

The Christmas Story Visited by the Wise Men

Based on Material from www.max7.org

You might like to start with a song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qf6OoAZbAQg>

Lyrics in the description, or captions.

Introduction

Have a selection of gifts for different people in a mystery bag.

Choose some children, one at a time, to pull out a gift from the bag and say what kind of person it might be for (e.g. a golf ball for a grandpa, a Barbie for a little girl, a rattle for a baby).

Show the children the pictures of gold, frankincense and myrrh on page 3.

Ask: Do these look like gifts for a young child?

Say: These are the gifts that were given to Jesus by some special visitors, because they knew that he was not just an ordinary child.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qxxqCEqf0N0>

or

Read: Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12 CEV <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mat+2%3A1-2%2C+9-12&version=CEV>

Memory Verse:

Wrap up the words of the verse and get the children to reassemble them.

Younger Children:

Today a saviour was born for you. Luke 2:11 CEV

Older Children:

This very day in King David's hometown a saviour was born for you. He is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11 CEV

Activity Sheets: For various ages.

Discussion:

What do you think the gifts tell us about Jesus?

Older Children

King Herod asked the Wise Men to tell him about the new king who had been born.

Why do you think God warned them not to go back to Herod?

Pray together.

Make a Star.

Make a star to remind of the wise men who knew that Jesus is king.

Here are some ideas <https://www.redtedart.com/star-crafts-ideas-join-getyourcrafton-challenge/>

Today a saviour was born
for you. Luke 2:11 CEV

This very day in King David's hometown
a saviour was born for you.

He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 CEV

*Pictures of gold,
frankincense and
myrrh for lesson 3*

