



Feast of the Epiphany



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The Joy Of Giving!



story

- ❖ 6 January each year Christians have a special festival called Epiphany.
- Epiphany celebrates the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus.

question



'epiphany' comes from a Greek word which means 'making known'.

The birth of Jesus was the beginning of God making known who Jesus is and God's plan for the world.



- Gold is a gift fit for a king. It recognized that
 Jesus was a great king, the king of the world.
- Frankincense is a special kind of fragrance that was used by a priest.
- Myrrh was a sweet-smelling liquid that was rubbed gently into the skin of someone who had died. It indicated that Jesus' death would be important.

thinkpair. shareWe can't always give presents to people but what could we give to others to help spread





It seems that the wise men were rich enough to bring special gifts to Jesus.

A well-known Christmas carol has this verse in it:

'What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.'

Think about those words by Christina Rossetti. What do they mean to you?

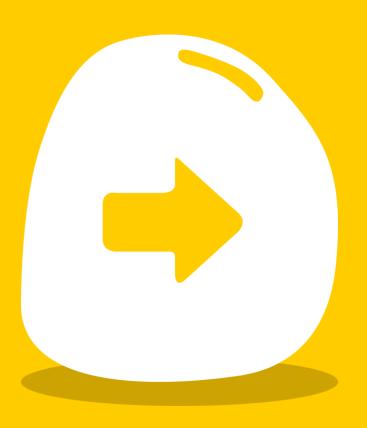
Dear God,
Thank you for all the gifts that we have received.

Thank you for the greatest gift of all – Jesus.

Help us to be joyful givers, who give others joy.

Amen

take-away



In this New Year we could 'give' something to #spreadthejoy.

Think of ways you could joyfully give your time i.e. helping others on the playground, supporting other children who are lonely, etc.

Think locally: litter pick around Think nationally/globally: raising awareness for a charity

Remember:

Something as simple as giving up your time can spread so much joy to others which you may not see.



