



Show and Tell the Gifts of the Wise Men

“When they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matthew 2:11).

The wise men brought three precious, special gifts to the Lord. What were the gifts?

Gold

- Gold is a precious, valuable metal.
- Let children look at something made of gold and discuss how precious it is.
- The wise men brought gold to the Lord because it shows love to the Lord.

Frankincense

- Frankincense* is a nice-smelling gum that comes from a special kind of tree.
- People sometimes burn frankincense to make the air smell good.
- Let everyone smell some frankincense*. (Burn some of the incense or smell an essential oil made with frankincense.)
- The wise men brought frankincense to the Lord to symbolize true faith in the Lord.

Myrrh

- Myrrh is another kind of gum that was made into an ointment.
- Let everyone smell some myrrh*. (Purchase myrrh resin or an oil made with myrrh.)
- The myrrh symbolizes a willingness to obey the Lord’s commandments.

What are some ways that we can give these gifts to the Lord?

Gold Open our hearts to the Lord. Think about the Lord and talk with Him (prayer).
Show our love to the Lord by loving our neighbor.

Frankincense Have faith in the Lord and trust in Him.
Read the Word and try to understand what the Lord is teaching us.

Myrrh Obey the Lord’s commandments.
Do what is good and useful.

* Frankincense and myrrh can be purchased online or in some Christmas stores in the form of the resin gum. They are also available online as essential oils and sticks of incense.