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HOW TO PLAY:

1. Shuffle the cards and give them out so everyone has the same number. Keep your cards in a pile face down.
2. Look at your top card only, don't peek at the others!
3. The person sitting next to the dealer goes first. They read out one fact from their top card (like "Kindness: 20").
4. Everyone else reads out the same fact from their own top card.
5. The person with the highest number wins that round! They take all the top cards and put them at the bottom of their pile.
6. Now it's their turn to choose a fact from their next card. If two or more people have the same highest number, then all the top cards go into the middle.
7. Everyone reads the same fact from their next card. The winner of that round gets all the cards in the middle too!
8. Keep playing until one person has all the cards, they're the winner!

MARY MOTHER OF JESUS



FACT FILE

Young woman who loved God. Engaged to Joseph, visited by an angel, gets told she will be the mother of Jesus, the son of God. Sings a song of praise! Key verse: "My soul praises the Lord; my heart is happy because God is my Saviour."



FAITH.....100
KINDNESS.....90
LOVE.....90
HUMILITY.....90
MEANNESS.....0
SPARKLE.....50

JOSEPH



FACT FILE

Carpenter, engaged to Mary, freaked out when he found out she was pregnant! Then had a nap, dreamt an angel told him it was ok, so did the right thing and married Mary. Taught Jesus cool carpentry skills. Key verse: "When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. Joseph married Mary."



FAITH.....60
KINDNESS.....90
LOVE.....90
HUMILITY.....80
MEANNESS.....10
SPARKLE.....10

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JOHN



FACT FILE

Cousin of Jesus, son of Zechariah & Elizabeth. Loved water! Grew up wearing animal skins and eating insects & honey. Baptised many people including Jesus. Key Verse: "Change your hearts and lives because the kingdom of heaven is coming soon."



FAITH.....90

KINDNESS.....70

LOVE.....90

HUMILITY.....90

MEANESS.....5

SPARKLE.....50

ELIZABETH



FACT FILE

Wife of Zechariah, mother of John the Baptist - a patient woman! Became pregnant at an old age and encouraged her cousin Mary when they were both pregnant at the same time. Key Verse: "Look what the Lord has done for me!"



FAITH.....60

KINDNESS.....70

LOVE.....60

HUMILITY.....60

MEANESS.....5

SPARKLE.....30

JESUS



FACT FILE

Son of God, born in a stable, grows up to be a carpenter ...and Saviour of the World! From the age of 12 starts teaching adults. Champion of the poor and those who are ignored and forgotten by the world. Key verse: "I am the resurrection. I am life. Everyone who believes in me will have life, even if they die."



FAITH.....100

KINDNESS.....100

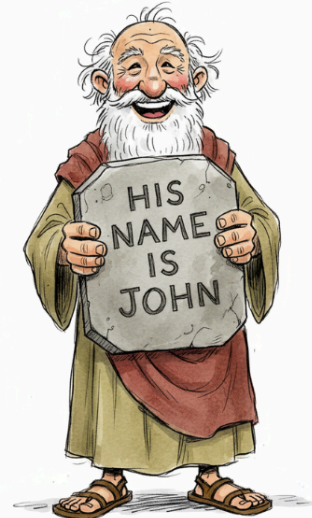
LOVE.....100

HUMILITY.....100

MEANESS.....0

SPARKLE.....80

ZACHARIAH



FACT FILE

Jewish Priest - very old, father of John the Baptist. Didn't believe Angel Gabriel when told he and his wife would have a baby, so lost his voice until John was born. Key Verse: 'He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, 'His name is John.' Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God.'



FAITH.....40

KINDNESS.....60

LOVE.....60

HUMILITY.....30

MEANESS.....20

SPARKLE.....2

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ANNA



FACT FILE

Prophetess who 84, lived in the temple and loved God. Fasted for many days while she prayed. Waited in faith for God to send the Messiah. Knew Jesus was the Messiah when he was bought to the Temple as a baby. Key Verse: "She talked about Jesus to all who were waiting"



FAITH.....90

KINDNESS.....70

LOVE.....80

HUMILITY.....70

MEANESS.....5

SPARKLE.....20

SIMEON



FACT FILE

Good man who loved God. Given a promise by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Saviour he had prayed for over many years. Was prompted to go to the Temple the day Jesus was presented by his parents and rejoiced. Key Verse: "With my own eyes I have seen your salvation"



FAITH.....90

KINDNESS.....60

LOVE.....70

HUMILITY.....70

MEANESS.....5

SPARKLE.....10

CAESAR AUGUSTUS



FACT FILE

Emperor of Rome and the reason we have a month called August. Organised a big census - a check to see who lived where - which meant everyone had to return to their home town, and the reason Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. Key Verse: Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world



FAITH.....10

KINDNESS.....30

LOVE.....20

HUMILITY.....40

MEANESS.....40

SPARKLE.....20

KING HEROD



FACT FILE

King of Judea, best friend of Mark Antony. Built many fancy buildings and a huge palace. A very jealous horrible man who hated Jesus. Key Verse: "Herod will be looking for the child in order to kill him. So get up, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you to leave."



FAITH.....0

KINDNESS.....0

LOVE.....0

HUMILITY.....0

MEANESS.....100

SPARKLE.....0

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SHEPHERDS



FACT FILE

Ordinary guys who spent their time walking with sheep, looking for fresh grass and fighting wolves. Slightly stinky and known for washing their socks by night! Chosen as the first people to hear that Jesus was born. Key Verse: "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified."



FAITH.....60

KINDNESS.....40

LOVE.....30

HUMILITY.....60

MEANESS.....20

SPARKLE.....0

SHEEP



FACT FILE

Present at the first announcement of Jesus' birth. Not known for intelligence or musicality, but pretty sure they joined the choir of angels singing "Baa-lelujah! The Lamb of God is born this day!" Key Verse: And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them



FAITH.....20

KINDNESS.....50

LOVE.....30

HUMILITY.....30

MEANESS.....5

SPARKLE.....2

OXEN



FACT FILE

Not mentioned by name in the Nativity accounts, but known for "lowing" in the carol. Would likely have been present around the stable area where Jesus was born, sharing their warmth (and their additional unique aromas!) to the Nativity scene. Fulfilling the Key verse in Isaiah 3v1: "The ox knows its master, the donkey its owner's manger."



FAITH.....20

KINDNESS.....60

LOVE.....40

HUMILITY.....20

MEANESS.....10

SPARKLE.....2

BELTHAZAR



FACT FILE

Followed the star to find Jesus. Not named in the Bible but later traditions called the Myrrh carrying Magi Belthazar, imagining him a possible King from Arabia. Key Verse: "Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."



FAITH.....90

KINDNESS.....70

LOVE.....50

HUMILITY.....40

MEANESS.....5

SPARKLE.....40

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CASPER



Young wise travel companion of Balthazar and Melchior, holder of the Frankincense. Tradition imagines he was a King from India, but the Bible doesn't give us details. Together they dodged mean King Herod. Key verse: "And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route."



FAITH.....60

KINDNESS.....80

LOVE.....60

HUMILITY.....20

MEANESS.....2

SPARKLE.....30

FACT FILE

MELCHIOR



Magi/Wise man, star gazer and carrier of the gold. Tradition suggests he was a Persian King. Epiphany recalls the story of their arrival and some choose to mark their doors with the chalk blessing: 20 + C + M + B + 24, representing current year, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, and the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat"



FAITH.....80

KINDNESS.....70

LOVE.....40

HUMILITY.....20

MEANESS.....10

SPARKLE.....60

FACT FILE

GABRIEL



Chief Angel, herald of the most important news. Loves to make an entrance and favours big surprises. Not famed for his patience - took Zechariah's voice away because he didn't believe straight away! Key Verse: "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news."



FAITH.....100

KINDNESS.....60

LOVE.....60

HUMILITY.....20

MEANESS.....20

SPARKLE.....90

FACT FILE

DONKEY



Chosen transportation of the Messiah on two key occasions. Slightly embarrassed by his fame but loves to tell his friends the story anyway! Bares the mark of a cross on his back to make sure everyone remembers who he carried. Key verse: Behold, your king is coming to you...humble and mounted on a donkey



FAITH.....80

KINDNESS.....70

LOVE.....50

HUMILITY.....80

MEANESS.....10

SPARKLE.....5

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CAMEL



FACT FILE

Chosen transportation of the Magi – most likely. Steady pace but can move fast when it wants to! Not known for the freshest breath but still a reliable form of transport in many parts of African and Asia today. Key verse: “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

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FAITH.....40

KINDNESS.....60

LOVE.....30

HUMILITY.....50

MEANESS.....10

SPARKLE.....0

STAR



FACT FILE

Sparkly sat-nav used by the Magi to find Jesus. Very bright and super sparkly, not easy to ignore! Key verse: We saw the star that shows he was born. We saw it rise in the sky in the east and have come to worship him”

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FAITH.....90

KINDNESS.....60

LOVE.....80

HUMILITY.....56

MEANESS.....0

SPARKLE.....100

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