

# Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



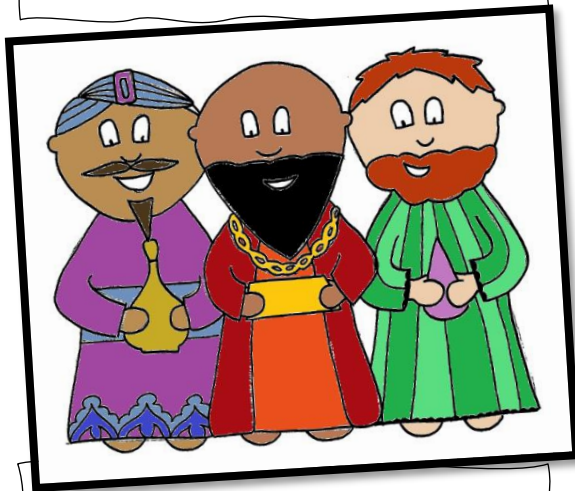
## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together the story of the Magi.

You can find it in your Bible in:

**Matthew 2 v 1–12**

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.



## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of the magi and the gifts that remind us of who you are. Help us to come to know you as the King of Kings and to recognise your Holiness. Thank you for your death on the cross for us and the salvation we have through you.

Help us to share your gift of love with others, to help them seek you and accept your gift of salvation for themselves.

Amen

## Discussion

### A question for adults to ask children

*Why do you think the magi brought Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?*

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were very expensive and precious gifts, the magi thought they were visiting a King and a palace so they chose costly gifts.

God had a bigger plan, the King of Kings was born in a stable not a palace. The three gifts of the magi teach us more about Jesus’ identity than they probably realised. Gold reminds us that Jesus was a royal King, Frankincense which was used in the temple reminds us that Jesus is Holy, the ultimate High Priest. Myrrh was used after death to prepare the body; it seems a strange gift for a baby but we know that Jesus had been born to save everybody through his death on the cross and resurrection.

### A question for children to ask adults

*What is the best present you’ve ever received?*

## Family Activity 1

Use the instructions on p3 to fold your own origami stars. You could make them with strips of wrapping paper or any paper you have around.

Thread them onto a string to make a star garland to hang in your house.





## A verse to remember

Isaiah 9 v 6

**A child has been born to us; God has given a son to us.  
He will be responsible for leading the people.  
His name will be Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God,  
Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace.**

Read this verse from Isaiah together, there are so many different things to learn about Jesus and who He is to us. Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate a copy and put it up somewhere you can see it during the week.

## Active Advent

God is amazing and there will always be more of God for us to experience and come to know. Why not take on these challenges during the fourth week of Advent, you could do one each day or do them all at once, they are all about discovering more about God.

### Dec 20th

Set a timer for 1 minute, how many different names and words can you think of to describe God?



### Dec 21st

Read 1 Corinthians 12 v7-11, it talks about the different gifts God has for us, ask God which gift He would like to give you today through the Holy Spirit.



### Dec 22nd

Stretch out as wide as you can, now stretch up as high as you can. Read Ephesians 3:18-19 and see what it says about how BIG God's love is for you.



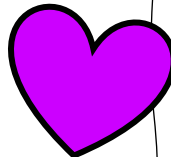
### Dec 23rd

Jesus died on a cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could be saved. God's forgiveness is for everybody, take some time today to pray for a friend or family member who doesn't yet know God as their friend and saviour.



### Dec 24th

We are precious children of God, spend some time listening to God today. Ask God to tell you some of the things He loves about you!



### Dec 25th

## Merry Christmas!

As you celebrate together don't forget to stop and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus – the reason for the season!

## Family Activity 2

You will need: An empty box, a blindfold/scarf, some random items from around the house.

Play a game of 'guess the gift' take it in turns to wear the blindfold. One random object is placed in the box, just using your sense of touch, hearing and smell can you work out what is in the box?



## Active Waiting

Spend some time waiting on God together as a family and listening. Our helper the Holy Spirit has many gifts to share with us, why not ask for a new gift today?

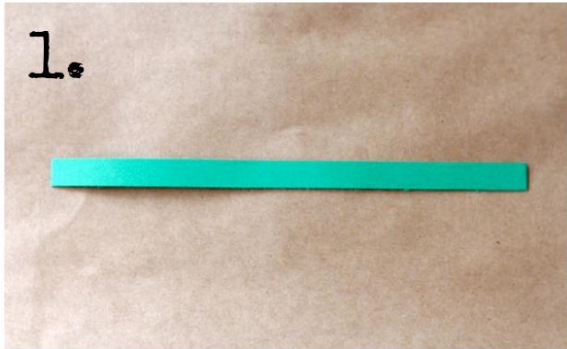
You can download a 'Listening to God' resource at :

[www.TatH.co.uk/other-resources](http://www.TatH.co.uk/other-resources)

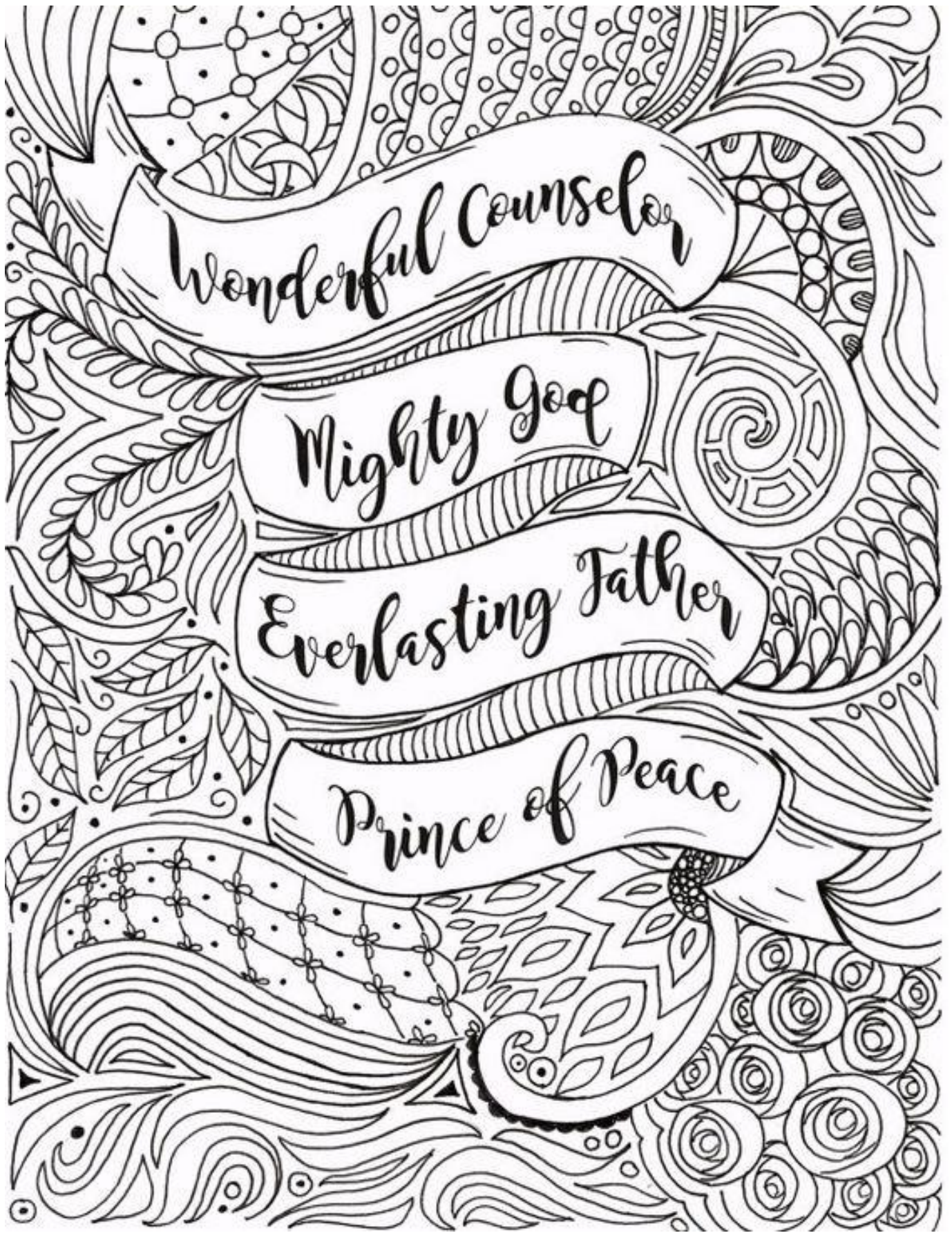


# Origami Stars

Instruction images from [www.alyssaandcarla.com](http://www.alyssaandcarla.com)



A colouring page you could print and colour together



# PUZZLE SHEET

How many presents can you find on the page?



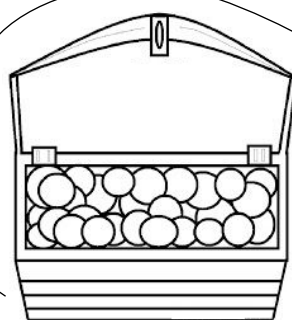
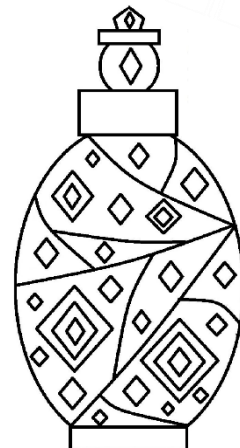
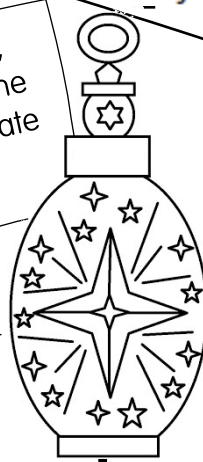
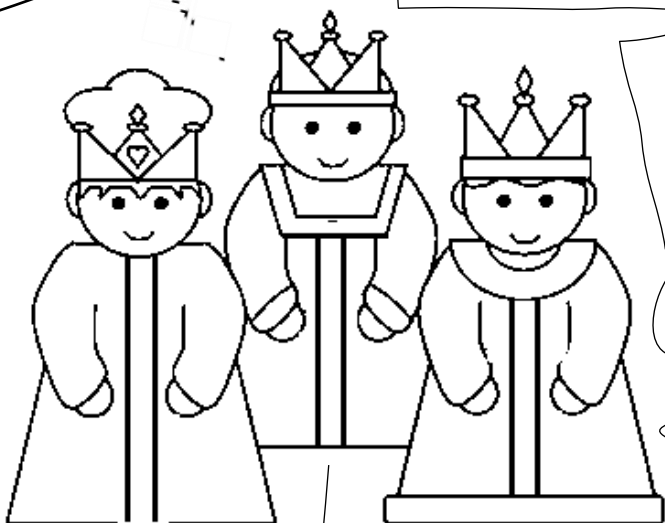
Can you find all these words in the star wordsearch?

- magi
- star
- gold
- frankincense
- myrrh
- gifts
- king
- palace
- epiphany



Can you match each of the magi to their gift?

Colour each gift, then use the same colours to decorate their magi!



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