1. What day is it today in the Church’s calendar?

2. How many candles are lit on the Advent wreath today?

3. True or False: The Advent Wreath came from a pagan tradition.

4. What do the candles on the Advent wreath stand for?

5. Are there any Christmas decorations in your church? What are they?

6. From which book of the Bible is today’s first reading?
   
   Who is the ‘shoot’ mentioned in this reading?

   What is this reading speaking about?

7. What are the names of the four Gospels?

8. From which Gospel is today’s reading?

9. Was John the Baptist related to Jesus? If so, how?

10. Did the events of today’s Gospel happen before or after Jesus’s birth?

11. Who did John the Baptist say was coming?

12. It is the Christmas tradition to give and it is viewed as a holiday of charity and kindness. If you could ask for anything, what would you ask for and why? In your mind, what is the greatest gift?
1. Today is the 2nd _______________ of _______________________.

2. How many candles on the Advent wreath are lit today?
   1    2    3    4    _________________

3. True or False: The Advent wreath actually came from a pagan tradition. (“Pagan” generally means a person who does not believe in one God, creator of Heaven and earth.)
   True    False

4. What do the four candles on the Advent wreath stand for?
   (a) Christmas, Easter and Pentecost    (b) The Holy Family.
   (c) Each represents a Sunday in Advent, three purple and one rose candle.

5. From which book of the Bible is today’s first reading?
   Isaiah    Genesis    Wisdom    Proverbs    Psalms

   Who is the ‘shoot’ mentioned in this reading?
   David    Jesus    Joseph    Mary    Sirach

6. What are the names of the four Gospels?
   (a) Jeremiah, Sirach, John, Psalms    (b) Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
   (c) The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

7. From which Gospel is today’s reading?
   Matthew    Mark    Luke    John

8. Was John the Baptist related to Jesus? If so, how?
   (a) No, but they were friends.    (b) No, they didn’t even know each other.
   (c) Yes, they were cousins.

   Circle the name of John the Baptist’s mother. Underline the name of Jesus’ mother.
   Hannah    Mary    Judith    Martha    Elizabeth    Ruth

9. Did the events of today’s Gospel happen before or after Jesus’s birth?
   Before    After