

# 2022

*Happy New Year*



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# Epiphany





**Epiphany: 'a church festival that celebrates the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus'.**



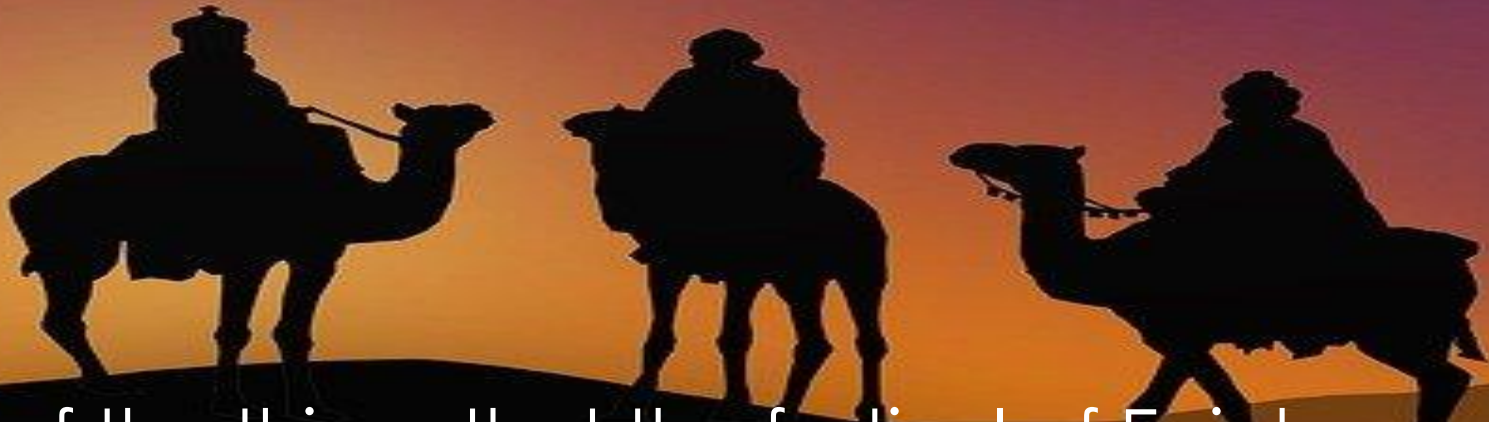
The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word which means 'making known'; the birth of Jesus was the beginning of God making known who Jesus is and God's plan for the world.



Epiphany: **'a sudden and inspiring revelation'.**



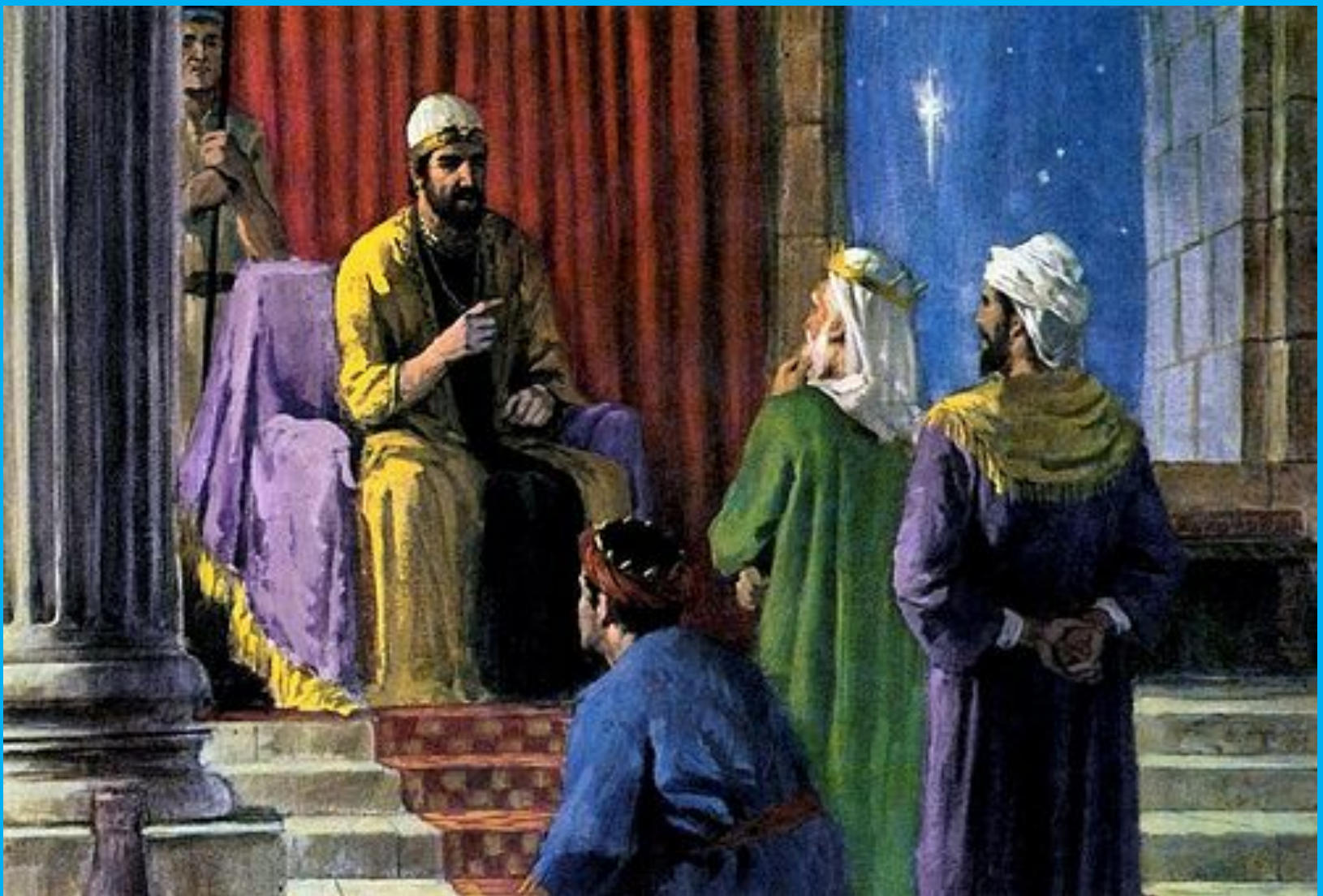
At the time Jesus was born Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews) never mixed. It would have been a hugely surprising revelation that God wanted Gentiles (the wise men) to see Jesus (who was a Jew).



One of the things that the festival of Epiphany reveals is that God doesn't have favourites but welcomes people from any background and any nationality.



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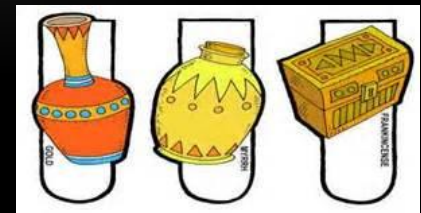




**Gold is a gift fit for a king. It recognised that Jesus was a great king, the king of the world.**

**Frankincense is a special kind of fragrance that was used by a priest.**

**Myrrh was a sweet-smelling liquid that was rubbed gently into the skin of someone who had died. It indicated that Jesus' death would be important.**





# Reflection

God has given us all special gifts.

What are your special gifts?

How can you share them with others?

Can you show respect for other people's gifts?

# Dear Lord

We thank you for bringing baby Jesus for both rich and poor.

Today, as we learn about Epiphany,  
we see that everyone is important to you,  
Everyone has gifts that are special and wonderful.

We promise together, that we will try  
to use all the gifts you have given to us  
in school, at home and at play.

Thank you, Lord. Amen.



BY JOANNA GRIFFIN

## ***NEW YEAR PRAYER:***

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

