

Festival: Epiphany (gifts) <i>Following on from Christmas (Journeys)</i>	Year Group: Y3	No. of lessons: 1
Links: Cambs: CPE2, CFF1, CFF2, CFF3, Pborough: CPE3, CPE4, CRC1, CRC2, CRC3, Nfolk: CBB, CP, CLS, CKF		
Learning objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To begin to explore the symbolism of the story of the Magi in Matthew chapter 2 verses 1-11 ◆ To begin to explore some of the beliefs Christians have about Jesus ◆ To become familiar with a Biblical story told at a Christian festival 		
Questions for reflection: What is the best present I have ever had? Why was it so good? What message does this story give us about Jesus? What special wish would I have for the future of a new baby?		
Activities and experiences: <i>Keep your crib scene up in the classroom –really cribs should be in place until 2nd February (Candlemas)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Explore the idea of gifts which tell something about the receiver e.g. football boots for someone keen on football – no doubt there will be plenty of recent examples available! ◆ Review the story of the Magi from last term. Check a calendar or diary to find out the date of their special day – Epiphany, i.e. 6th January. ◆ If at all possible have samples of the three gifts of the Magi available for pupils to explore. If you cannot do this readily, then you can light incense sticks for frankincense (you can even get frankincense smelling ones) and for myrrh a perfume stick (rather than a spray) would be appropriate. ◆ Explore the meaning of the gifts: gold for a king, crown and riches. Why do Christians believe Jesus is like a king? Frankincense is used in worship as a way of praying to God. What has this to do with Jesus? Myrrh was used at this time for burials – sticks of the perfume were wrapped inside the shroud to stop the smell getting too bad. What has dying to do with baby Jesus and his future work? ◆ You may have time to consider what gifts the class would like to give a baby. These could be the tangible (a rattle) and the intangible (good health). 		