



Epiphany: What Will You Bring?

Epiphany means appearing, as in the appearing or manifestation of the Christ child. Many Christians celebrate Epiphany on January 6, twelve days after Christmas, to recall the kings who came to worship Jesus. (In reality, we don't know exactly when the kings arrived.)

Read Matthew 2:1-12 from a child-friendly Bible.

The magi or kings were looking for the appearing of the Christ child. They came to worship him and brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They were willing to risk their own lives to honor Jesus.

Read Romans 12:1-2 from a child-friendly Bible.

Before Jesus came to earth, people's sins were forgiven through animal sacrifices. But now, because of Jesus' death on the cross, we don't have to kill animals to be forgiven. To be a living sacrifice means giving your entire life—your heart, your mind, and your willpower—to God. One of the ways we can be a living sacrifice is by helping and serving others.

As we celebrate the New Year, let us ask ourselves, "What gifts will I bring to King Jesus this year?"

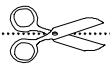
Will you give Jesus your heart, your life? (If you've never done so, you can do it right now by admitting that you have sinned and need Jesus to save you and forgive you.)

Will you give Jesus your mind? (You can do so by reading his word everyday and thinking about those things that please God.)

Will you give Jesus your willpower? (You can do so by asking him to change your will, your desires, to be like his.)

Will you give Jesus your treasures? (You can do so by giving your gifts of money and talents to grow God's kingdom!)

How will you serve others in the name of Jesus Christ this coming new year? (Finish the sentence, below, then cut apart, and place in your Epiphany prayer box.)



Because Jesus is the King of my life, I will _____