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THREE KINGS

Does Christmas seem long gone? Well, Christmas doesn't really end until Twelfth Night, 6th January. In the past all the 12 days of Christmas used to be celebrated with feasting and parties. January 6th is also the Feast of the Epiphany, which is the day on which the wise men, led by the star, arrived at Bethlehem. At Christmas we sang about Three Kings but we don't really know who they were, kings or wise men or where they came from – you can check the details in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 2.



We do know that they brought very expensive symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for Jesus, not the usual things that you would give to a small baby. Traditionally the gifts have a special meaning: gold is for a king; frankincense (sweet smelling incense) is for God and myrrh (a spice used to prepare bodies for burial) for mortal man.

GOLDEN ANSWERS

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letters GOLD (well, can you find any words that began with frankincense or myrrh?). Answers at the bottom of the page.

Can you say which GOLD is ...

1. a small bird?
2. kept in an aquarium?
3. made from sugar and used in cooking?
4. a source of wealth?
5. a tall yellow flower?
6. ate the three bears' porridge?
7. won by a winner at the Olympics?
8. a 50th wedding anniversary?



What do you call a camel that's got three humps?

Humphrey.

Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?

Florence of Arabia.



Answers:

1. goldfinch, 2. goldfish, 3. golden syrup, 4. goldmine, 5. golden rod, 6. Goldilocks, 7. gold medal, 8. golden wedding

3



All the boys under two were killed

Bible Sketchbook

Refugees...

King Herod was furious because he heard that the baby Jesus was born to be King. Herod wanted Jesus dead. But an angel warned the family in a dream to escape from Bethlehem. So they fled as refugees to Egypt. Herod heard about this and was so angry he ordered every boy under two to be killed.

When Herod died later an angel told the family in another dream it was safe to come home to Nazareth. Jesus grew strong, wise and blessed by God. **How about you? What is your experience of angels and dreams - or refugees? Read more in Matthew 2: 13-23.**

1



An' angel came in a dream

2



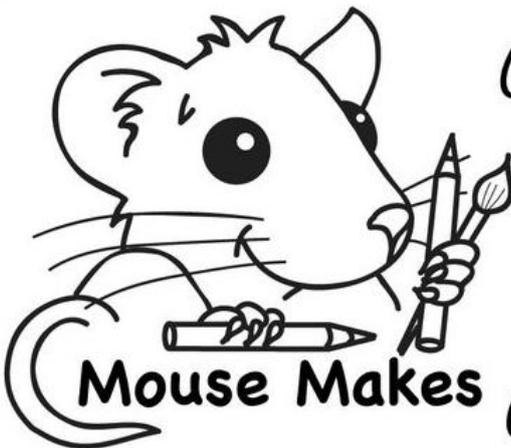
They fled to Egypt...

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Later an angel told them in a dream it was safe to come back to Nazareth



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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

John appeared in the desert baptising and preaching and many people confessed their sins and were baptised.

Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the river Jordan. As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, He saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you".

H E A V E N E E B O U R
 G Z O P L E A S E D A I
 O P E N O T B I L W J V
 D N J O R D A N E I E E
 O L W I D O P S I L S R
 V O I C E Z T U V D U K
 E V D G A L I L E E S R
 T E H O L Y S P I R I T
 U W A T E R E P E N T F
 R J O H N A Z A R E T H
 N F O R T Y D A Y S O N
 F O R G I V E N E S S

Can you find these words from the story in the grid above?

BAPTISE • WILDERNESS • WATER
 FORTY DAYS • NAZARETH
 FORGIVENESS • GALILEE • SINS
 JOHN • JESUS • RIVER

JORDAN • REPENT • TURN
 BELIEVE • HEAVEN • OPEN
 HOLY SPIRIT • GOD • DOVE • VOICE
 SON • LOVE • PLEASED • LORD



READ Mark 1: 1-13

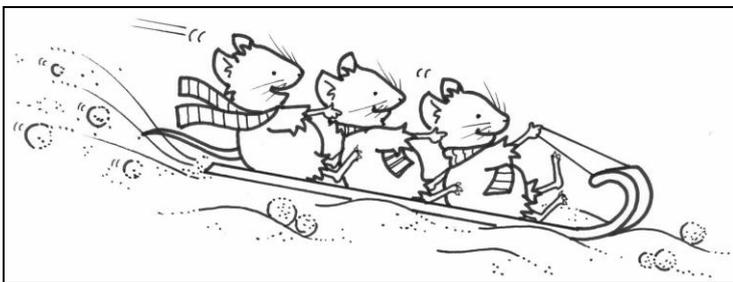
**Wordsearch for
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WISE	CONVERSION
MEN	SEEKING
TRIPS	KILL
PAUL	BABY
ENCOUNTER	GIFTS
JESUS	GOLD
DIFFERENT	PROUD
EPIPHANY	BLINDED
STAR	ROAD
SHONE	SUFFERING
BETHLEHEM	APOSTLE

H D D R M B A B Y G O O
L W E F E E D T K L E V
B L I B T T N A R I P A
L E I S N H N B O I I P
I N N K E L D U O R P O
N O I S R E V N O C H S
D H S T E H K E S C A T
E S U F F E R I N G N L
D E S I F M R L N G Y E
Y E E G I L U A P G D Y
A E J O D L O G T E F R
G I U I H S N O A S E O

Special Days in January

The Wise Men and St Paul were both on trips when they first encountered Jesus, but how different those trips were! The Wise Men, whom we remember on Epiphany (6th Jan) were seeking the One for whom the Star shone, and came to Bethlehem to worship him. St Paul, whose conversion we remember this month (26th Jan), was on his way to Damascus, seeking to kill those who worshipped Jesus. When the Wise Men encountered the Baby Jesus, they worshipped him and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. When St Paul, the proud, fanatical Pharisee, encountered Jesus, he fell blinded on the road, and then worshipped him by giving him the rest of his life. St Paul endured years of suffering and hardships in his work as the great apostle to the Gentiles. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.



Kid's Zone

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In a tradition dating back to 1977, the churchwardens re-enacted "Star Wars"