

# CHILDREN'S CORNER



**Boys and girls, it will soon be my birthday, with, hopefully, lots of cake and gifts!** In Matthew 2:1-12 you will read of some rather strange gifts presented to a little boy to mark his birth: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The wise men brought them to the Lord Jesus Christ. I used to think that for men supposed to be "wise", these gifts were not only strange but stupid. Surely it would have been much wiser to bring a blanket, some clothes or even a toy for this little child - not gold, frankincense and myrrh. However, I have since discovered some of the reasoning behind the gifts and the wisdom associated with them.

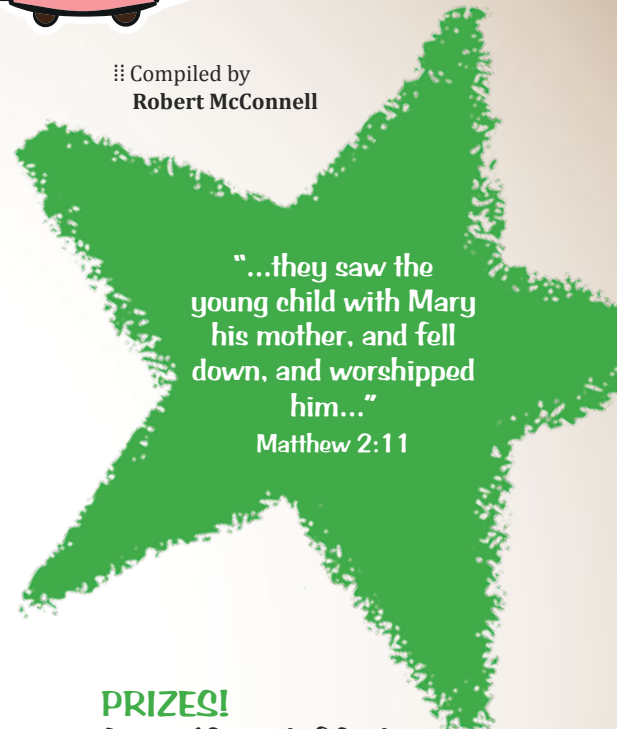
**Gold:** In Bible times gold was the stuff of kings. From the Old Testament the wise men would have known that this child was of royal lineage, a king, not just any king, the King of kings. (Rev. 19:16)

**Frankincense:** It was a sweet smelling perfume that filled the air and lingered for a very long time, a little reminder of what the Saviour was really like. He was sweet and gentle. His presence filled the air. Everywhere people thronged to see him, hear him and be in his company (Song of Solomon 2:14).

**Myrrh:** This was an ointment used in ancient times by the Egyptians to anoint the dead. What a strange gift to bring to the home of a young boy! Nevertheless, this too was a very wise gift for it reminds us that the Saviour came to die for us on the cross of Calvary. (Romans 5:8)

Boys and girls, it would seem that the wise men really did bring the best gifts! The things they brought show that they really knew and loved the Saviour. Do you know and love him too?

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"...they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him..."  
Matthew 2:11

## Quiz:

The Bible is full of stories about people and gifts. Using the references given, fill in the grid below with all the presents that people gave to others. Then take each of the letters from the highlighted squares and rearrange them to spell out the greatest gift of all.

John 6 v 9

Clue: there were five of these.

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1 Samuel 17 v 18

Clue: there were ten of these.

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Genesis 24 v 53

Clue: as well as jewels of silver and gold.

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Genesis 43 v 11

Clue: a sticky sweet substance.

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1 Samuel 17 v 17

Clue: sounds like "born".

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Answer:

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