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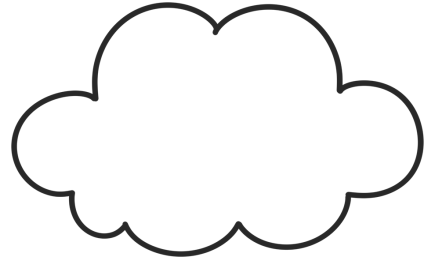
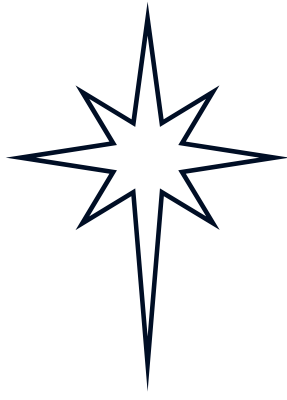
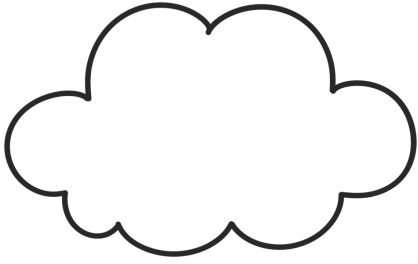
Wise Men's Gifts

You may have missed



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The Story of the Wise Men

In **Matthew 2:1–12**, we learn about the Wise Men, or Magi, who traveled from the East after seeing a bright star in the sky. They believed this star was a sign of the birth of a great King, so they followed it to find Him.

Their journey brought them to King Herod in Jerusalem, where they asked, “Where is He that is born King of the Jews?” Herod, feeling threatened, sent them to Bethlehem, telling them to report back once they found the child.

The Wise Men followed the star until it rested over the place where Jesus was. Filled with joy, they entered and worshiped Him, presenting gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Afterward, they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went home another way, protecting the Savior from harm.

Gold

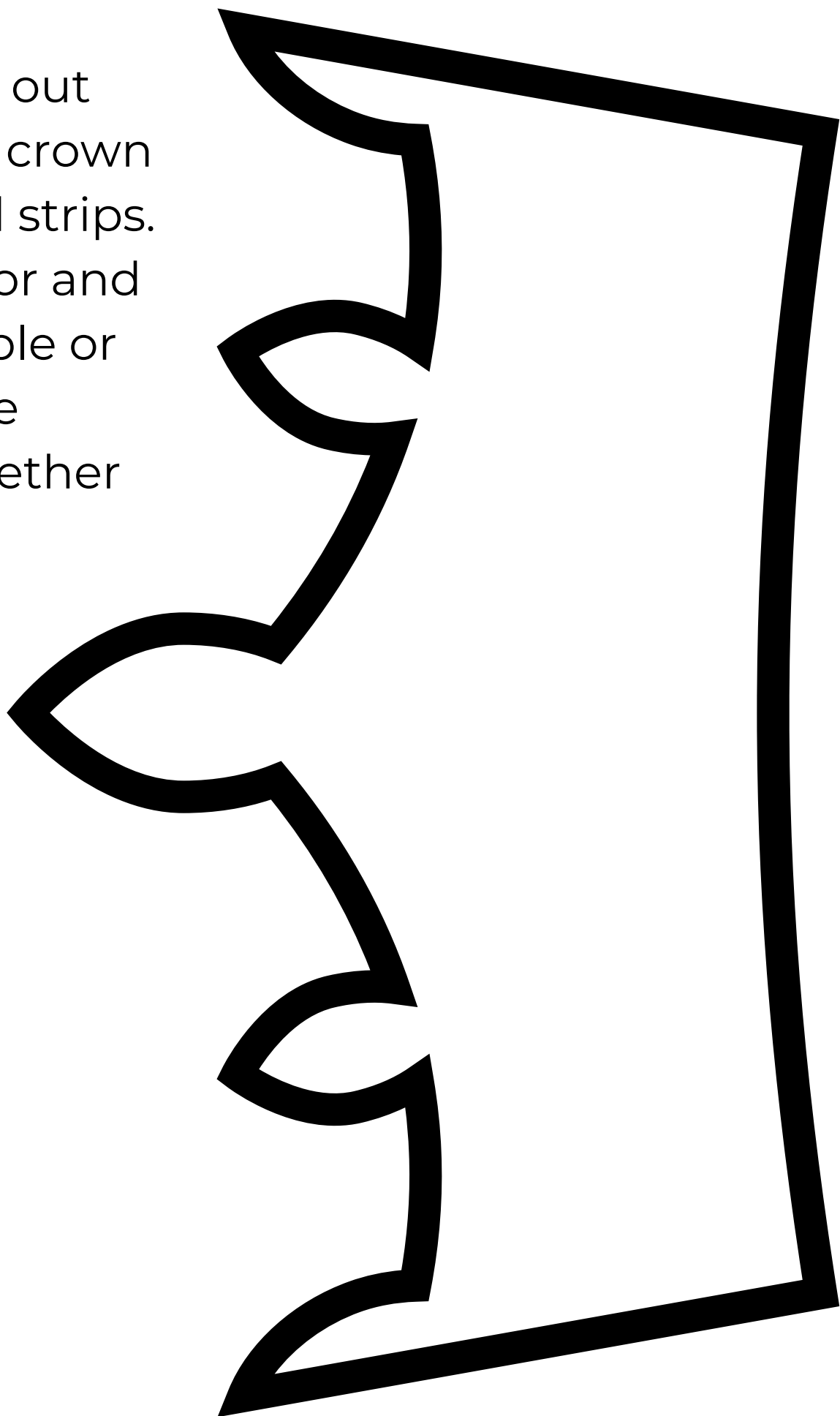
A symbol of kingship and royalty

Practical Use: The gold was a practical gift, likely helping Mary and Joseph cover the cost of their journey to Egypt to protect Jesus.

Symbolic meaning: Gold is the typical gift for kings (see 1 Kings 9:14, 28) because it symbolizes kingship and royalty—a fitting gift for the “King of kings” (1 Timothy 6:15).

Activity: make paper crowns with your kiddos as you talk about how Jesus rules with love and righteousness.

Cut out
the crown
and strips.
Color and
staple or
glue
together





Frankincense

Practical Use: Frankincense wasn't just valuable—it was also used as a sweet-smelling incense and perfume, making it a thoughtful and meaningful gift.

Symbolic meaning: Frankincense, made from tree resin, was used in sacred rituals, burnt offerings (Leviticus 2:1), and anointing oil. It symbolizes Christ's divine role and His sacrifice as the Lamb of God (John 1:29)

Craft

Activity: Create a beautiful reminder of frankincense with a jar, baby oil, potpourri, and a cork. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of oil to the jar, arrange the potpourri with a chopstick, then fill with more oil, leaving an inch at the top. Seal the cork with hot glue, and you're done—a simple, meaningful keepsake for Christmas! 🌟



Myrrh

Practical Use: Myrrh, a bitter oil made from tree resin, was valuable but likely even more useful to Mary and Joseph for its healing and medicinal purposes

Symbolic: In the New Testament, myrrh is often linked to embalming and burial because it was used to preserve bodies (John 19:39–40). It also had healing properties, symbolizing Christ as the Master Healer. Its use in burials reminds us of the “bitter cup” He drank when He suffered for our sins (D&C 19:18–19).

Activity: Discuss how Jesus gave us the ultimate gift of His life. Have kids create a small "gift box" or treasure chest and write inside one thing they're thankful for about Jesus' sacrifice.