



# JESUS

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**Celebrate Jesus with Gifts**

**What is an amazing gift?**

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**Matthew 2:1-12** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my Israel.””

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**Matthew 2:1-12** <sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



# What gift can you give Jesus?

**1 Corinthians 10:26** “...the earth and everything in it belong to the Lord.”

**Psalm 24:1** The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.



# We give Jesus gifts directly and by giving to others

**Romans 12:1** ...I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

**1 Corinthians 10:31** So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

**Matthew 25:40** “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’



**2 Corinthians 9:7** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



# Invitation

## **Moving yourself towards Jesus**

Have daily devotions and spend time reflecting on all that Jesus has given you.

## **Moving others towards Jesus**

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you think of gifts that you can give to Jesus today, using your time, energy or money (*material resources*).

