

Faith in Facts

For Young Learners

Advent and Christmas

Do you know these facts about Advent and Christmas? Read each statement and circle the letter next to the word or phrase that makes the statement a fact. Before you begin, fold the bottom of the page up to the dotted line. That way, you cannot see the Answers until you're ready to check your facts. Have fun and learn!

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1. The Church year begins on the ___ Sunday of Advent.

- A) Holy B) First C) Last D) New Year

2. During Advent, we prepare for ___.

- A) New Year's Day B) the Nativity of Jesus
C) holiday guests D) winter

3. We mark the weeks of Advent with an Advent ___.

- A) wrack B) wrap C) wrench D) wreath

4. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December ___.

- A) 2 B) 4 C) 6 D) 8

5. The vestments that the priest wears at Mass on the First, Second, and Fourth Sundays of Advent are ___.

- A) white B) violet C) brown D) green

6. Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem for a ___.

- A) wedding B) census C) feast D) parade

7. The Season of Christmas begins on ___.

- A) Christmas Day B) December 1
C) Thanksgiving Day D) January 1

8. We celebrate the visit of the magi to the Christ Child on the feast of the ___.

- A) Star B) Gifts C) Epiphany D) Frankincense

9. When the angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields, they said, "___."

- A) Hail, shepherds B) Hosanna
C) Do not be afraid D) Repent

10. We honor Mary the Mother of God during the Christmas Season on ___.

- A) Christmas Eve B) Christmas Day
C) the day after Christmas D) January 1

Answers

1. B) There are a total of four Sundays in the Season of Advent.

2. B) We prepare for the Nativity of Jesus with special prayers, repentance for our sins and going to Confession, and reaching out to help others.

3. D) There are three purple candles and one rose candle on the Advent wreath. We light the rose candle on the Third Sunday of Advent. The rose color represents our joy growing stronger in anticipation of the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus.

4. D) The Immaculate Conception is the dogma that states that Mary was conceived in her mother's womb without the stain of Original Sin.

5. B) The color violet symbolizes preparation; during Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Violet

symbolizes royalty; Jesus is the King of Kings. Violet symbolizes repentance; we seek forgiveness during Advent to help us prepare to truly celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

6. B) In the Bible, Luke 2:1-7 tells about this. Find Luke 2:1-7 in your Bible.

7. A) The Season of Christmas ends with the Baptism of Jesus.

8. C) The word *epiphany* means "showing forth" or "revealing." When the magi visited the Christ Child, they showed that Jesus had come for the salvation of all people, not just the Jewish people.

9. C) In the Bible, Luke 2:8-12 tells about this. Find Luke 2:8-12 in your Bible.

10. D) Jesus is God the Son, and Mary is Jesus' mother. And so we celebrate Mary as the Mother of God. January 1 is a holy day of obligation.