

The Unexpected Christmas

Week 4: The Unexpected Gifts

Bible Time



Today we learnt about a second set of people who heard about Jesus and came to see him. This time they were told in a very different way - through the arrival of a star. You see they were a group of people who looked at the stars - star gazers you might call them. They looked for unusual things and I think the star they saw must have been pretty special. They also had to travel a very long way to get to Jesus. They were not Jews; they were from a country to the East, but they had heard the prophecies about Jesus.

I wonder if they believed that Jesus was God's son when they left? When they arrived, they certainly worshipped him as someone very special. Imagine how Mary and Joseph must have felt with the arrival of these visitors, with their expensive clothing, unexpected gifts and of course camels. We all know the name of the gifts they gave Jesus - Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, but they are not gifts that you would normally give to a baby, so what did they mean? Gold was a sign that Jesus was going to be king, frankincense was a symbol that he was God and Myrrh a symbol that he was going to die. And that is the most important thing - God loved the world so much that he sent his only son Jesus. He sent him to die for us so we could be forgiven and have a friendship with God. This is what makes Jesus such a wonderful gift. And did you know this gift is for you? You just need to receive it!

Memory Verse



They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Matthew 2:11

Song Of The Week



We Three Kings (We're Not Lost)
by Rend Collective

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Chat Time



Chat about the story. Use these questions to help you get started:

What did the wise men see in the sky?

What animal helped them to travel to Bethlehem?

Which king did they meet on their journey?

What gifts did they give to Jesus?

Have you received the amazing gift from God?



Prayer For The Week



Father God we thank you for the most wonderful gift of Jesus. Thank you that you sent your only son to the earth to take our punishment and to make sure we can have a friendship with you. Help us to receive this gift. Amen

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Don't forget to send us pictures of you and your family watching small Nations and getting ready for Christmas. We want to see those Christmas jumpers! Ask a grown-up to email them to:
smallnations@allnationselim.org

Response



If you want to know more about God's amazing gift then talk to an adult or contact us here at Small Nations. We would love to talk to you and help you to understand more about what Jesus has done for you.