



# Gifts for the Savior King

This was created for the people of Hope Community Church to worship the birth of Jesus in their homes, on a car ride to family, or as a devotion during the Christmas season.

## Celebrate

Find a way to begin your time by celebrating the birth of our Savior King. To focus our hearts on the person we treasure the most.

**Listen to or sing Christmas Hymns** (Joy to The World, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Away in the Manger)

**Time of Joyful Prayer** (Thank God for this gift, prayers of thanksgiving with others)

**A Dance of Joy** (Play a Christmas songs and dance for joy, expressing joy through dance)

## Hear the Story

Read the passage of Christ's birth and the response of the Magi to this birth.

**Consider while you read:** Why did the Magi come to see Jesus?  
Why did they bring gifts? **Why those gifts?**

**Matthew 1:18-25 & Matthew 2:1-12**

**2:1-2** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

**2:9-12** After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

*Consider what the gifts tell us about what Jesus came to do.*



### Gold

**Jesus our King**

Given to kings as a symbol of loyalty and honor. Our God owns all the cattle on all the hills, in all the kingdoms. Eph. 1:20-21



### Frankincense

**Jesus our Priest**

Used in the temple by priests when mediating the relationship between God and his people. He cares for God's people. Heb. 5:7-9



### Myrrh

**Jesus our Savior**

Used in ceremonies of burials. Jesus is not just a priest performing the ceremony, but the lamb who was slain for the sins of all people. Rev. 1:5-7

Rev. 17:14 **They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.**

## Reflect

Ask some or all of these to reflect on the passage.

**What symbolic gift would you bring to Jesus to show what he means to you?**

Which title of Jesus do you tend to forget? King, Priest, Prophet, Savior

**Who or What can become your King, Priest or Savior, other than Jesus?**

Which title of Jesus do you need to remember today? Who helps you treasure Jesus?

**Do you know anyone who needs to hear this Good News?**

## Respond

End our time responding to the Good News of a Savior King, who has come in the flesh, to rescue his people from sin and death!

**Listen to or sing Christmas Hymns**

**Time of Prayer**

**A Dance of Joy**