

EPIPHANY (YEAR C) Sunday 2 January 2022

## FAMILY RESOURCES

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS

**THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS: Epiphany (Matthew 2: 1-12)**

**This week's theme is "Christmas Gifts"**

*Core extract from the Gospel (Matthew 2: 10-11; for reflection throughout the week)*

When the wise men saw that the star had stopped,  
they were overwhelmed with joy.  
On entering the house,  
they saw the child with Mary his mother;  
and they knelt down and paid him homage.  
Then, opening their treasure-chests,  
they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You accepted the gifts brought by the wise men.  
Accept now the gifts we offer to you,  
and change us by your presence with us;  
for you are our God.  
Amen.

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### *Things to think about*

- Do you know what gifts Jesus was given as a baby?
- Have you ever smelt Frankincense or Myrrh?
- What gift would you give to Jesus?

### *Things to do*

- One tradition at Epiphany is to bake a cake and hide a small crown inside. The person who receives the crown can be king for the day!
- Play a pass the parcel “Uno” style game. You will need a small wrapped gift for each player and a dice. Each player rolls the dice and follows the instructions. Repeat this 3 times and open the gift you end up with!
  - Roll a One – Everyone passes their gift to the left one place
  - Roll a Two – Everyone passes their gift to the right one place
  - Roll a Three – You swap your present with anyone else
  - Roll a Four – The youngest in the room can swap with anyone else
  - Roll a Five – the oldest in the room can swap with anyone else
  - Roll a Six – no present moves
- Gifts for a King.

You will need: a gift box and lid, metallic card or paper, glue, scissors, decorative gems/stickers



Use the metallic card to make a crown and decorate with the gems

Wrap a small box or block of playdough/clay to represent a gold bar.



Cut out 2 bottle shapes from paper or card. You might want to spray them with perfume to represent Frankincense and Myrrh.

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Place all the gifts in the box. Use these as a focus for prayer during the week. Perhaps they could become part of your Christmas decorations and be re-used every year at Epiphany?

You might want to add your own gifts to Jesus each year too.

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.