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Hey Kids!

Why do you think gifts are given at Christmastime?

Here's a story that helps us to know why we give, and receive, presents each Christmas.



“God put a special star in the sky when Jesus was born. Some wise men who lived in the east saw this star. They knew it was a sign. It meant that a baby king had been born.

These wise men wanted to visit the baby. So they followed the star for a long way.

...the star led them right to the place where Jesus was. They were very happy they had found him. They bowed down. They gave him gifts: sweet-smelling gifts, sparkling, golden gifts.”

Matthew 2:1-12
The Beginners Bible™

The wise men were overwhelmed with joy to see the Christ child! Their hearts were filled with love for the tiny baby. To show their joy & love, they gave him gifts.

Jesus was a gift of love to all of us from God. Even today – more than 2000 years after baby Jesus was born – we still celebrate his birth and his life. Just like God gave us the gift of His Son, we give gifts to our friends, families, and even strangers in need, to share the joy and love in our hearts. Just like the wise men did so long ago.



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Advent Activities

Draw a picture of the wise men giving gifts to Jesus.

How many holiday words can you think of that begin with the letters A, C, and S? Here are some examples to help you get started:

Angels
Carol
Shepherds

Always remember!...when you receive a gift at Christmas, be sure to send a thank you note to the person who gave it to you. E-mail is nice, but a handwritten note is even better!