

The Gift of Christmas

Who were the three wise men?

Actually they need not have been all men and there may have been more than 3

They followed a star to where baby Jesus was born.

What gifts did the Magi bring?

Well let me hand out these wrapped gifts and you open them and see what they are?

1. GOLD – this is about Jesus being a King a gold crown is worn by a King. **Jesus' gift to us** this Christmas is He says we can be part of His Kingdom. Jesus will be King for ever and His Kingdom will never end.
2. FRANKINCENSE – a type of incense. What is incense used for. Well you burn it and it smells nice and the smoke goes upwards. So incense is about prayer. Prayer is about talking to God. **Jesus' gift to us** is that he opens the way to a relationship with God. We can talk to God in prayer.
3. MYRRH – is actually about death, about burial. Myrrh was rubbed on Jesus' body when he died. **Jesus' gift to us** is that he died for us to save us from our sins. From all we do wrong.

Now what can we give God?

What is going to be our gift to God this Christmas?

Now here is another gift.

Please open it to see what is inside?

What do you see inside?

I Know it is a mirror but what do you see in the mirror!!!

YOURSELF

That's the great message of Christmas.

Jesus gave himself to us as a love gift so that we may respond in love by giving ourselves to Him

The famous Christmas carol In the bleak mid-winter ends like this

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 give him

Give my heart