

Magi and the Messiah

LESSON 13



Your Response to the Lesson

A painting depicting three riders on horseback in a desert landscape. The scene is set during the day, with a bright sun or star in the sky. The riders are dressed in traditional, colorful attire. The landscape features a dirt path, a stone wall, and a distant city or town. The overall atmosphere is one of a journey or quest.

What was most interesting in the Bible story?

What activity was most enjoyable?

What new things did you learn?

Activity A

Giving the Best

Have the students write down the most important things in their lives.

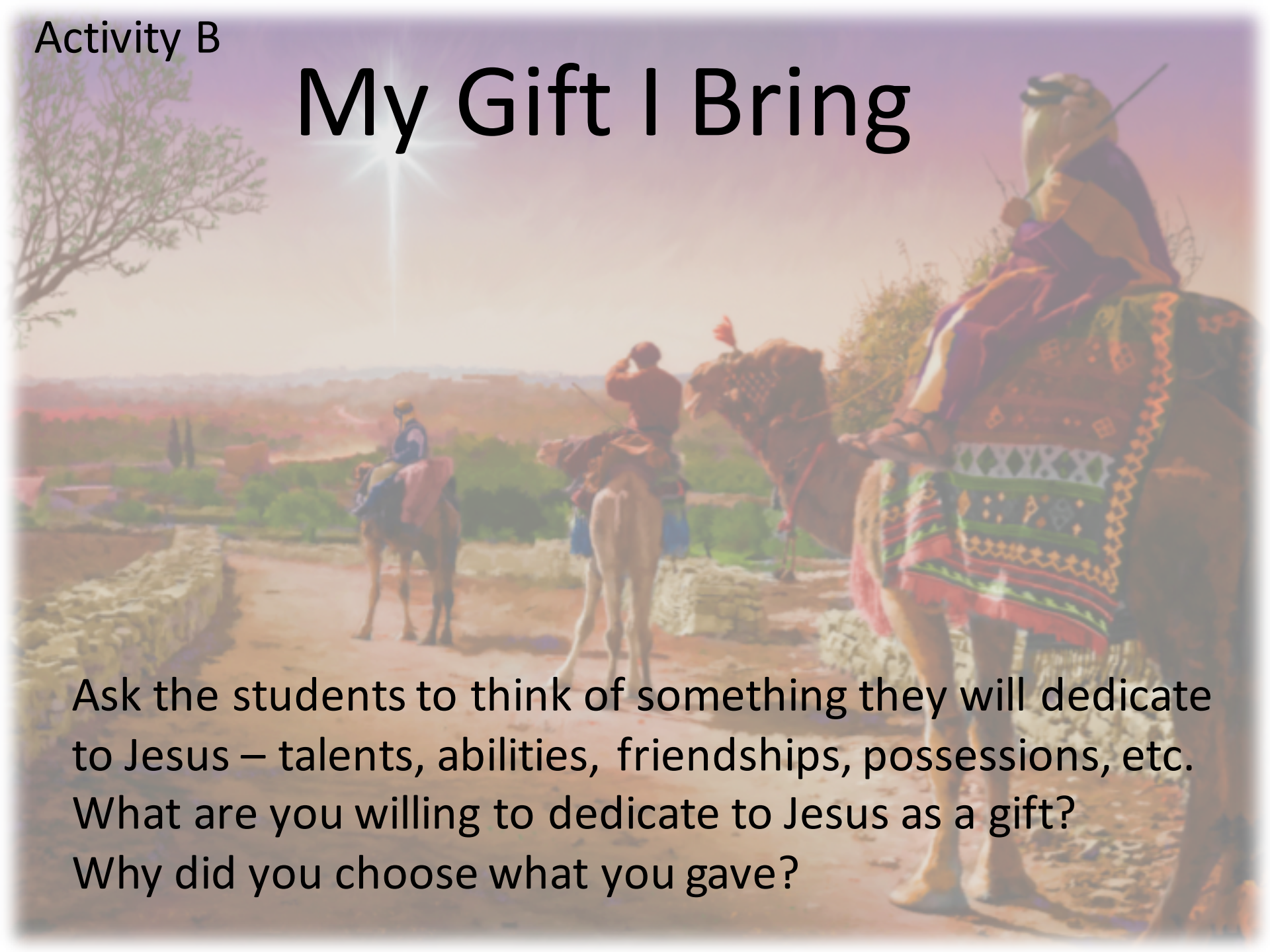
List them in the order of importance.

How difficult was it to decide?



Activity B

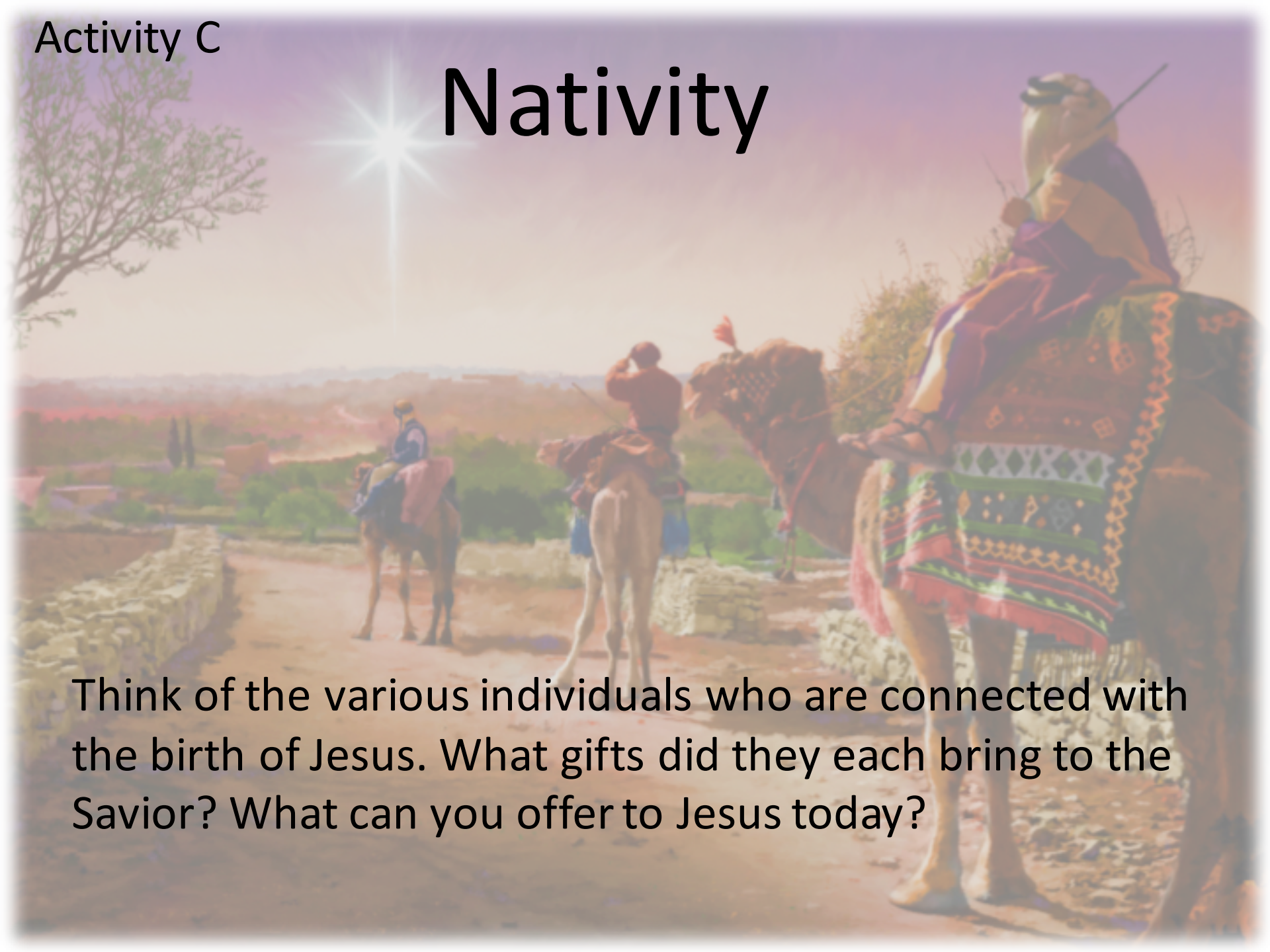
My Gift I Bring

A painting depicting the three wise men on camels following the Star of Bethlehem. The scene is set in a desert landscape with a stone wall on the left and a distant town. The sky is a mix of purple and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A bright star with a lens flare is visible in the upper left. The wise men are dressed in traditional, colorful robes. The camel in the foreground is adorned with a patterned blanket.

Ask the students to think of something they will dedicate to Jesus – talents, abilities, friendships, possessions, etc. What are you willing to dedicate to Jesus as a gift? Why did you choose what you gave?

Activity C

Nativity



Think of the various individuals who are connected with the birth of Jesus. What gifts did they each bring to the Savior? What can you offer to Jesus today?

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powertext

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A painting depicting the Three Kings on camels following the Star of Bethlehem. The scene is set in a landscape with a dirt road, stone walls, and a distant town. The sky is a mix of purple and orange, suggesting dawn or dusk. A bright, multi-pointed star shines in the upper left. The camels are adorned with colorful, patterned blankets. The overall style is reminiscent of a religious painting.

POWERPOINT

We worship by giving
ourselves to Jesus.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

How Was Your Week?

Good things?
Challenges?
Special events?



PRAYER AND PRAISE

Songs

“Joy to the World” (*The SDA Hymnal*, no. 125)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (*The SDA Hymnal*, no. 132)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (*The SDA Hymnal*, no. 135)

INTER-EUROPEAN DIVISION

	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERS	POPULATION
Austrian	50	12	4,135	8,616,000
Bulgarian	119	122	7,228	7,181,000
Czecho-Slovakian	186	39	9,811	15,975,000
Franco-Belgian	162	20	16,589	76,165,000
Italian	111	18	9,527	62,932,000
North German*	338	16	19,290	46,715,806
Portuguese	95	23	9,298	10,349,000
Romanian	1,104	240	65,961	19,839,000
South German*	222	12	15,470	34,416,194
Spanish	111	41	16,525	46,476,000
Swiss	52	5	4,546	8,331,000

TOTALS 2,550 548 178,380 336,996,000

*Statistics from the 2011 Annual Statistics Report
Population statistics from the 2011 Eurostat Yearbook

PROJECTS:

- ① Build church in Vienna, Austria
- ② Establish an Adventist Synagogue in Paris, France
- ③ Build a church in Ragusa, Italy

CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Provide Christian values/Adventist lifestyle classes to Romanian children



Austria

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A Place to Call Home

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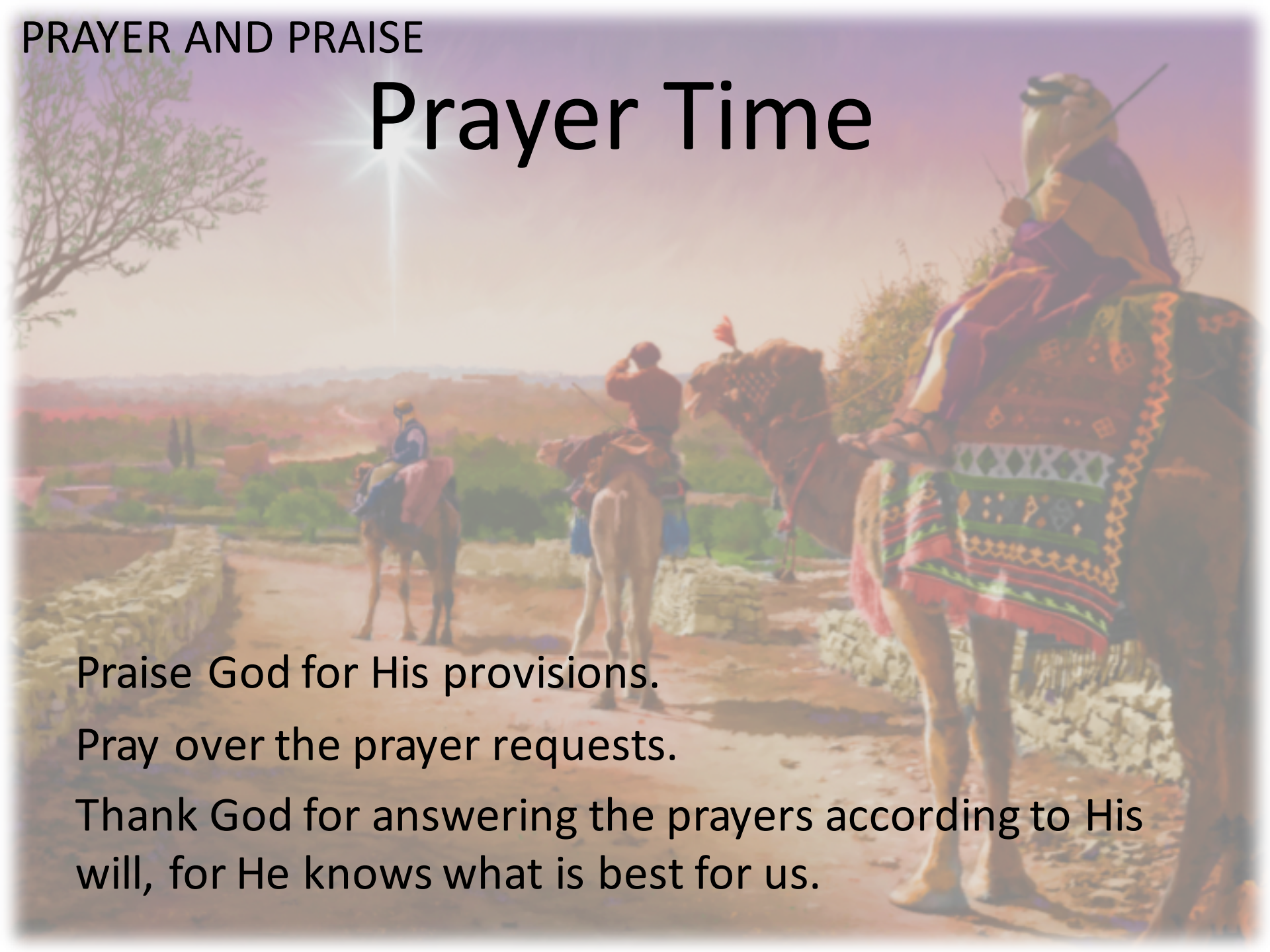
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Prayer Time

Praise God for His provisions.

Pray over the prayer requests.

Thank God for answering the prayers according to His will, for He knows what is best for us.



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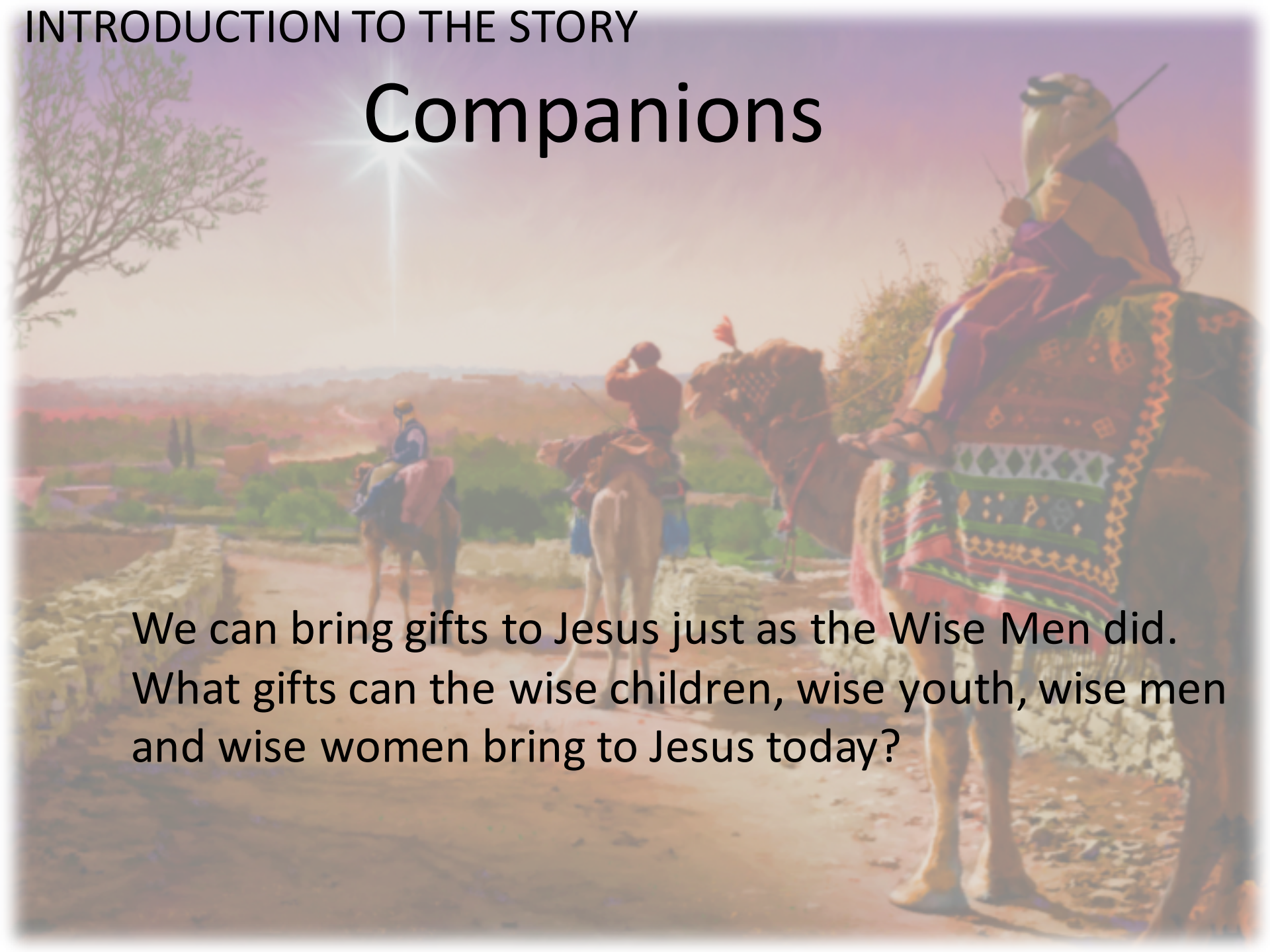
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INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

Companions

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We can bring gifts to Jesus just as the Wise Men did.
What gifts can the wise children, wise youth, wise men
and wise women bring to Jesus today?

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The Story

You may listen to a podcast recording of the story:
www.juniorpowerpoints.org



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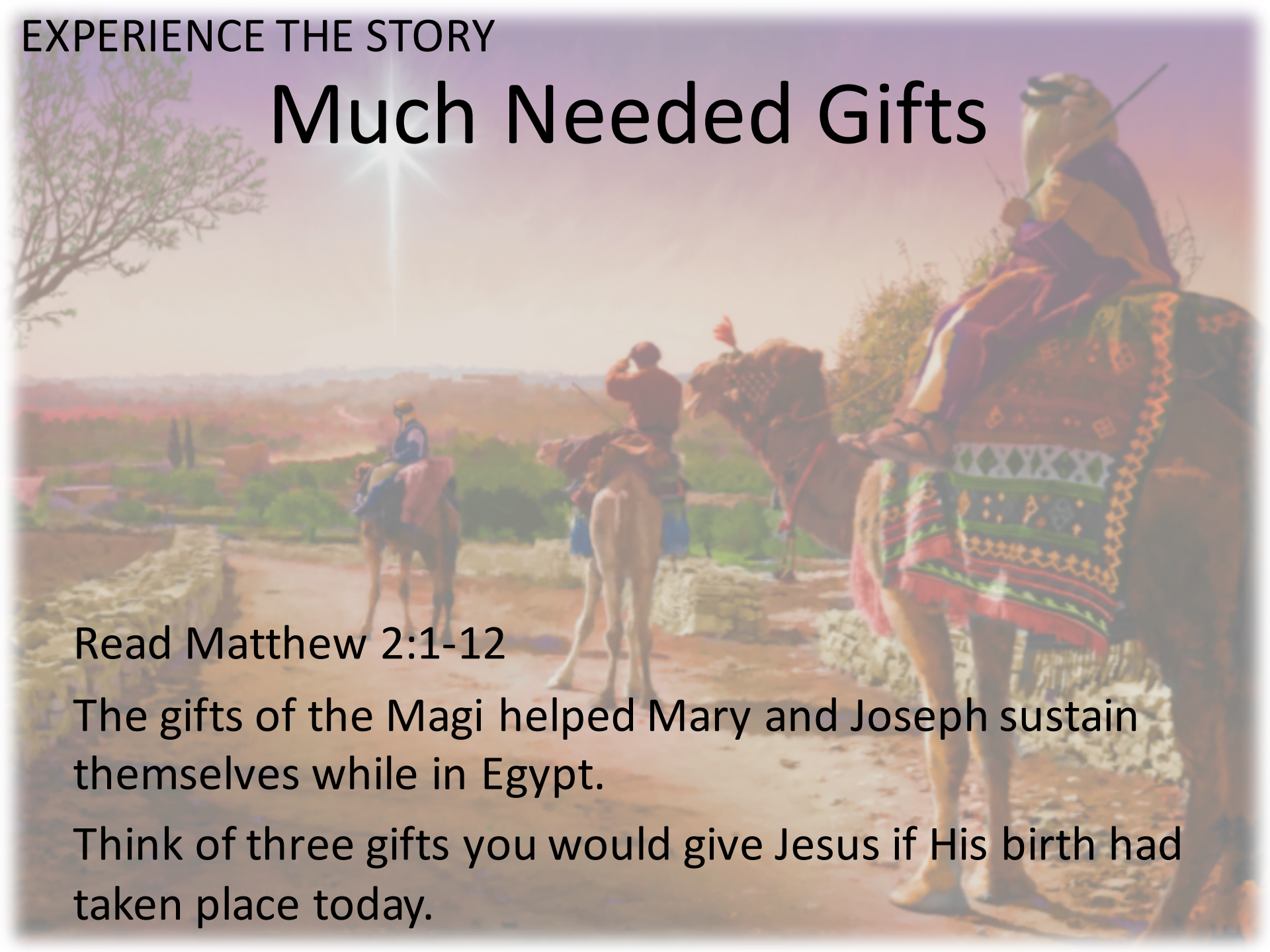
EXPERIENCE THE STORY

Much Needed Gifts

Read Matthew 2:1-12

The gifts of the Magi helped Mary and Joseph sustain themselves while in Egypt.

Think of three gifts you would give Jesus if His birth had taken place today.



EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Treasure Hunt

What is Frankincense and Myrrh?

Frankincense

- Exodus 30:1, 6-8
- Psalm 141:2
- Luke 1:9, 10
- Revelation 5:8

Myrrh

- Genesis 37:25
- Exodus 30:23-26
- Ester 2:12
- Mark 15:23
- John 19:39, 40



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APPLY THE LESSON

Make Christmas Different

- What can you do to make a difference this Christmas season? Who are people who would benefit from gifts of kindness and caring?



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SHARE THE LESSON

Reason for the Season

- Were you able to spend time reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas?
- Find a service opportunity for the students and engage them actively.



Coming Up Next Week

“The Great Gift Exchange”

- Grace provided the gift of salvation
- Study your Sabbath School lesson each day
- Complete the daily activities
- Memorize the Power Text



Closing Prayer

A painting depicting the Three Kings on camels following the Star of Bethlehem. The scene is set in a desert landscape with a bright star shining in the sky. The kings are dressed in ornate, colorful robes and are riding camels. The background shows a distant city and a large tree on the left.

*Dear Jesus,
Please help us to serve You and others lovingly and
generously. Give us wisdom to worship You with gifts
that honor You.
Amen.*