

Lesson 2: What gifts do we have to give Jesus on his birthday?

Key Verse: James 1:17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.*

Intro script: Who can remember what was the greatest gift? Review the verse "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Isaiah 9:6a" We read the nativity story last week and we said Happy Birthday, Jesus! Jesus is the best gift on His own birthday. But.. since it's His birthday... do you think there is anything we can give Him? Today we will see what Mary, the shepherds, the angels, and the wise men gave him.

The night baby Jesus was born was a very special night. Baby Jesus had several visitors and many celebrated his birth bringing special gifts –some were even the kinds of gifts you cannot buy. First, the angels visited and shared praise and worship saying, "Glory to God in the highest. Peace on Earth. Goodwill toward men!" Once Jesus was born, many people began to learn of his birth. The shepherds, who were watching their fields that night, heard the angels' song and came to the stable in Bethlehem to see the miracle of heaven on earth. The shepherds immediately went out and told the good news, and then returned to worship and praise the King. They gave time to go out and tell, and they gave praise and worship. Mary also gave a special gift to baby Jesus. The night Jesus was born, Mary gave love and put Him in her heart forever. Sometime after Jesus was born, he was visited by several kings. These men, called wise men, had heard of Jesus's birth and made a long trip to see him. With them, they brought some very expensive gifts: frankincense and myrrh and gold. Gold is a precious metal. Frankincense is perfume, and myrrh is anointing oil. While these were actual gifts that the wise men gave Jesus, they also had a special meaning; gold represents his kingship, frankincense is a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh foreshadows His death on the cross. Each of the people gave precious gifts to Jesus.

Closing Script: Now Jesus is in heaven and he wants something more from us – something we give from the heart! So we don't need a shopping list to buy Jesus gifts for His birthday. The best thing we can give Jesus is love and worship and put him in our hearts forever. And He wants us to tell others about it. That would be the best birthday gift Jesus could ever want!

Name: _____

Giving to Jesus

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Write or draw on the present what you would love to give Jesus: love, worship, time, etc.

