

A

Quizzical Christmas

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You can see it all around. Time to gather the information,
There is so much to be found.
So let's find out what the season is all about

This year, let's have a quizzical Christmas,
Learning all we can about the holiday. This year let's all discover the Good News,
Everything we need to know to celebrate the wonderful, incredible, miracle of Jesus.
This year, let's have a quizzical Christmas

It's the season of celebration,
Let's get ready for the fun.
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The more we look for answers the more we understand
How all this information is part of God's masterful, merciful, beautiful plan!
This year let's have a quizzical Christmas!
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Unforgettable, miracle of Christmas!

This year let's all have a quizzical Christmas!
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This year, let's all have, this year let's all have
A wonderful, incredible, simply unforgettable, Miracle of Christmas
This year let's all have a quizzical Christmas

Scene 1

Holly: All right, everyone, as team captain of this year's church Quiz Bowl team. It's my job to make sure we are totally prepared for our Christmas Quiz Bowl competition. I hope you all have been studying!

Nick: (*raises hand*) Question? Do you consider eating Christmas cookies and watching every Christmas movie ever made studying? If so, then yes, I have been studying a lot.

Angela: I don't think that's what she means, silly.

Joe: Well, I've been brushing up on a few things. I read *A Christmas Carol*, *The Night Before Christmas* and some story about a group of elves who go on strike because of poor working conditions at the North Pole.

Holly: I'm not sure all of that is going to help us at the Quiz Bowl competition, but (*enthusiastically*) good for you for doing all that reading!

Maria: (*Boastfully*) It sounds like I'm going to have to carry this team once again. Holly, don't you worry, I know *everything* about Christmas.

Angela: Everything? How is that even possible? (*anxious*) Oh, I'm never going to be ready for this competition.

Maria: Well, I probably don't know *everything*, but I'm pretty confident that I know most of what we're going to need to know.

Holly: Don't be so sure, Maria. There's always seems to be a question or two that stumps us. Here, I've gathered some information that will help us get ready.

Nick: Wow! There's a lot of stuff on here! We'll never memorize all of this!

Angela: (*still nervous*) Maybe to save some time, we should talk about what we already know about Christmas. Then we can go over some of the details we might be missing.

Joe: Now that's a great idea.

So Much to Know about Christmas

Pum pa pa pum pum pum pum ba da
Pum pa pa pum pum pum pum
Pum pa pa pum pum pum pum ba da
Pum pa pa pum pum pum pum

Something about a reindeer flying with a sleigh
Something about a jolly guy who's giving toys away.
Something about a snowman marching through the town
Something about that white stuff that keeps falling to the ground.

There's so much to know about Christmas
All the who, what, when, where, why.
So much to know about Christmas.
We wanna get this story right!

Holly: Okay, but there are more important things we need to think about at Christmastime, things like this...

Something about a census, people trav'ling far.
Something about some wisemen who were following a star.
Something about a Baby bringing peace on earth.
Something about some gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

There's so much to know about Christmas
All the who, what, when, where, why.
So much to know about Christmas
We wanna get this story right!

There's really just one place to look.
The story's told in one big Book.

Something about a promise God made long ago
Something about His people who were lost and needing hope
Something about a Savior sent to rescue us
Something about God's plan to show the world how much he loves

So much to know about Christmas
All the who, what, when, where, why
So much to know about Christmas
We wanna get this story right

Pum pa pa pum pum pum pum ba da
Pum pa pa pum pum Pum Pum Pum!

Scene 2

Joe: Wow! There sure is a lot of information out there about Christmas.

Holly: Yes, but only some of it *really* matters.

Nick: What do you mean?

Maria: She means that even though people might celebrate Christmas in lots of different ways, what we need to focus on for this competition is the *true* meaning of Christmas.

Holly: That's right! Okay, why don't I ask you all some of these practice questions.
(*Holly reads from a sheet of paper*)

Holly: (*continued*), What bright light did the wise men follow to Jesus?

Nick: Oh! Oh! I know this one! (*raises his hand confidently*) That's Rudolph's nose.

Maria: (*annoying know-it-all*) What? Uh, absolutely *not* the right answer. It was a star.

Holly: That's right, Maria. Okay, here's another one. What three visitors came to Jesus after he was born and brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh?

Joe: (*eager to answer—raises hand*) Oh! I've got this one! I read about it in *The Christmas Carol*. It was three creepy guys. What were their names? Ah, I remember: Christmas Past, Present, and Future.

Angela: What?! Okay, I'm getting *really* confused.

Maria: Oh, my goodness *NO!* (*frustrated*) It was the three wise men. You know...the magi from the east.

Joe and Nick: (*ad lib*) Oh, yeah, that's right, I should have known that , etc.

Holly: Well we obviously need to go to the source of the story to make sure we've got all the *correct* information about Christmas. Everyone, go ahead and get your Bibles out.

(*Everyone grabs their Bibles and opens them*)

Holly: (*continued*) Let's turn to the book of Isaiah

Angela: Isaiah Isn't that in the Old Testament? I thought the story of Jesus' birth was the New Testament.

Maria: It is Angela, but long before that part of the story, the Bible tells us a lot about Jesus

Holly: That's right. God told us through the prophets like Isaiah that Jesus would be coming. Maria, will you read Isaiah 9:6 for us?

Maria: For unto us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulder. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Joe: Now that I think about it. I remember other places in the Old Testament where God tells us stuff about when and where Jesus will be born.

Holly: That's right Joe. There are verses about Jesus coming to earth in Micah, Hosea, Zephaniah and Psalms. Even way back in Genesis, we learn about sin and why we needed a Savior.

Nick: So, really, the Bible is a bunch of different books, but they all make up one big Book?

Maria: Yes, that's right! And all of it is a part of the Jesus story!

One Big Book

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One big Book!

One big Book! Evidence and explanation

One story of the One True God

One big Book Shows the plan for His creation

Genesis to Revelation, It's one big Book!

One thousand one hundred eighty-nine chapters in sixty-six books.

Page after page, there is so much that happens, So let's take a look!

God's law, history, poetry and prophecy

all about God's love for me.

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Genesis to Revelation, It's one big Book!

From the beginning it all points to Jesus

How He'd set us free, His life and death and His mission to save us, So let's look and see

Gospel and more history, letters and more prophecy

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Scene 3

Nick: This is so cool! I didn't realize that so much of the Bible is about Jesus and His story.

Angela: But I can't memorize the entire Bible for this competition!

Holly: Relax, Angela. No one expects you to memorize *everything* about Christmas.

Angela: Thank goodness. It makes my head hurt just thinking about it.

Nick: So if the Bible tells us how Jesus' story is the *true* meaning of Christmas, what are we supposed to do with all the other information about the Christmas holiday season?

Joe: Yeah, like what about all the other things people talk about this time of year? Presents, and the food, the decorations, and trees and lights?

Holly: There's nothing wrong with any of that stuff, Nick. There are so many things that make celebrating Christmas fun, but when it comes to focusing on the *best* thing about Christmas, and the real reason for the season, there really is only one thing that matters.

Maria: Andy maybe knowing a lot isn't what really matters after all. I know we've got a lot to do to get ready for the quiz competition, and that means remembering lots of information about Christmas. But if the information we have in our heads doesn't make a difference in our hearts, then all the information in the world doesn't matter.

Nick: What do you mean?

Joe: I think I know what you mean, Maria. We can know things about Christmas, but still not know Jesus, right?

Holly: That's right. The Bible tells us everything we need to know about Jesus, but the most important thing is to actually *believe* it. We have to understand how much we needed Jesus to come and save us from our sins.

Angela: Yeah, that seems like the most important information of all.

Holly: It is, Angela. Romans 10:9 says, if we confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved.

Nick: Well, I think I know what I want most for Christmas this year- to actually know Jesus!

The Heart of Christmas
With O Come, Let us Adore Him

(Solo)

You can know all of the details, all of the people and places and things
You can go through all the motions busy with all the stuff holiday brings

(Choir)

But when you see Jesus and trust and believe He's the best thing about Christmas time
That's when you start to get to the heart of Christmas.

(Solo)

More than the food and the presents, more than the trees and the lights and the snow
Let's celebrate with the Good News, all that God did and the love that He showed.

(Choir)

Cause when you know Jesus and trust and believe, He's the best thing about Christmas time
That's when you start to get to the heart of Christmas

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord

When you see Jesus and trust and believe He's the best thing about Christmas time
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Solo – That's when you start, Choir – O come let us adore Him, Solo – to get to the heart
Choir – O come let us adore Him, Solo - of Christmas

Scene 4

Nick: You know, this might be the first Christmas I've ever had when I truly understand what the season is all about.

Holly: That's amazing, Nick.

Maria: And this might be the first Quiz Bowl competition when I don't care as much about winning as I care about actually believing the things I know!

Holly: And that's amazing, too!

Joe: So is it okay if I still *really* want to win this competition? 'Cause I'm honestly more excited than ever before about Christmas!

Holly: (*laughing*) I think that's okay too, Joe. We're supposed to learn as much as we can about the Bible. But I don't think the only reason to know more about it is *just* to win a Quiz Bowl competition. It's important to know the truth about Christmas so we can *tell* people about it.

Angela: It sounds like we're supposed to be like the shepherds...In the Christmas story.

Nick: Shepherds? What do you mean?

Angela: Well, after the shepherds went and saw Jesus, they couldn't wait to go and tell people about it!

Joe: They probably couldn't keep from talking about it! Can you imagine what it must have been like to see the baby Jesus? After all the years of waiting for God to send the Messiah, and they actually saw Jesus!

Maria (*sarcastic, but sweet*) Well, as you all know, I'm pretty good at telling people what I know so...sure! I'm going to be like a shepherd and tell people all about it!

All: (*laughter*)

When You Know about Noel
With First Noel

When you hear about the Christmas story and you finally see the light.
You know the truth, and now you can't keep quiet.
You'll wanna share the new far and wide

'Cause when you know about Noel,
you'll wanna go and tell
how God sent us Emmanuel on that Christmas Night

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel

When you understand the Gospel story and believe in what God has done
How he sent his only Son to save us
You'll wanna tell it to everyone

'Cause when you know about Noel
You'll wanna go and tell
How God sent us Emmanuel on that Christmas Night

Noel, Noel, Noel Noel
When you know about Noel, you'll want ago and tell
How God sent us Emmanuel on that first Christmas night

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Born is the king! The first Noel!
Born is the King! Emmanuel!
Born is the King of Israel!

Scene 5

Angela: You know, I'm not as nervous now as I was about this Quiz Bowl. I think we're ready!

Nick: Me, too! No matter how we do in the competition, I am so glad I don't just know facts about Christmas now, but I also *believe* in what Christmas is all about.

Joe: Hey you know what else those shepherds did after they left Bethlehem?

Maria: What's that?

Joe: They celebrated! They went around praising God for everything they had seen and heard.

Nick: So, the information gave them a reason to have a celebration?

Holly: (*laughing*) Yes, Nick.

Nick: And celebrations have food, right

Maria: Yes, Nick

Nick: So I get to enjoy all those Christmas cookies after all?

Holly, Maria, Angela, Joe: Yes, Nick!

Holly: Okay, team. Enough studying for today. Let's celebrate!

A Quizzical Christmas Reprise

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