



# MARTIN LUTHER

## Reformer

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Suggested age range 7–11 years; parents and teachers, please feel free to assign whichever version of the quiz you think most appropriate for your child.

Children might find information in Quarterly Record no. 618 'Is the Reformation still relevant for today?' useful in answering these questions. This is available online at [www.tbsbibles.org/quarterly-record](http://www.tbsbibles.org/quarterly-record). They might also enjoy 'The Story of our Bible' ([www.tbsbibles.org/pdf\\_information/187-1.pdf](http://www.tbsbibles.org/pdf_information/187-1.pdf)).

To answer the questions for this quiz you will need someone to help you find out about Martin Luther's life, or perhaps you could read a book for yourself about this great Reformer.

If you answer all these questions correctly your prize will be a special commemorative **Reformation Bible**.

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1. Martin Luther was born into a Roman Catholic family in Germany in which year? Please circle the correct answer.

1508      1483      1521

2. What did his parents, Hans and Margarete Luther, want young Martin to take up as an occupation? Please underline the correct answer.

A DOCTOR      A LAWYER      A PRIEST

3. At the time in which Martin Luther lived all the church services were conducted in what language? Unjumble the letters to find out.

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4. Luther was a good student and went to the University of Erfurt. He was nearly qualified when a dreadful disease came to Erfurt. What disease was it?

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5. Several of Martin's friends died. When he was travelling back to Erfurt after visiting his family, he was caught in a violent thunderstorm and thought he would die. He cried out in terror to one of the saints as he thought she could help him, and promised that if his life was spared he would become a...

K M N O \_\_\_\_\_

6. So Martin Luther entered a monastery two weeks later and lived a very hard life, giving up many things.

Cross out the things that Martin had to give up and circle the things he had to do.

COMFORTABLE CLOTHES

EATING TASTY FOOD

BEGGING

PRAYING

TALKING TO FRIENDS

WASHING

CLEANING

WEAR A PLAIN BLACK ROBE

RINGING BELLS

7. He thought that this new life of devotion would earn him his salvation; but the more he strictly kept all the rules at the monastery, the more and more miserable he felt. He knew he was a sinner and felt he would never achieve salvation.

In 1510 he was sent to another city. Circle the correct place.

BERLIN

PARIS

GENEVA

ROME

LONDON

8. Hoping he would become closer to God, Martin Luther set out on his journey, which took him two months. Instead of getting closer to God, he was shocked at what he saw.

Read the sentences below and put a T for true and F for false by each statement

He had to pay money to visit a shrine to the martyrs.

The church was happy to make money from pilgrims.

The monks all looked fat and well fed.

The monks were very holy.

Martin was very disappointed with all that he saw.

The monks were very kind to the poor and gave them money.

9. When Martin returned he could not forget what he had seen, and he felt miserable. A great duke then offered a new job to him. The duke was called...

ARTHUR THE RESOLUTE

FREDERICK THE WISE

HANS THE COURAGEOUS

**Martin was to become a professor at the University of Wittenberg, teaching philosophy and then Biblical studies. Whilst he was studying the Bible, God showed him that the way of salvation was through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone and not through the priest or saints interceding for him, or through Martin trying to earn his salvation through his own works. Martin was shown that the Bible was right and the Roman Church was wrong. A monk named Tetzel even claimed to be able to sell God's forgiveness by asking people to pay money to him for a useless piece of paper called an indulgence. Depending on how much the person paid, this paper was supposed to provide forgiveness of sins and to reduce the amount of time a soul had to spend in purgatory (the place where Roman Catholics believed a person went after death to pay for their sins). This enraged Luther so much that one day he did something very bold.**

10. When Luther walked across the square in Wittenberg on 31 October 1517 he nailed a piece of paper to the door of the church. How many statements did this paper have on it?

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11. The things Luther had written were those he had learned from reading the Bible for himself. How did the things that Luther had written get distributed all over Germany so quickly? Underline the correct statement.

People shouted the news out to the crowds

The statements were printed and distributed

The priests explained them to the people

12. The REFORMATION had begun! Luther wanted the church to change its teaching to that of the Bible, and was called to stand before Cardinal Cajetan to explain those teachings. Why did the Cardinal not want people to read the Bible?

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13. Those who protested against the Roman Catholic Church and teachings were in time called PROTESTANTS. There were many people who followed Martin Luther's teachings and realised the Roman Catholic Church was wrong. It made the Pope very angry so he sent a letter to Martin to tell him to come to Rome.

What did Luther do with the Pope's letter? Please circle the right answer.

Send it back

Give it to the University

Burn it on a bonfire

14. Luther refused to go to Rome but he did go to the Emperor's special council, called a 'Diet', at a place in Germany called Worms. Luther would not give up the truth that God had revealed to him through His Word although he knew that it might cost him his life. Luther made his statement of faith and then said this. Fill in the missing letters.

"H \_ \_ \_ E I ST \_ \_ \_ D, I CA \_ \_ DO NO O \_ \_ \_ ER,  
SO H \_ \_ \_ P ME G \_ \_ \_"

15. He left to go home but had a great shock on his journey! His cart was suddenly stopped and he was dragged out and pushed onto another horse and taken away. Some people thought he was dead. But someone secretly had him kidnapped. Who was it? Underline the right man.

FREDERICK THE WISE

THE POPE

HIS FATHER

16. Martin Luther was hidden away at Wartburg Castle to keep him safe. He did go out of the castle dressed as a knight and found that people had been smashing up things in the churches, which made him very cross. However, his chief work at the castle was the most important of all. He began to translate the Bible into what language?

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17. At the age of 41 Martin Luther married a young lady who had been a nun. Find out her name.

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18. They had six children, two girls and four boys, and enjoyed twenty happy years together. Later Luther had to take a journey when he was not well and he became very ill when he was away from home. In which year did Martin Luther die?

1546

1525

1555

19. His funeral was taken by his great friend Philip Melanchthon at the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Where was he buried?

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20. There are five Latin phrases to describe the Reformers' beliefs. Next to each of these phrases, please put the English meaning.

Sola Scriptura \_\_\_\_\_

Sola Fide \_\_\_\_\_

Sola Gratia \_\_\_\_\_

Solus Christus \_\_\_\_\_

Soli Deo Gloria \_\_\_\_\_

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Martin Luther would have been concerned most of all that you come to know for yourself the God he served. He wrote several hymns encouraging people to learn the truth of God. One hymn has this verse:

A safe stronghold our God is still,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He'll help us clear from all the ill  
That hath us now o'ertaken.

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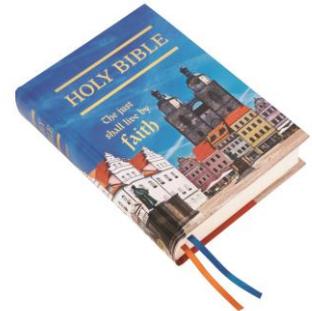
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