

Year A - The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2: 1-12

My Gift for Jesus

Overview

This prayer idea is an opportunity to remember that when we give a gift to another person we are honouring them. The Magi travelled a long way to honour Jesus with special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Instructions

To set up for this prayer you will need a white or gold prayer cloth, gift box and ribbon, nativity scene with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Have the Magi ready to be added either during or after the reading of today's gospel. If space allows, have everyone gather in a circle around the prayer space.

Print the star templates from the following page and cut them out so you have one for each person. You will also need pens and/or pencils.

Prayer

- Make the Sign of the Cross
- Orientate the prayer: the wise men gave Jesus gifts to honour him, they worshipped him because they knew he was God's son. We give gifts to people who are special to us. Just like the wise men, we can also give gifts to Jesus to show him how important he is to us. We don't have to spend lots of money - we already have gifts that God has given us that we can offer. Give the children a couple of minutes to think about the gift they would like to give Jesus today. They can write or draw their gift on one of the stars, and then put their star in the gift box. Once all children and adults have added their gift star to the box, close the box and tie the ribbon.

Leader prays:

Like the wise men, we are here today to worship you Jesus.

We have no gold, but we give you our love.

We have no frankincense, but we give you our prayers.

We have no myrrh, but we give you ourselves.

Guide us to do what is right and to use our gifts to change the lives of others.

Amen

Make the Sign of the Cross to finish.



