

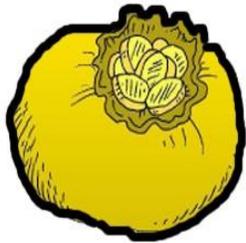
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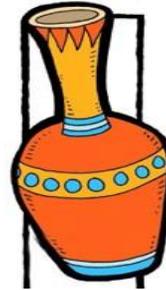
After the Wise Men had listened to the king, they went on their way. The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy.

The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh.



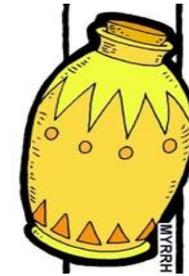
GOLD

Gold is a symbol of divinity, or something that comes from God. The Wisemen's gift of gold to the baby Jesus was meant to tell us that Jesus was God in the flesh: The prophets called Jesus "Emmanuel" which means "God with us"!



FRANKINCENSE

Frankincense is a symbol of God's holiness and righteousness. Often this fragrant resin was burned during times of worship as a sacrifice to God. The Wisemen's gift of frankincense to the baby Jesus was meant to show the future sacrifice that Jesus would make on the cross to pay for our sins.



MYRRH

Myrrh is a symbol of bitterness, suffering, and affliction. This fragrant resin was often used to embalm a person's body in preparation for their funeral. The Wisemen's gift of myrrh to the baby Jesus was meant to tell us about His future bitterness, suffering, and death for our sins.