

Come Follow Me

NEW TESTAMENT 2019

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH MATCHING ACTIVITY

Week 3: Luke 2; Matthew 2

It is generally well-known that the Wise Men gave baby Jesus three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But how many of us actually know what frankincense and myrrh are? And what is the significance behind each gift? This matching activity is a good way to learn about why each of the three gifts given to the Savior are important.

First, there are several great resources on lds.org to learn and teach about the wise men's gifts:

- [“Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh”](#) - explains what each item is and what we can learn from them
 - How can we make our gifts to the Savior “useful,” “precious,” and “respectful and worshipful” just like the Wise Men’s gifts?
- [“Thoughtful Gifts”](#) - briefly outlines the practical uses and symbolic meanings behind each gift
 - How could Mary and Joseph have used each gift?
- [“Gifts for a Newborn King”](#) - a fun article that takes you back to the time of Jesus and imagines what the people would have told you about these gifts

After everyone is a little more familiar with these three gifts, print and cut out the 12 cards found below. Test your memories by trying to place the cards into the three correct groups. Each group should contain the gift's name, what it is, its common uses, and what it symbolizes.

GOLD	FRANKINCENSE	MYRRH
A precious metal that is valued for its beauty, shine, and malleability	A dried tree resin that burns as a sweet incense or perfume	A bitter dried tree resin
Used for decoration and trading	Used in religious ordinances, burnt offerings, and oil for anointing priests	Used for embalming and medicines
Symbolizes kingship and royalty	Symbolizes the priesthood and Christ's sacrifice	Symbolizes Christ's role as Master Healer and the “bitter cup” He had to drink

