Welcome Back Everyone!



Happy New Year

The Feast of Epiphany

This is when we remember the wise men bringing gifts to Jesus.



Matthew 2:1-12

24 PA THE WISE MEN COME TO JESUS

Jesus was born in a small town, and you would hardly have thought that anyone would have taken any notice of what had happened there. But they did.

People came from far away to bring their presents to him.

The Reading comes from the Gospel of Saint Matthew.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem he received a visit from some Wise Men.

First they came to Jerusalem and they said to King Herod: 'Where will we find the baby who is the King of the Jews?'

King Herod didn't like this
(he didn't want anyone to be King
except himself!)
But he asked the Priests and the Teachers
if they knew anything about it,
and they said:

'A long time ago
God spoke to the People of Bethlehem like this:

"I promise you,
the Great King will be born
in Bethlehem.
He will look after you
like a shepherd who looks after his sheep.
He will take care of you.
He will never let you down,
for he will be the King of the World!"'

So King Herod sent his visitors off to Bethlehem. 'You find the baby,' he said.
'Then come back
and tell me where I can find him,

and I will go and see him as well.'

So the Wise Men went to Bethlehem and they found Jesus there with his mother, Mary, and they gave him their presents.

But they didn't trust King Herod, and they didn't go back to him.



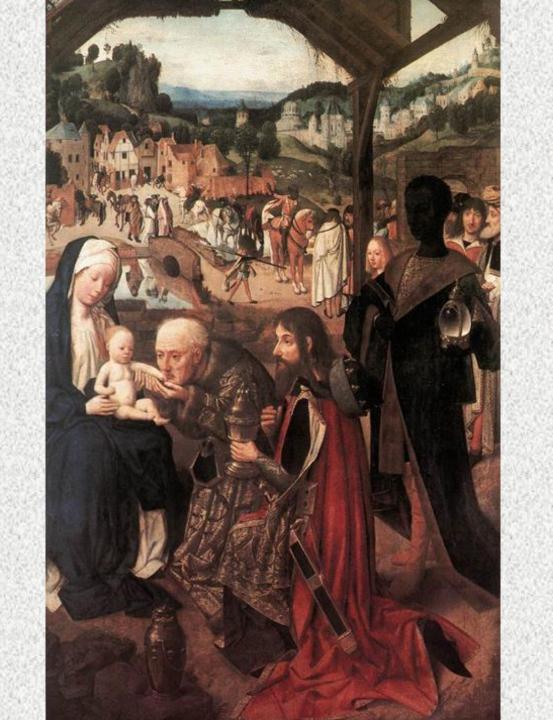
Imagine watching the wise men visit Jesus

Many people have tried to show this special moment



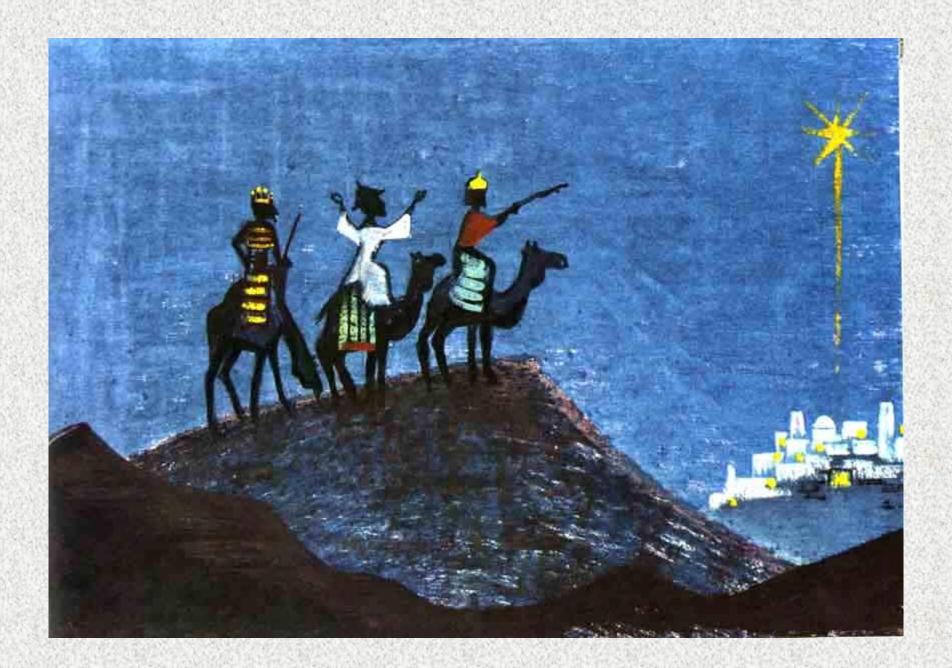


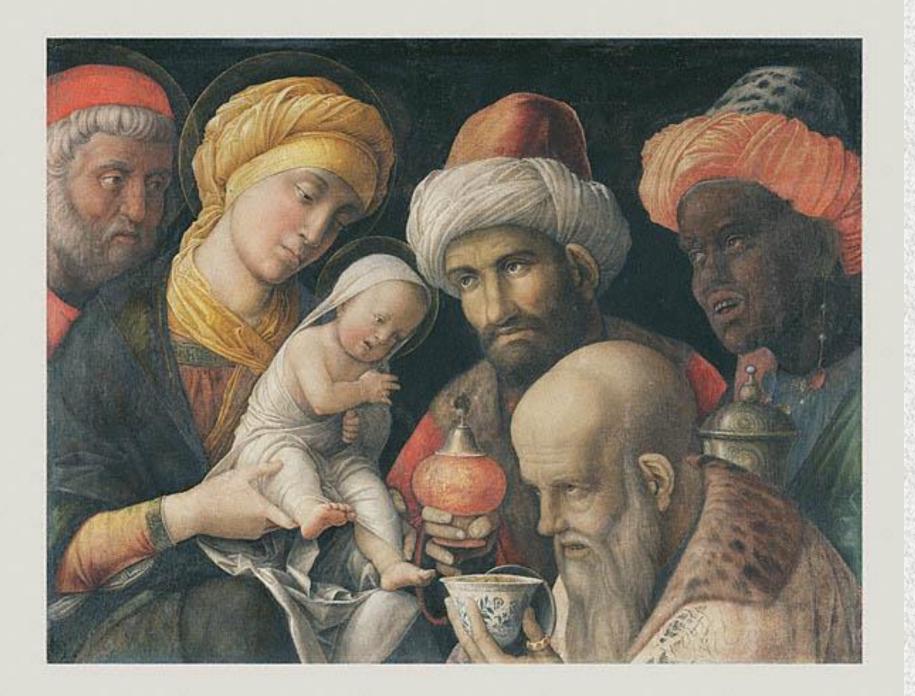












The wisemen were called

Caspar

Melchior



Balthazar

They gave Jesus gifts that were very precious to show how special He was.

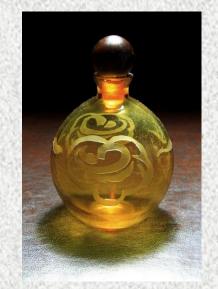
Gold







Myrrh



What gifts can we give Jesus?

Reflection

The Wise Men went followed a star to give gifts to a special person.



Let us follow the Epiphany Star today in class, on the playground and at home to lead us to Jesus and bring him our gifts.

In the name of the Father.....

Lord, the sight of the guiding star brought hope, courage and joy to those who had journeyed to find you. When our journey seems long, when hope seems far away, when our courage is failing, fill us with faith and trust; shine your light on our fears, lift our hearts with your joy. Help us to recognise you in each other; show us how we can work together, so that we may all come to share in the life promised to us by Jesus, the Saviour of us all. Amen.