

Lesson 46: Jesus Christ Is the Greatest Gift



Purpose

To help you appreciate the great gift our Heavenly Father gave us when he sent *Jesus Christ* to the earth.

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We have a wrapped gift here.



There is something inside the package that represents a wonderful gift from someone who loves us very much.



Can you guess what is inside the package?



If you need some help, the tag is a clue.

Let's read together from John 3:16



16 ¶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Does anyone now know what the gift is?



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- Let's unwrap the present to see what's inside.

Let's see what's inside





What is the gift?



Who is the gift from?



Why is the birth of Jesus Christ such a wonderful gift?

- One reason the birth of Christ is such a great gift is that Jesus Christ came to teach us the right way to live.



- He taught us that loving and helping others will make us happy.

- By sending Jesus to earth, Heavenly Father gave us a gift that will help us find happiness not just at Christmastime but always.



He Sent His son

How could the Father tell the world of love and tenderness?

He sent his Son, a newborn babe, with peace and holiness.

How could the Father show the world the pathway we should go?

He sent his Son to walk with men on earth, that we may know.

How could the Father tell the world of sacrifice, of death?

He sent his Son to die for us and rise with living breath.

What does the Father ask of us? What do the scriptures say?

Have faith, have hope, live like his Son, help others on their way.

What does he ask? Live like his Son.

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Heavenly Father wanted everyone to know about his gift to us, so he placed a beautiful new star in the sky.



Can any one in class tell the story of the Wise Men following the star to find Jesus?



Let's listen to the story to see how well you remember about the Wise Men.

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- Let's read Matthew 2:11



- 11 ¶ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.



What gifts did the Wise Men bring to Jesus?



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Gold



Frankincense

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Myrrh

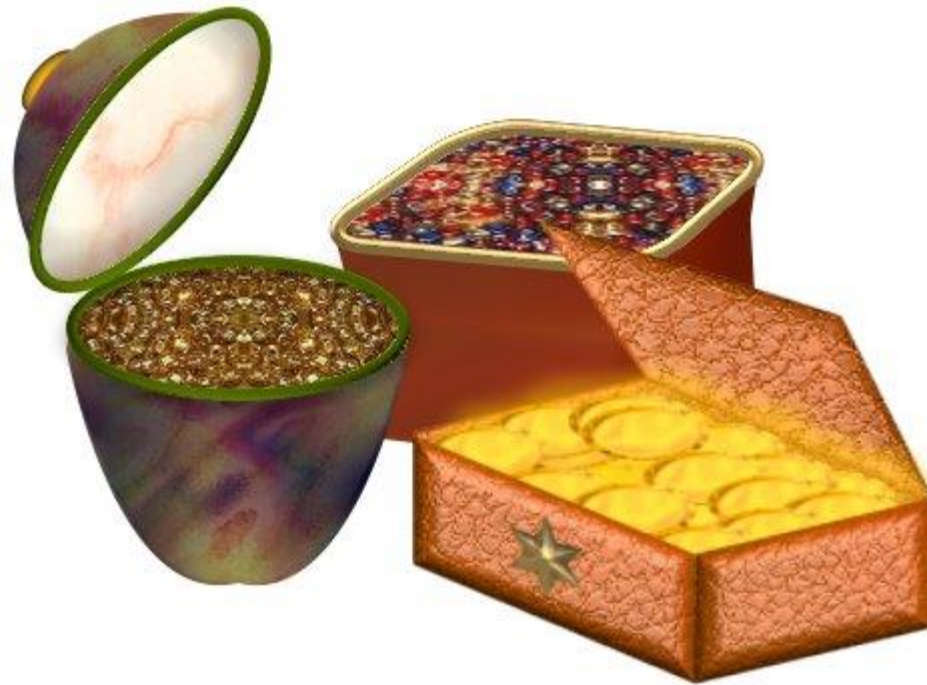
Frankincense and myrrh were sweet-smelling perfumes used in religious ceremonies.

Frankincense

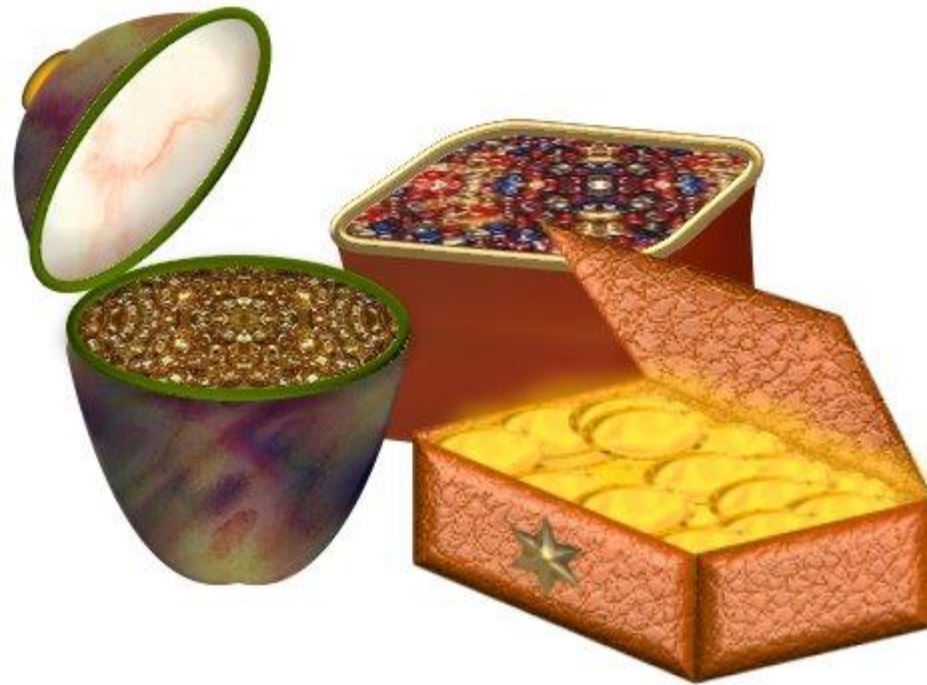


Myrrh

All three gifts were valuable and difficult to get.



The Wise Men wanted to bring Jesus the nicest gifts they could find.



Why did the Wise Men
bring these gifts to
Jesus?





Why did the Wise Men
bow down and
worship Jesus when
they saw him?

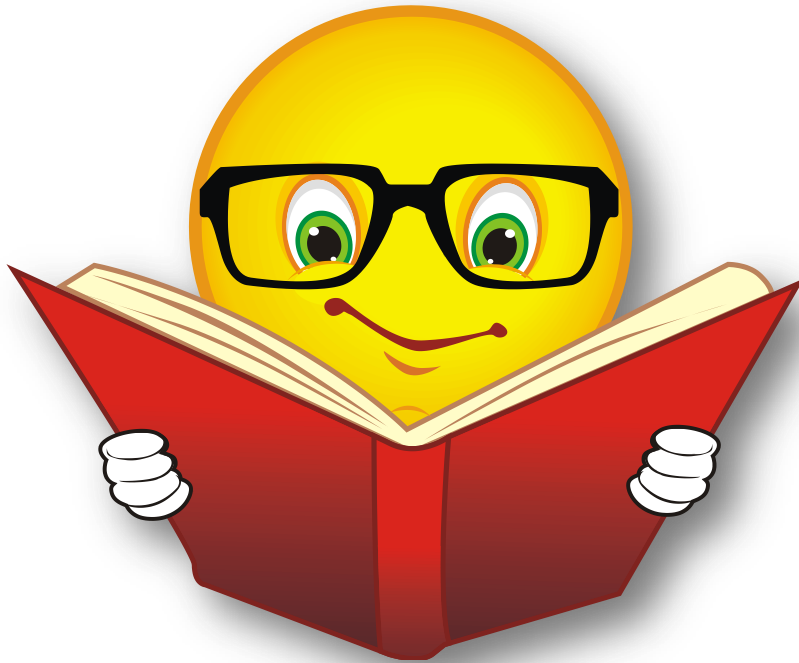
Time to Act!



**Lets's act out the story
of the Wise Men.**

Just as the Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus to show their love for him, we can give gifts to others to show our love for them.





Let's listen to the story
about a young boy
named S. Dilworth
Young, who later
became a General
Authority:

The Christmas that S. Dilworth Young was five years old, he saw a jigsaw puzzle displayed in the window of a store. The puzzle had a picture of an old horse-drawn fire truck on it. Dilworth wanted that puzzle for Christmas more than he wanted anything else.

Elder Young later explained what happened with the puzzle on Christmas Day:

“When Christmas morning finally came, I found hung on my chair a stocking full of good things. But right off I spotted my puzzle. It was wrapped in bright paper, but I could tell by the shape what it was. I quickly opened the box and was soon lost in the pleasure of putting the puzzle together.

“Before long my father came into the room and explained to my younger brother, older sister, and me that the Jensen family down the street had recently come from Denmark. He said the father had no job and no money, and then he suggested that we take our Christmas dinner to them. He also asked each of us to select our most loved toy and give it to a child in the Jensen family. ...

- “Before we left for the Jensen’s, I spent three happy hours playing with and enjoying my puzzle. I thought about giving something else, but I knew deep down that there was only one gift to give.
- “At eleven forty-five we all started out. Father carried the turkey on a platter. Mother and my sister Emily followed with potatoes, gravy, dressing, cranberries, and dessert. And under my arm, carefully rewrapped, was my fire engine puzzle.

- “When we entered the Jensen home, Father placed the turkey on the small bare table in the corner, and the others followed.
- “Each one of us in turn then gave his present. Emily gave her beautiful doll to the girl. I stepped forward and looked at the boy about my age. ‘Here,’ I said as I pushed the puzzle at him. He took it from me and smiled. Next my brother gave his offering to the smallest child. And then we returned home.

“It was strange, but somehow as I walked the block between our house and the Jensen’s, it seemed as if my feet didn’t touch the ground. I felt as though I were floating on clouds of good feeling, for I knew I had made someone else happy.

“Even our Christmas dinner of canned beans, bread, butter, and bottled fruit had a special and unforgettable meaning on that special Christmas Day!”

(S. Dilworth Young, “Friend to Friend: A Special Christmas,” Friend, Dec. 1972, pp. 20–21).

What did Dilworth do
that made him happy?





Why was he happy
after giving away his
favorite toy?

Have you ever given something to someone else that made him or her happy?





Can any of you remember times when you have made others happy by giving them gifts?

When we give gifts to others, we show that we love them.



While it can make us
happy to receive a gift,
it can also make us
happy to give gifts.



Gifts do not have to be
expensive to show a
lot of love.



Some of the best gifts
are gifts of service.



Let's listen to a story about a child who gave
gifts of Service.

Christmas was coming soon, and Beth wanted to give Christmas gifts to her family to show them how much she loved them.

But Beth didn't have any money. She thought she wouldn't be able to give any gifts, and she felt very sad. Then Beth remembered that her Primary teacher had told the class that some of the best gifts are gifts that money can't buy. Beth decided to give gifts of service.

Beth made a card for every member of her family, and on each card she wrote something that she would do for that family member. On her younger sister's card, she wrote that she would play a game that her sister liked. On her older brother's card, she wrote that she would wash the dishes one night when it was his turn. For her mother she promised to watch the baby while Mother took a nap, and for her father she promised to help work in the garden. Her favorite gift was for her grandfather: she promised to give him a big hug first thing every morning for a month.

On Christmas morning Beth gave her gifts to her family. Everyone liked Beth's gifts of service. They knew Beth loved them because she gave them such wonderful gifts.



- Let's make a card, just like Beth did where we give someone a gift of service.



Jesus Christ is the most important gift Heavenly Father has given us.



This is because Jesus will help us return to live with him and Heavenly Father someday.



Just as Heavenly Father
showed his love for us
by sending Jesus to the
earth,



We can show our love for others by giving them special gifts.

- **The Savior's birth, life, and Atonement are the greatest gifts we will ever receive.**



- **What gift can we give Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ at this special season of the year?**
- **I challenge each of you to give the gift of love to others.**

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- **I know beyond any doubt that Jesus Christ is our Savior.**
- **I know that Heavenly father and Jesus Christ Love each of us very much.**



- **I want to encourage you to remember Heavenly father and Jesus Christ as we Celebrate Christmas.**
- **Merry Christmas**

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CHAPTER 7

The Wise Men



Some wise men lived in another land. They knew what the prophets had said about the birth of Jesus. When they saw a new star in the sky, they knew that a new king had been born.



The Wise Men went to see Herod, a king of the Jews, in Jerusalem. They asked him where the new king was. Herod told them to look in Bethlehem. When they found the baby they were to come back and tell Herod.



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