



Epiphany

Welcome Words and light the candle

The light of Christ has come into the world.

We welcome his light into our lives.



What is Epiphany?

Epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal', and Epiphany to Christians is when baby Jesus was revealed to the world.

Epiphany is celebrated on the 6th Jan, twelve days after Christmas day.

This is a very special day in the Christian calendar as it celebrates the day that the Three Wise Men arrived to see the baby Jesus.

Can anyone remember what gifts the Three Wise Men brought?



Gold - a precious metal
Frankincense - a resin from a tree for incense and perfume.
Myrrh - a resin from a tree for incense and perfume.

In the gospel of Matthew, we hear the story of how some wise men from another part of the world were led by a star and travelled the long journey to Bethlehem, looking for Jesus. They found him in a stable.

“After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east... And suddenly the star they had seen rising went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:1, 9-12



Imagine you are one of the wise men.

How would you have felt seeing Jesus?

Why do you think this day is important?

What would you have taken as your gift to Jesus?

Reflection

Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem and the wise men travelled there to meet Jesus.

Why do people decide to move and live in a different country?

There are many different reasons why people move. Some move out of choice but sadly some are forced to leave their homes.

What might it feel like to be forced to leave your home, to find somewhere safe to live?



Let us Pray-

Lord Jesus, May your light shine our way, as it once did for the three Wise Men, so we can Worship you and always be guided by you.

Amen

Closing Words

God loves us all and knows that we are special.

We will carry God's love with us in our hearts.