# **Disposition:** Sharing and being generous

## **Lesson:** Two

### **Question/LO:** What do Christians think about the presents given to Jesus by the Wise Men in the nativity story? What are good gifts for a baby?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning from experience | Recap the thinking about presents that don’t necessarily need money to buy. | n/a |
| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious worldviews | Watch the film ‘The Real Meaning of Christmas’. A walk from St Martin’s Church to Birmingham Cathedral takes a group of KS2 children through Birmingham’s shopping centre. The children reflect on where they see the real Christmas story, in the churches or in the shops? The film’s commentary suggests that children make a second Christmas list, one which concentrates on the real meaning of the festival featuring The Christmas Story. Children can illustrate their list by using a series of photographs which accompany the film.What are the gifts in the story?Can the story of the birth of Jesus be a gift for anyone?  | A video ‘Christianity- The Real Meaning of Christmas’ will have downloaded into the same folder as this lesson plan.KS1\_Y2\_Unit\_04\_Aut\_Wk\_02\_of\_03\_R123\_Video\_Real\_Meaning\_Christmas\_v1A series of photographs ‘The Real Meaning of Christmas’ will have downloaded into the same folder as this lesson plan. KS1\_Y2\_Unit\_04\_Aut\_Wk\_02\_of\_03\_R123\_Resource\_Real\_Meaning\_Christmas\_Photos\_v1 |
| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious worldviews*Begin to understand that Jesus’ life was planned from before he was born.* | Tell the story of the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. Matthew 2: 1-12.Discuss the story and possibly retell it with drama. Explain the 3 presents:Gold was traditionally the gift for a king; Frankincense was a substance burned by priests to make people’s prayers pleasing to God; Myrrh was a perfume rubbed into bodies after death. These were very strange gifts to give a baby but they were gifts for someone chosen to be a king; someone who would bring people close to God; and for someone who was born to die a special death. Christians believe that Jesus would be/do all these things!Are there any other gifts in the story besides the three given by the Wise Men? Ask the pupils what gifts would you give to a baby? Pupils can draw or cut out pictures to illustrate this.What gifts might Christians want to give to the baby Jesus? Pupils can draw or cut out pictures again. | <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+2&version=ICB>You may wish to use Free Bible Images<https://www.freebibleimages.org/photos/wise-men/> Remember to download the story plannerAn image of gold, frankincense and myrrh can be found here. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>[uk-wales-59651783](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-59651783)Link to Three Wise men film |
| Learning from faith and non-religious worldviews | Questions to discussWhy do people give presents to babies?Why did some people in the bible story give presents to the baby Jesus?Why do Christians give presents to people at Christmas? | n/a |