

## FAMILY RESOURCES

# GIVING PRESENTS

**THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS John the Baptist (Luke 3:7-18)**

*This week's theme is "Giving presents"*

*Core extract from the Gospel (Luke 3: 7-18; for reflection throughout the week)*

And the crowds asked John,  
'What then should we do?'  
In reply he said to them,  
'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none;  
and whoever has food must do likewise.'  
Even tax-collectors came to be baptized,  
and they asked him,  
'Teacher, what should we do?'  
He said to them,  
'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.'

*Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
John the Baptist prepared for your coming.  
Make in us generous hearts,  
so we are ready to welcome you  
on Christmas Day;  
for your name's sake.  
Amen.



*Things to think about*

- Do you prefer giving or receiving presents?
- Have you ever received a gift that contained smaller gifts inside?
- What is the best present you have ever given to someone else?

*Things to do*

- Play a game of pass the parcel with friends or family.
- Wrap some unusual shaped objects and see if your family can guess what they are.
- Make your own wrapping paper.

You will need: Plain paper, potato, knife, paint



Cut the potato in half and draw your design. You might want to use a biscuit cutter to help with the shape.

Carefully cut round the shapes.



Press the potato into the paint

Print your design onto the plain paper. When this is dry, use it to wrap your presents.

Why not share your creations with us? We would love to see what you have been up to! Please email any photos to [education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk) or tag @LivCathedral on social media.