



WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?



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What are the chances of winning a coin toss? What about winning the lottery? How about the chances of Jesus being the real deal? Explore some of the prophecies written about Jesus and decide for yourself.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- What Are the Chances? Activity Sheets
- Bibles

GET INTO THE BIBLE: WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?

THEME: DEVELOPING MY FAITH



LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to download the activity sheets, ensuring they have enough copies for the young people taking part.



[Download What Are the Chances? Activity Sheets](#)



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 The chance of something happening can vary from certain to impossible, and everywhere in between. Throughout life we base lots of our decisions on chance and probability. For example, what's the chance it will rain today and therefore do I take a waterproof?
- 2  Download and print the What Are the Chances? activity sheet and share these between pairs / small groups. Complete the sheet, by matching the events to the chance. For example, the chance of winning a coin toss is 1 in 2. Afterwards, go through the answers and see who got the most correct. Were there any surprises in the results?
- 3 What about the chance of Jesus being who he said he was? How much thought have you given that? It's one of life's big questions, and everyone has an opinion on it. But what is yours? Is it as likely as night following day, or as 'impossible' as winning the lottery?
- 4 Bible scholars have studied the chance that Jesus was who he said he was. They have done this by looking at some of the prophecies in the Bible that foretold the life of Jesus, written well before he was born. Check out 6 of these prophecies / foretellings for yourself in the Bible, using the 'Jesus: What Are the Chances?' sheet. What do you think of these?
- 5 We've shared 6 of these prophecies, but some scholars believe there are 200-300 more. The chance that one man would come along and fulfil one or two of them would be quite a coincidence. However according to the maths, the probability that one man would be born and coincidentally fulfil just 10 of the most prominent prophecies is a staggering 1 in 1,642,500,000. Factor in some of the other 200+ prophecies and it really does look quite unlikely it was all just a coincidence!
- 6 We have no definite answer as to if Jesus was who he said he was. Instead, we have a Bible filled with God's word that we can explore to help us make up our mind. But at the end of the day, we all have to individually answer that question for ourselves and make a decision on if we believe Jesus was 'just a coincidence' or if he really is the Son of God. What decision will you make?
- 7 Finish in prayer, thanking God for sending Jesus and asking for the wisdom needed to explore life's big questions for ourselves.



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Give a probability activity a try. For example the 'picking the four of hearts card' from a pack of cards. Can you do it in less than 52 attempts?

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?

Can you match the events below to the probability of them happening?

HAVING IDENTICAL TWINS

WINNING A COIN TOSS

**PICKING THE 4 OF HEARTS FROM
A DECK OF CARDS**

BEING LEFT HANDED

**WINNING A GAME OF ROCK,
PAPER, SCISSORS**

WINNING THE LOTTERY

FINDING A FOUR LEAF CLOVER

HAVING IDENTICAL QUADRUPLETS

1 IN 10

1 IN 52

**1 IN 45
MILLION**

1 IN 10,000

**1 IN 15
MILLION**

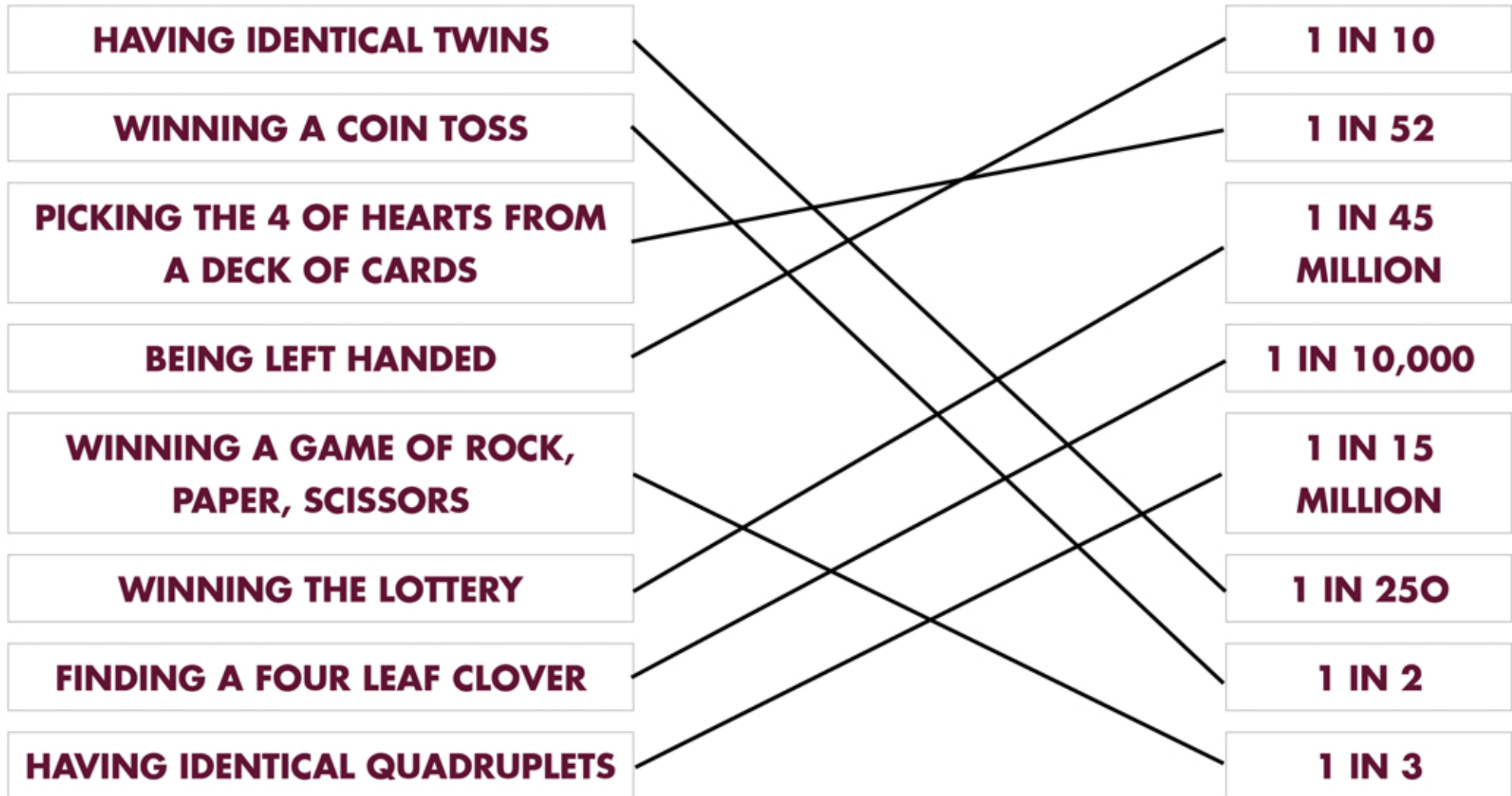
1 IN 250

1 IN 2

1 IN 3

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES? ANSWERS

Can you match the events below to the probability of them happening?



JESUS: WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?

Check out the 6 prophecies that can be found in the Bible that foretell the life of Jesus.



VIRGIN BORN

ISAIAH 7:14 / LUKE 1:26



BORN IN BETHLEHEM

MICAH 5:2 / MATTHEW 2:1



TRIUMPHAL ENTRY ON A DONKEY

ZECHARIAH 9:9 / MATTHEW 21:1-11



BETRAYED BY A FRIEND

PSALM 41:9 / MARK 14:10



DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION

PSALM 22:16 / JOHN 19:17



BEATING DEATH

PSALM 16:10 / LUKE 24:6-7