

THE WHITE ELEPHANT/ CHRISTMAS QUIZ GAME

This is an activity for individuals who can answer questions concerning Christmas carols and participate in a gift exchange game. It is most fun when there are at least six participants; the more the merrier! A large round table works best.

Staff donate the white elephant gifts. You will need to have one gift for each participant so plan on having more than anticipated so no one will be left out. Any left over gifts can be used for the next game. A list of possible gift ideas will follow. The gifts are wrapped and set aside.

Copy the Christmas carol quiz game sheet and the page of numbered cards. Laminate them both so they can be cleaned and reused. Cut the numbered cards into individual pieces.

Begin the activity with the quiz. Use your judgement as to format; do you take turns providing each participant the opportunity to answer or do you simply toss out the question to the group. This will depend on the make-up of your individuals. Once the quiz has been completed, inform the participants that it is time for the white elephant game !

Place all the wrapped gifts in the middle of the table. Lay the numbered cards, face down, on the table and mix them around. Ask each participant to draw a card and keep their number a secret... this just adds a bit to the fun. Once everyone has a card, explain that the person holding #1 may choose any gift from the collection. They must then open the gift and show everyone what they have. Next, #2 chooses a gift, unwraps it and shows everyone. The #2 player can then trade with #1 if they so desire. (Trading gifts is the fun of the

game!). Next, #3 chooses, opens the gift, and may then trade with #1 or #2. The game continues until all gifts have been chosen. Then, the #1 player gets to trade with any of the other participants. Some may feel bad about taking someone else's gift but do encourage trading as a part of the game. To encourage the trading activity, a staff member may keep card #2 and participate. Trading their gift with the #1 player, thereby sets the example. When all is said and done, participants may take their gifts home or donate them back for the next game.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

(This is a game of fun so, serious, useful gifts are not used)

ugly Christmas socks

ugly Christmas slippers

Santa hat

brightly colored ugly scarf

giant Christmas hair bow

ugly Christmas T-shirt in Xlarge

stocking hat with ear flaps

giant candy cane

Rudolf antlers

necklace of giant light-up Christmas lights

an obviously much "loved" Christmas book

a string of tinsel

an odd (mismatched) pair of mittens

a pretty gift box with tissue but empty

a collection of used Christmas cards in a box

CHRISTMAS CAROL QUIZ

“Joy to the World” is based on which book of the Bible?

Matthew Psalms Corinthians

Which of these carols is one of the three best selling singles world wide ?

Deck the Halls Jingle Bells Silent Night

Which carol was the first broadcast on radio?

O' Holy Night I Heard the Bells We Three Kings

What was the original title of “The Little Drummer Boy” ?

The Savior's Drum The Drums Carol of the Drum

A poem called “A Manger Home” provided the basis for which carol?

O' Little Town.. Joy to the World What Child is This

“Jingle Bells” was originally written for what holiday?

Thanksgiving Halloween Christmas

“The First Noel” originated in what area?

Germany England Scandinavia

To what type of tree does “O' Tannenbaum” refer?

Spruce Pine Fir

The tune “Greensleeves” is used for which Christmas carol?

We Three Kings What Child is This Silent Night

Which carol was the first ever broadcast from space?

Jingle Bells Silent Night I'll Be Home for Xmas

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” was written during what war?
Austrio -Prussian WW II Mexican-American

How long did it take composer John Coats to come up with the music for “Santa Clause is Coming to Town”?

10 minutes 1 hour 3 weeks

The day after this song aired, how many orders for sheet music were received?

4,000 100,000 24

“Do You Hear What I Hear” was inspired by which real world event?

American Revolution Civil War Cuban Missile Crisis

“The Quest of the Magi” is better known by what title?

We Three Kings Night of Silence I Wonder as I Wander

Which song is the most published song in North America?

Silent Night Joy to the World Deck the Halls

How many different artists have recorded “Winter Wonderland” since it was written in 1934?

almost 100 just over 50 at least 200

Which of these carols is the oldest? (dates to the 1500s)

Silent Night God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen White Xmas

When are the 12 days of Christmas?

Dec.25-Jan.5 Dec.14-Dec.25 Dec. 21-Jan. 1

Which Christmas song is also the best selling single of all time?

Jingle Bells Blue Christmas White Christmas

(selling over 50 million copies!)

Can you uncover the true title of these Christmas carols given the following descriptions?

A blanched yuletide

White Christmas

A group salutation for a happy
noel

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

A deminutive percussionist lad

Little Drummer Boy

What offspring abides thus?

What Child is This

Removed to a bovine feeding
trough

Away in The Manger

My sight organs focused on a
trio of sailing vessels

I Saw Three Ships a Sailing

A snowy season, imaginary place
of awe.

Winter Wonderland

Please don't be offended by the use of Xmas. "X" is the Greek letter "Chi", the initial letters of the word "Xpilotoc" which is Greek for "Christ". Merry Christmas!

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