

Festival: Epiphany ~ The Star	Year Group: Year 1	No. of lessons: 1/2
Links: Cambs. CPE2, CFF1, CFF2, CFF3 Pborough: CRC1, CRC2, CRC3, CPE2, Nfolk: CKF, CP, CLS, Q.C.A. 1C ~ Celebrations: Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas?		
Learning objectives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To become aware of the part played in the Christmas story by the Wise Men ◆ To begin to explore some of the beliefs that Christians have about Jesus ◆ To be able to think about giving gifts 		
Questions for reflection:		
<p>What can we remember about the Christmas story from the Bible?</p> <p>Is it important to give gifts as well as to receive them?</p> <p>How do you think that Joseph and Mary felt when the Wise Men arrived?</p> <p>I wonder what the Wise Men talked about on their long journey?</p>		
Activities and experiences:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Find out information about the stars using fact books, CD-ROMS and the internet (Try http://yahooligans.yahoo.com and then follow through the science links ~ you can even get a movie!) ◆ Use an O.H.P. and a cardboard star to describe the journey of the Wise Men (see pg 48. This is reproduced from Cracking RE, with permission from The Stapleford Centre and makes a wonderful assembly.) ◆ Use sequencing cards (from the Stapleford Centre or make your own using Christmas cards) to re-tell the Christmas story, and then finish the sequence with the journey of the Wise Men. ◆ Think about Joseph and Mary ~ how do you suppose they would have reacted to this visit? Had anything already happened that might have prepared them for something special? ◆ Make stars using 2 card triangles that the children can cut out, stick together and decorate. Add a single word to the centre of each one, e.g. twinkle, sparkle, shimmer, shine... then add thread and hand them from the ceiling. ◆ Read This is the Star (Dunbar J. and Blythe G. pub. Corgi 0-552-52822-6) Reflect upon the way in which the start links all the parts of the story, and consider the last line ~ 'Still shines the star in the sky'. ◆ Learn the song ~ Twinkle, twinkle, little star, leading wise men from afar (as adapted on the story page) 		

◆ Talk about the example of the Wise Men in giving gifts. To whom shall I give a gift this Christmas, and why?