

# Epiphany

Epiphany is on 6<sup>th</sup> January. It is a day when Christians think about the Wise Men and their visit to the baby Jesus.

## The Wise Men

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### The New King

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The Wise Men said,

Jesus must be the new king that we were looking for.

### The Gifts



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gold



myrrh



frankincense



# Questions

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- ☐ 6<sup>th</sup> January
- ☐ 6<sup>th</sup> March
- ☐ 6<sup>th</sup> May

2. Who visited the baby Jesus? Tick one.

- ☐ the Wise Men
- ☐ the new king
- ☐ Bethlehem

3. What did the Wise Men think about the star? Tick one.

- ☐ It showed a new king had been born.
- ☐ It showed that they would be kings.
- ☐ It was made by a king.

4. Where did the star come to rest? Tick one.

- ☐ over the Wise Men
- ☐ over frankincense
- ☐ over Bethlehem

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**It is a Christian feast day. Epiphany is a time when Christians think about when the Wise Men visited the baby Jesus.**

## The Wise Men

Some Wise Men were looking at the stars on the night that Jesus was born. They saw a large, interesting star in the sky that they had not seen before.

The Wise Men read their book and they found out that the star could show that a new king had been born. The Wise Men followed the special star to find the new king.

The Wise Men would have travelled a very long way on their camels. The weather could have been very hot and they would have crossed mountains and deserts.



## The New King

The star came to rest over a town called Bethlehem. This is where Jesus had been born. Jesus was still in Bethlehem with his mother Mary and his father Joseph. The Wise Men decided that Jesus must be the new king that they were looking for.

### Did You Know...?

The Bible is the Christian holy book. It tells Christians about the life of Jesus.

The Bible does not say how many Wise Men there were.

### The Gifts

The Wise Men gave gifts to the baby Jesus. The gifts were



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# Questions

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- ☐ to find the new king
- ☐ to ride on camels
- ☐ because they wanted to visit Bethlehem

2. Which of these was **not** a gift given to Jesus? Tick one.

- ☐ gold
- ☐ money
- ☐ myrrh
- ☐ frankincense

3. Number the sentences from 1-3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

- ☐ Jesus was still in Bethlehem with his mother Mary and his father Joseph.
- ☐ They saw a large, interesting star in the sky that they had not seen before.
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**Accept any one of the following: large; interesting; special.**

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# Epiphany

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The word 'epiphany' comes from the verb 'to appear'.

**Epiphany is a Christian feast day.**

It is a celebration when Christians think about the Wise Men and their journey to visit the baby Jesus.

## The Wise Men

Some Wise Men were studying the stars in the east. They saw a large, interesting star in the sky that they had not seen before.



The Wise Men read their book. A great star had been predicted many years before. The book said that the new star would mean that a new king had been born. The Wise Men were excited to see the special star so they followed it to find the new king.

The Wise Men would have travelled for many miles on their camels. The weather could have been very hot and they would have crossed mountains and deserts during their journey.

## Did You Know...?

The Bible is the Christian holy book.

It tells Christians about the life of Jesus.

The Bible does not say how many Wise Men there were.

Many Christians believe that there were three because three gifts were given.



## The New King

The star came to rest over a town called Bethlehem.

**This is where Jesus had been born.**



It is thought that Jesus was born in a stable. The wise men arrived much later after Jesus had been born and found Him living in a house in Bethlehem with his mother Mary and his father Joseph.

**Jesus must be the new king that we were looking for!**

## The Gifts

The Wise Men gave three gifts to the baby Jesus. The gifts were:



This is a precious metal.



This is a gum from an African tree.



This is the sap of an African tree.



# Questions

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- ☐ to write
- ☐ to read
- ☐ to appear
- ☐ to shine

2. Circle **one** word that suggests that the wise men were looking at the stars.

*In the East, some wise men were studying the stars.*

3. Find and copy the name of the town that the star came to rest over.

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**Award one mark for**

- **studying**

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**Bethlehem**

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**Jesus was living in a house in Bethlehem with his mother Mary and his father Joseph.**

6. Explain why many people think that there were three Wise Men.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Many people think that there were three Wise Men because three gifts were given to the baby Jesus but the Bible doesn't actually give a number.**