Day 3 : 6 (1 + 2 + 3)

Day 4 : 10 (1 + 2 + 3 + 4)

The numbers of gifts received are all "triangular numbers," numbers that can be formed by dots in triangles.



Use this pattern and/or the worksheets provided to help you figure out the grand total of gifts received on the twelfth day of Christmas

# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PROBLEM SOLVING

On the first day of Christmas,  
My true love gave to me A  
partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of  
Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Three French hens,  
two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree!

On the fourth day of  
Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Four calling birds,  
three French hens,  
two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree!

On the fifth day of Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Five golden rings.  
four calling birds,  
three French hens,  
two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree!

On the sixth day of Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Six geese a-laying,  
five golden rings.  
four calling birds,  
three French hens,  
two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree!

On the seventh day of  
Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Seven swans a-swimming,  
six geese a-laying,  
five golden rings.  
four calling birds,  
three French hens,  
two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree!

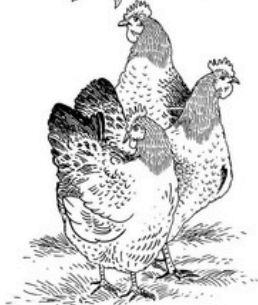
On the eighth day of Christmas, My true love gave to me  
Eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six  
geese a-laying, five golden rings. four calling birds, three  
French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear  
tree!

On the ninth day of Christmas, My true love gave to me  
Nine ladies dancing,  
eight maids a-milking,  
seven swans a-swimming,  
six geese a-laying,  
five golden rings.  
four calling birds,  
three French hens,  
two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree!

On the tenth day of Christmas, My true love gave to me  
Ten lords a-leaping,  
nine ladies dancing,  
eight maids a-milking,  
seven swans a-swimming,  
six geese a-laying,  
five golden rings.  
four calling birds,  
three French hens,  
two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree!

On the eleventh day of Christmas, My true love gave to me  
Eleven pipers piping,  
ten lords a-leaping,  
nine ladies dancing,  
eight maids a-milking,  
seven swans a-swimming,  
six geese a-laying,  
five golden rings.  
four calling birds,  
three French hens,  
two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree!

On the twelfth day of Christmas, My true love gave to me  
Twelve drummers drumming,  
eleven pipers piping,  
ten lords a-leaping,  
nine ladies dancing,  
eight maids a-milking,  
seven swans a-swimming,  
six geese a-laying,  
five golden rings.  
four calling birds,  
three French hens,  
two turtle doves  
and a partridge in a pear tree!



# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PROBLEM SOLVING

Directions: Record the number of gifts received for each day as a number sentence.

First day	Seventh day  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 28$
Second day	Eighth day
Third day	Ninth day
Fourth day	Tenth day
Fifth day	Eleventh day
Sixth day	Twelfth day

How many gifts were received in total? [CLICK HERE FOR THE ANSWER](#)

# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS PROBLEM SOLVING

Directions: Calculate how many of each gift were received in total.



Partridge in a pear tree



Swans a-swimming



Turtle doves



Maids a-milking



French hens



Ladies dancing



Calling birds



Lords a-leaping



Golden rings



Pipers piping



Geese a-laying



Drummers drumming



# Holiday PROMPTS

Creative Writing & Journaling Ideas



1. Write Thank You cards for the gifts you received this Christmas.
2. What would be the perfect gift?
3. Describe your favorite Christmas tradition.
4. Pretend you are a Christmas Tree and describe your day.
5. Create an Acrostic Poem about Christmas.
6. Write step by step how to bake your favorite dish.
7. Make up a few puns (bad Christmas Dad jokes)
8. Draw and write in your nature journal.
9. Copy your favorite Bible verse.
10. Headline reads: "The Messiah is Born!"  
Write a news account describing the birth of Jesus.
11. What gift can you give to Jesus this year?
12. Write at least 3 goals (or New Year Resolutions" for 2025.