

Festival: Epiphany ~ Presents	Year Group: Year 2	No. of lessons: 2
Links: Cambs. CPE2, CFF1, CFF2, CFF3, Pborough: CPE2, CRC1, CRC2, CRC3, Nfolk: CKF, CW, CLS, CP QCA 1C ~ Celebrations: Why do Christians give gifts at Christmas?		
Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To hear the story of the Magi from Matthew 2:1-11 ◆ To begin to discover a difference between a Bible story and a tradition ◆ To begin to explore some of the beliefs that Christians have about Jesus ◆ To be able to reflect upon what is precious 		
Questions for reflection: What is the most precious thing that you have ever been given? What gift would you give to a new baby? How can I show someone that they are precious to me? How do I feel when I give a present to somebody else?		
Activities and experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Start by writing Wise Men on a large sheet of paper and brainstorming or mindmapping in blue marker. Then read the Bible account of the journey of the Magi, even if you have to simplify it a little, as most children's Christmas stories place this account with the nativity. Is there anything that we need to change on our mind map? Make your alterations in red marker so that you and the children can appreciate the differences. Explain that there are many traditions around the story, but few Biblical facts. This does not make the traditions wrong or unhelpful, but there is a lot that we simply do not know. That is why we have omitted 'three' from Wise Men! ◆ Think for a little while about a suitable present for a baby, and the nature of the wise men's gifts. Focus on the gold, which stood for kingship. In what way did the wise men think of Jesus as a king? Are there still people who think like that? ◆ Make little gift boxes by turning a small cardboard box inside out and decorating the new outside with sponge printing. Use glue pots with long nozzles to make patterns (not on the base) and cover with glitter and sequins. Fold the boxes back up and stick them back together with glue or sellotape. Line the boxes with crumpled tissue paper, and then put gold covered chocolate coins inside. ◆ Consider ~ to whom will you give your little gift and why? 		

