

# *Feast of the Epiphany*



We gather together to love,  
value and respect each other  
within our Catholic family, to  
nurture each individual's  
talents and skills as Jesus  
taught us.

*Everyone matters and is loved  
by God.*

Peace be with you  
and with your Spirit



Jesus Christ light of the world  
... **shine brightly in our lives**

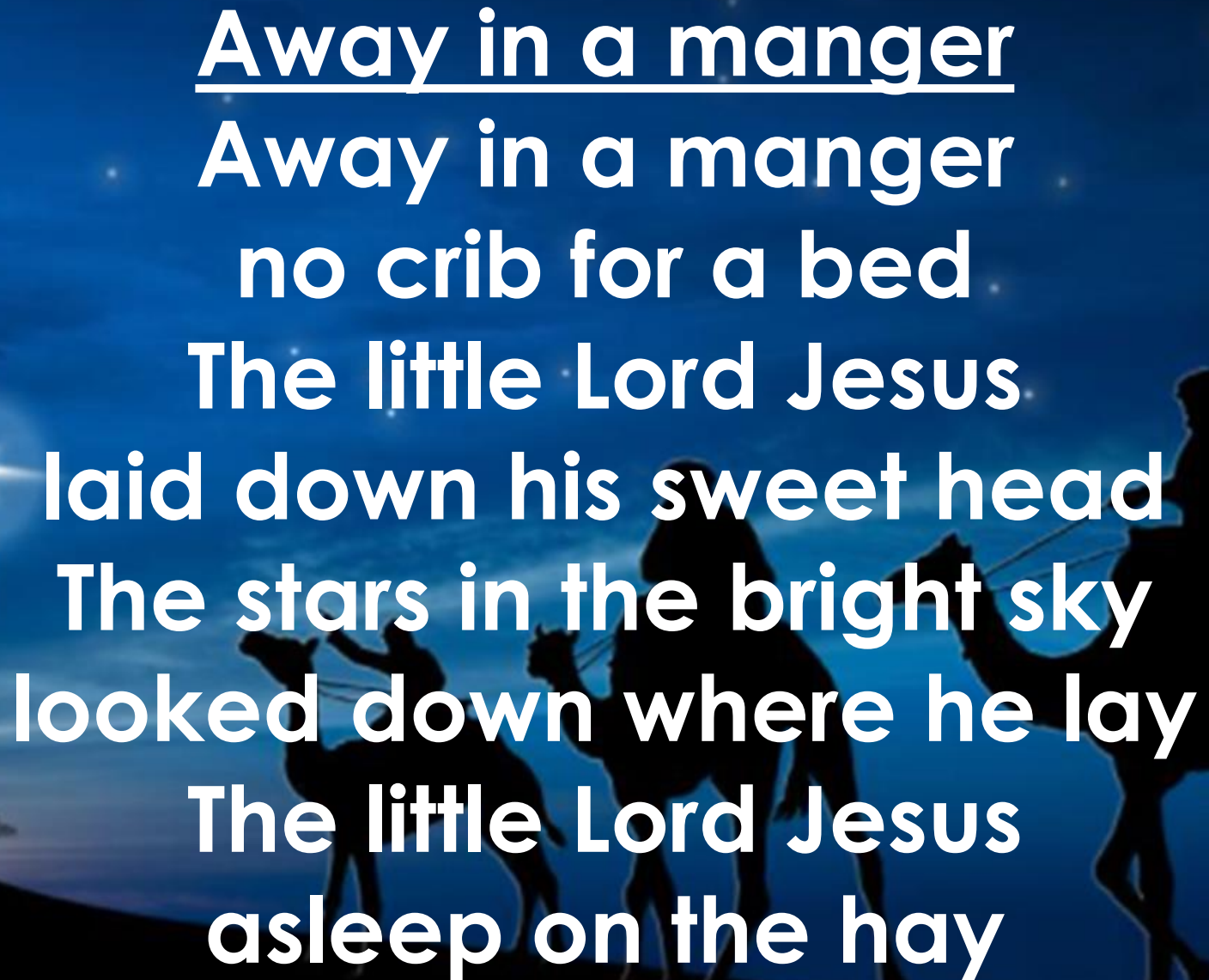


Jesus Christ God's living  
Word  
... **speak to us your truth**



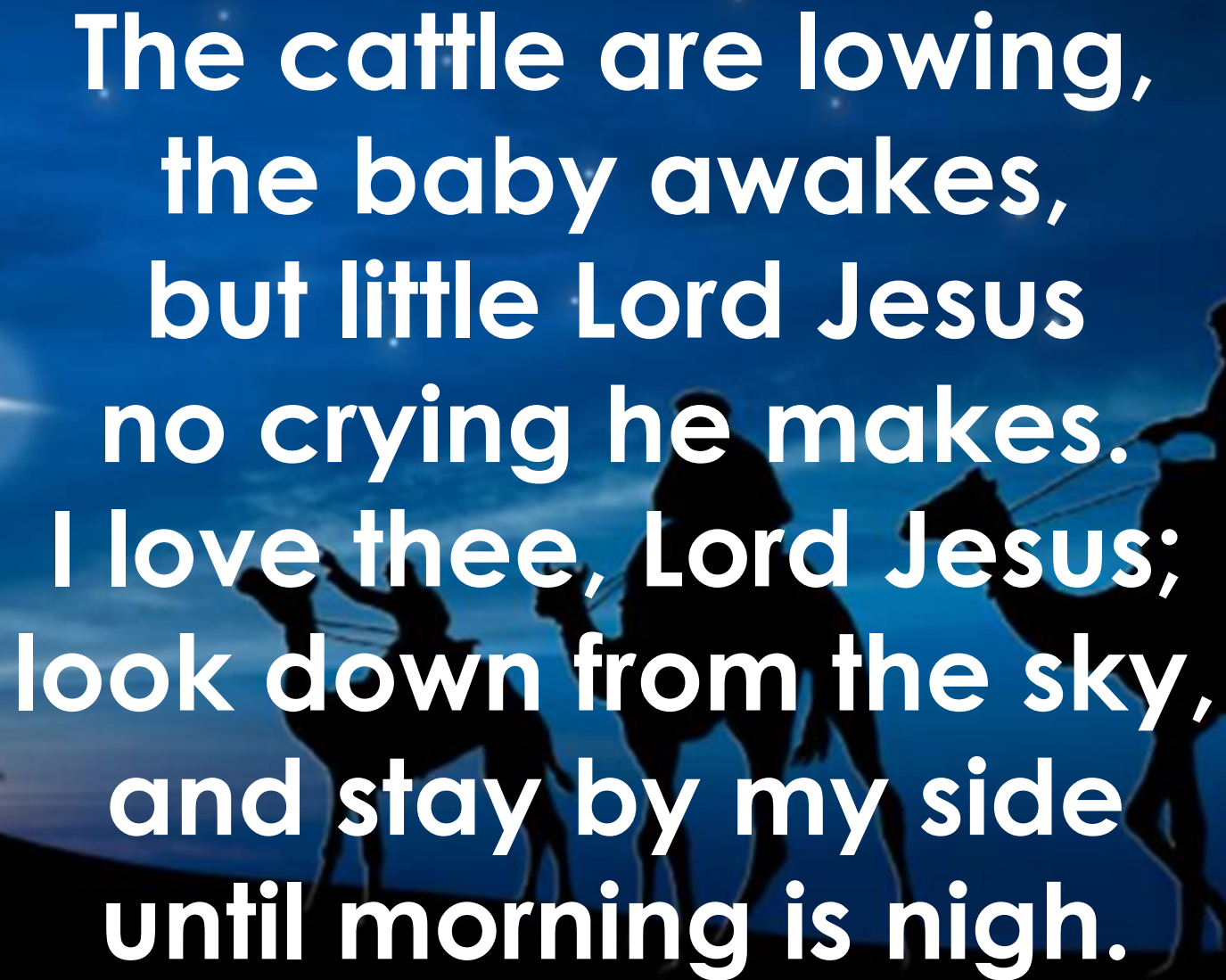
Jesus Christ God's love  
revealed  
... **dwell among us**



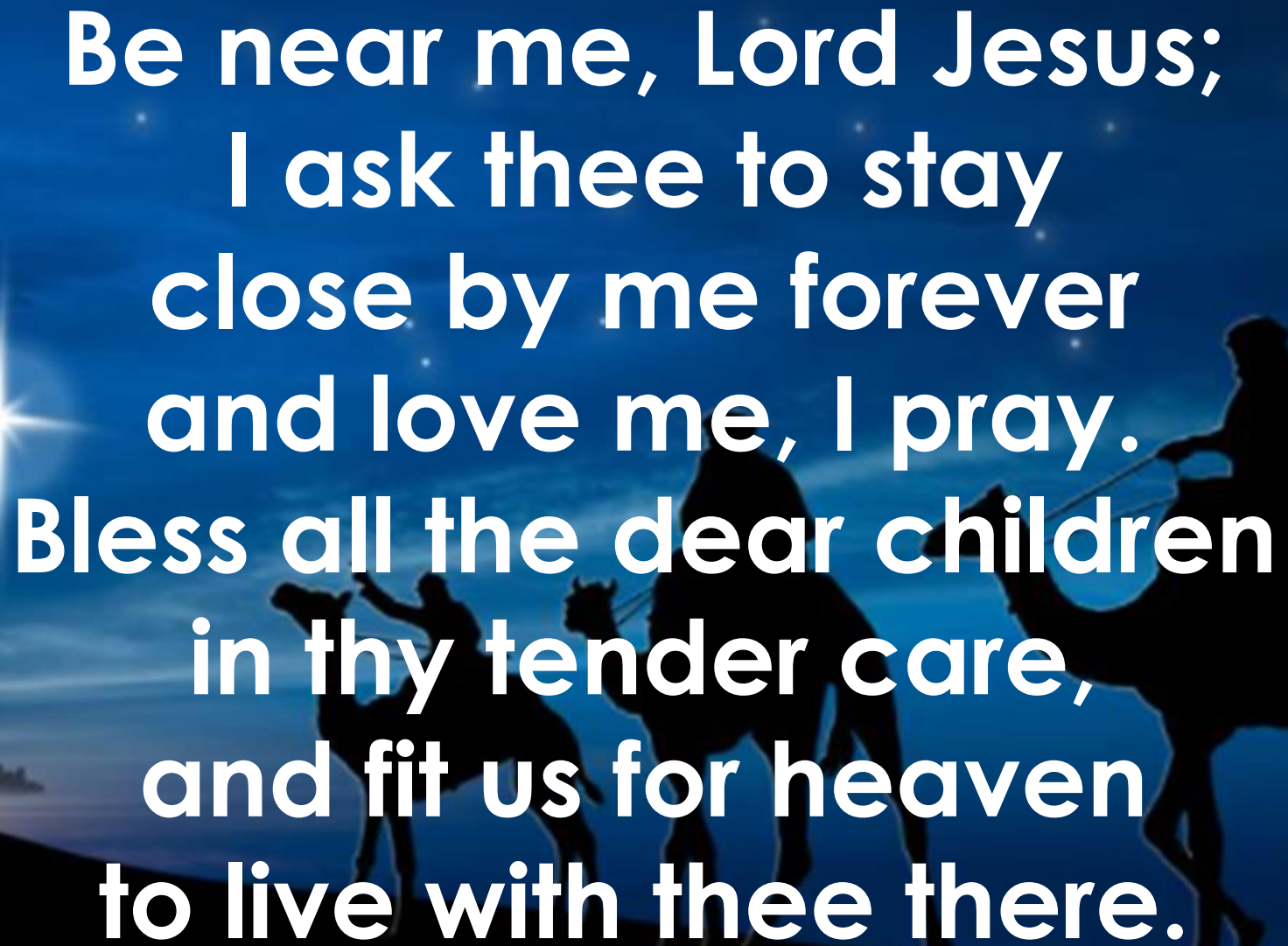
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Away in a manger  
Away in a manger  
no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus  
asleep on the hay



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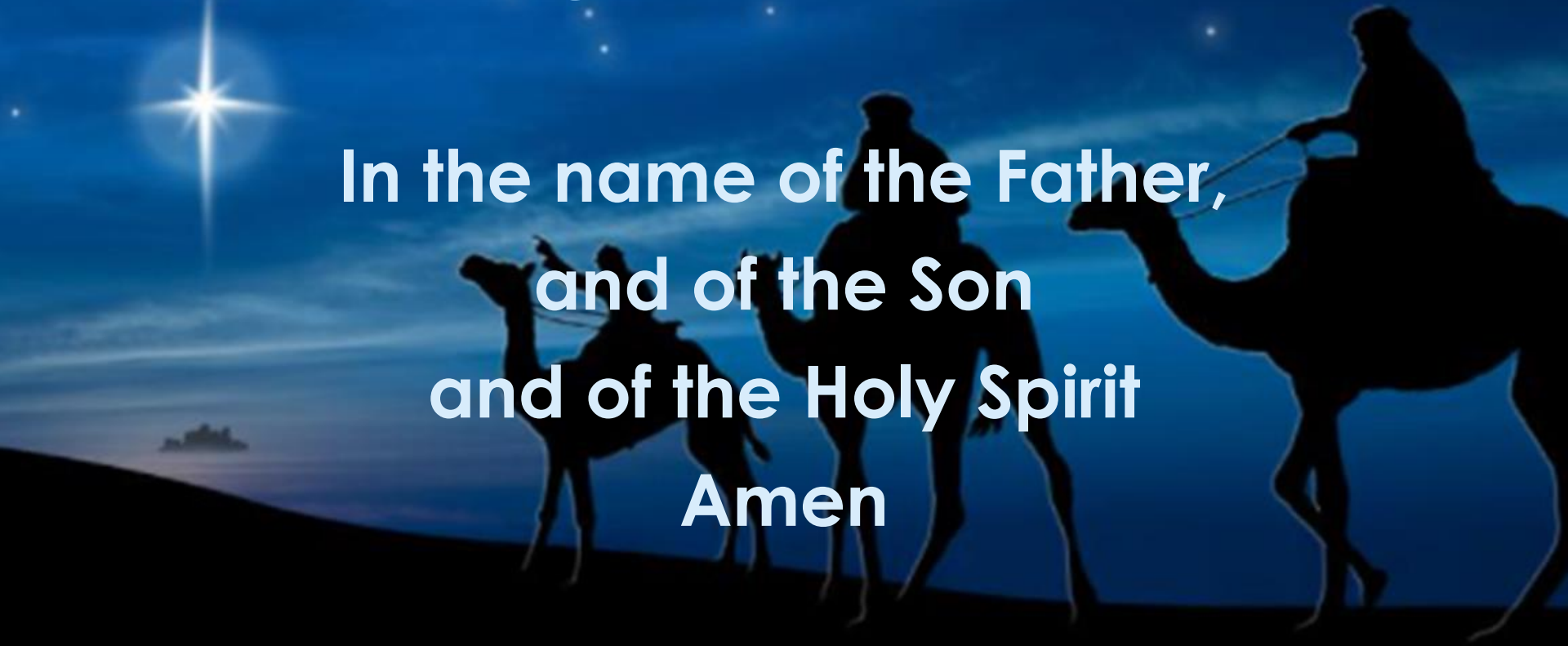
The cattle are lowing,  
the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus  
no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus;  
look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side  
until morning is nigh.

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**Be near me, Lord Jesus;  
I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever  
and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven  
to live with thee there.**

Our lit candles remind us that  
we are in God's presence as  
we mark ourselves with the  
sign of the cross

**In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit  
Amen**



# We Say Sorry

You call us to follow you  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You ask us to love one another  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You open your arms to all of us  
Lord, have mercy.

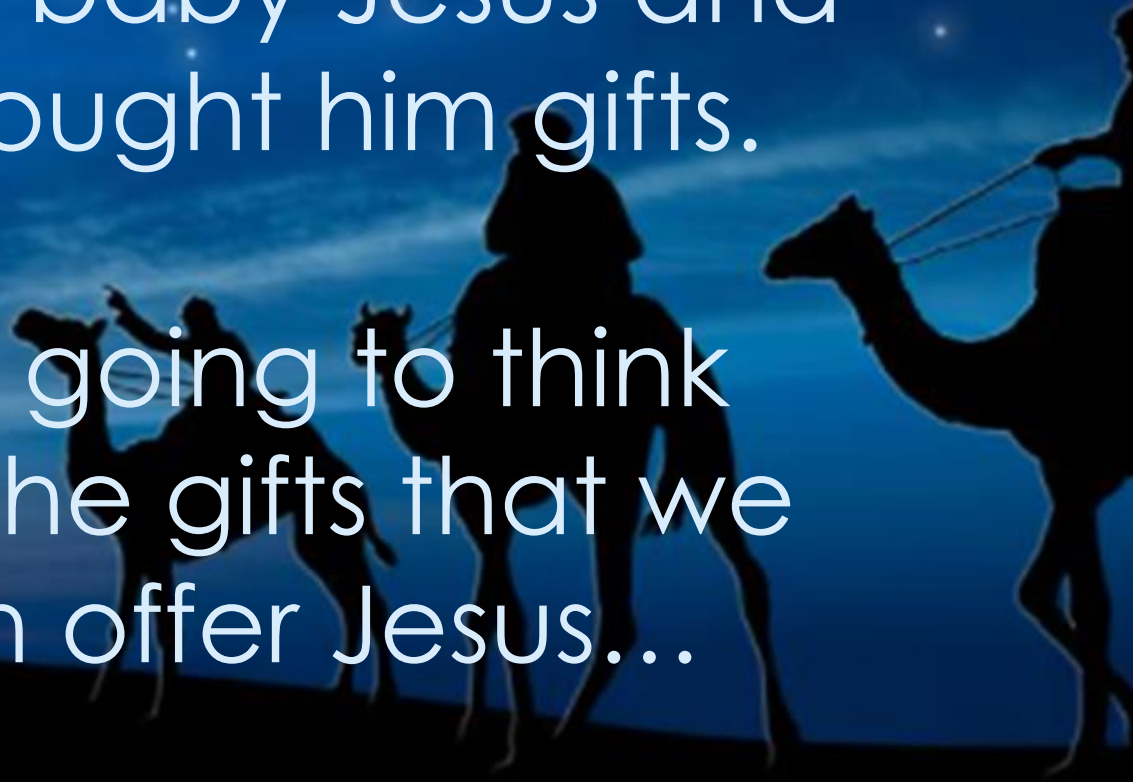
**Lord, have mercy.**

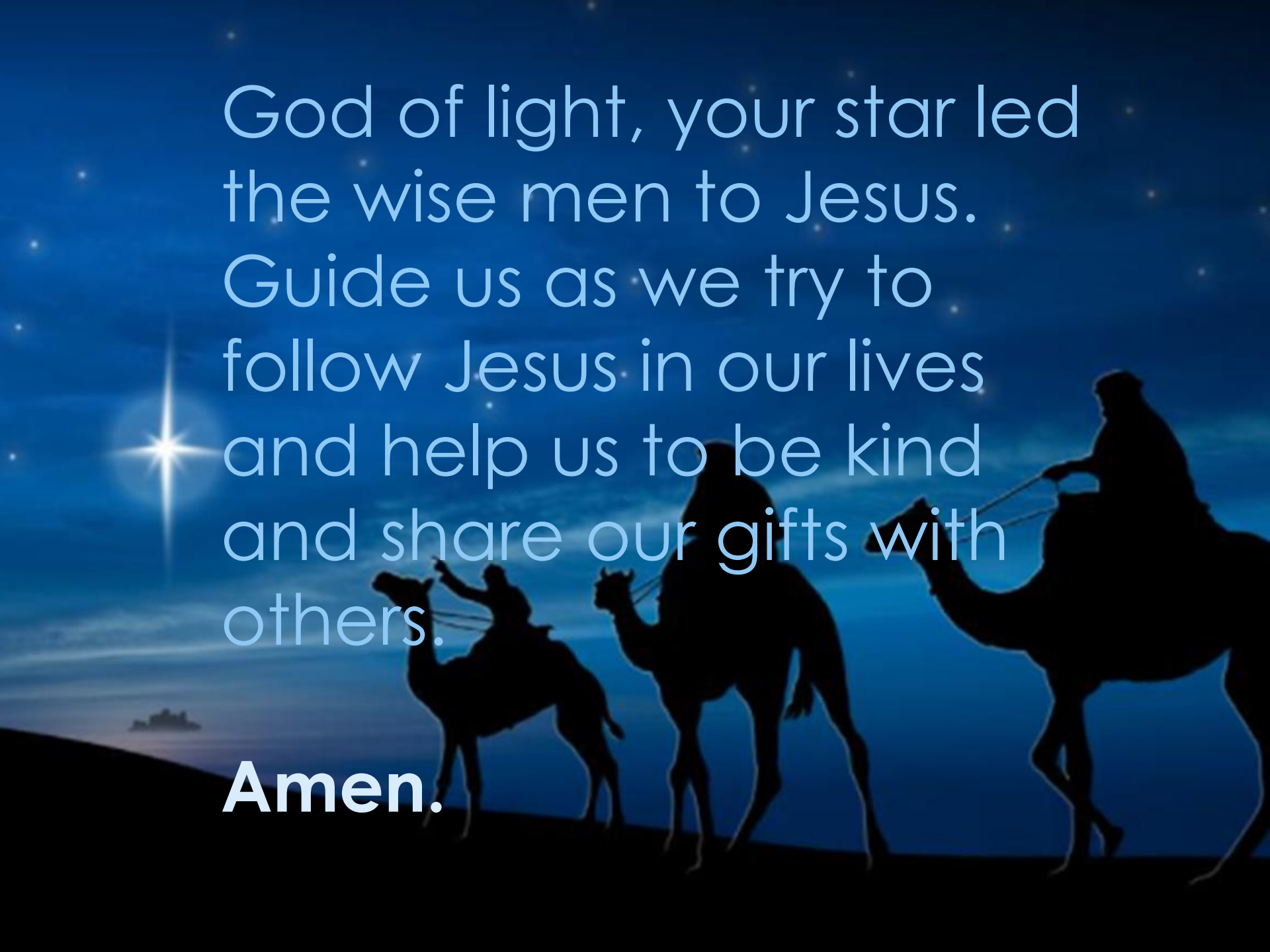




Today we hear about  
some people who  
travelled a long way to  
see the baby Jesus and  
who brought him gifts.

We are going to think  
about the gifts that we  
too can offer Jesus...



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God of light, your star led  
the wise men to Jesus.  
Guide us as we try to  
follow Jesus in our lives  
and help us to be kind  
and share our gifts with  
others.

**Amen.**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



*We listen to the word*

Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

**May the words of Jesus be**

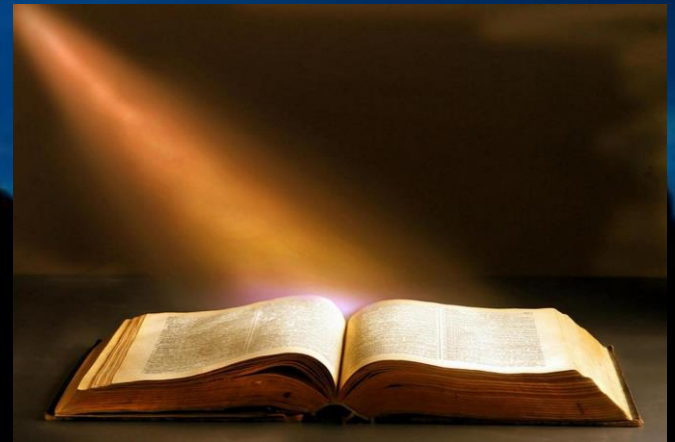
**On my mind**

**On my lips and**

**In my heart**

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

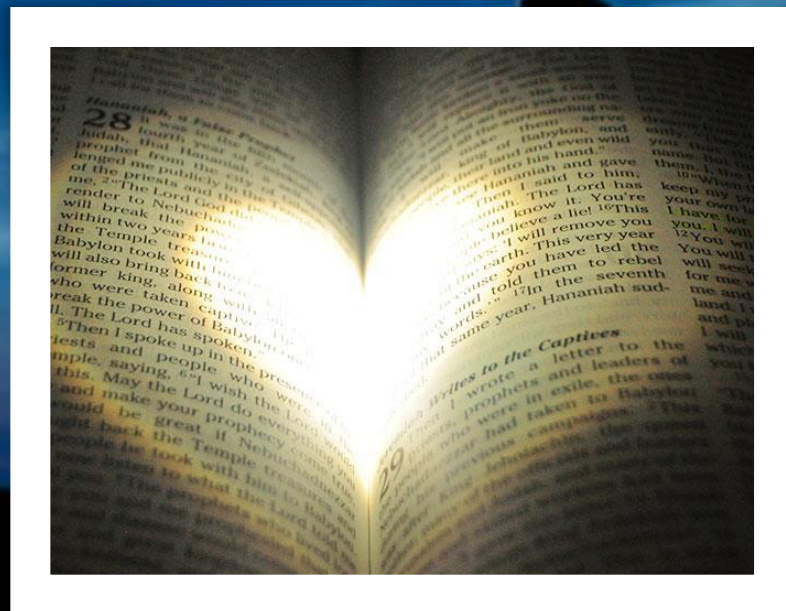




Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
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We are still and silent as  
we reflect on God's  
word for us in the Gospel.





In silence, pray for each other - that God will be with all of us.





The wise men travel a  
long way to see Jesus.

Where do they go first?



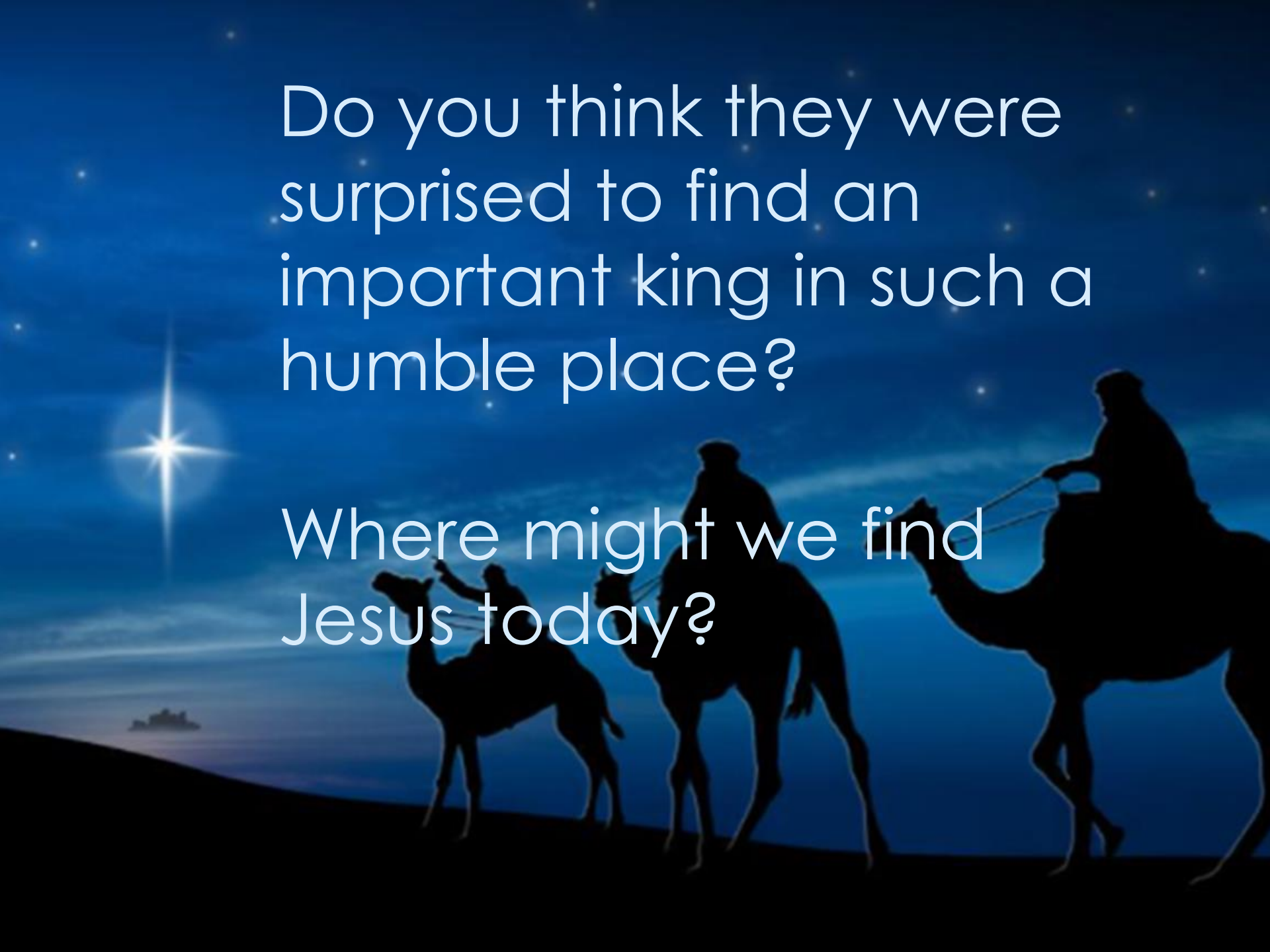
Why might they have  
gone to a palace?

Where do they find Jesus  
in the end?

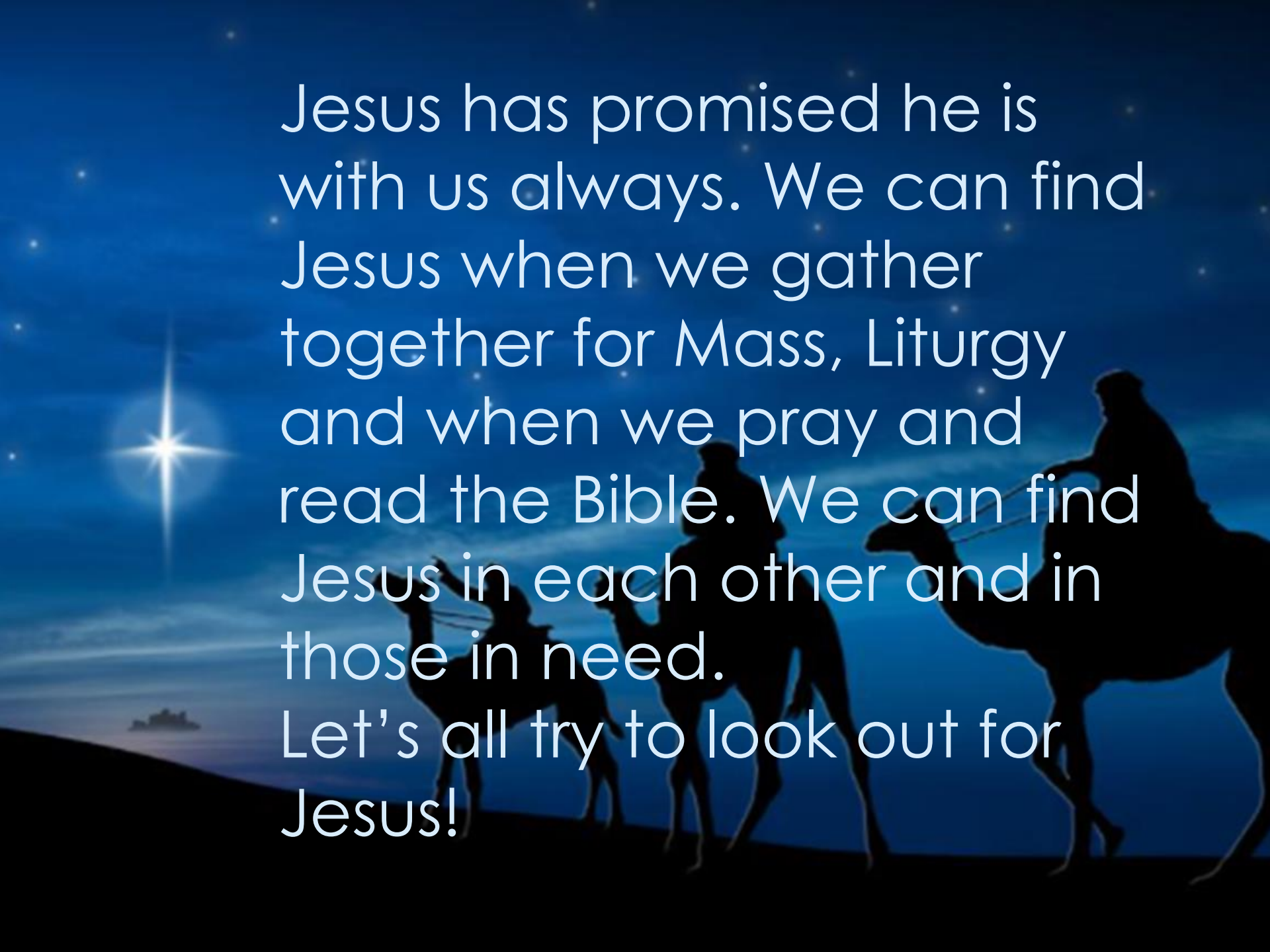


Do you think they were surprised to find an important king in such a humble place?

Where might we find Jesus today?



Jesus has promised he is with us always. We can find Jesus when we gather together for Mass, Liturgy and when we pray and read the Bible. We can find Jesus in each other and in those in need. Let's all try to look out for Jesus!





When they find Jesus, the  
wise men offer him  
presents.

Can you remember what  
the gifts they bring are?



How does it feel when  
you are given presents?

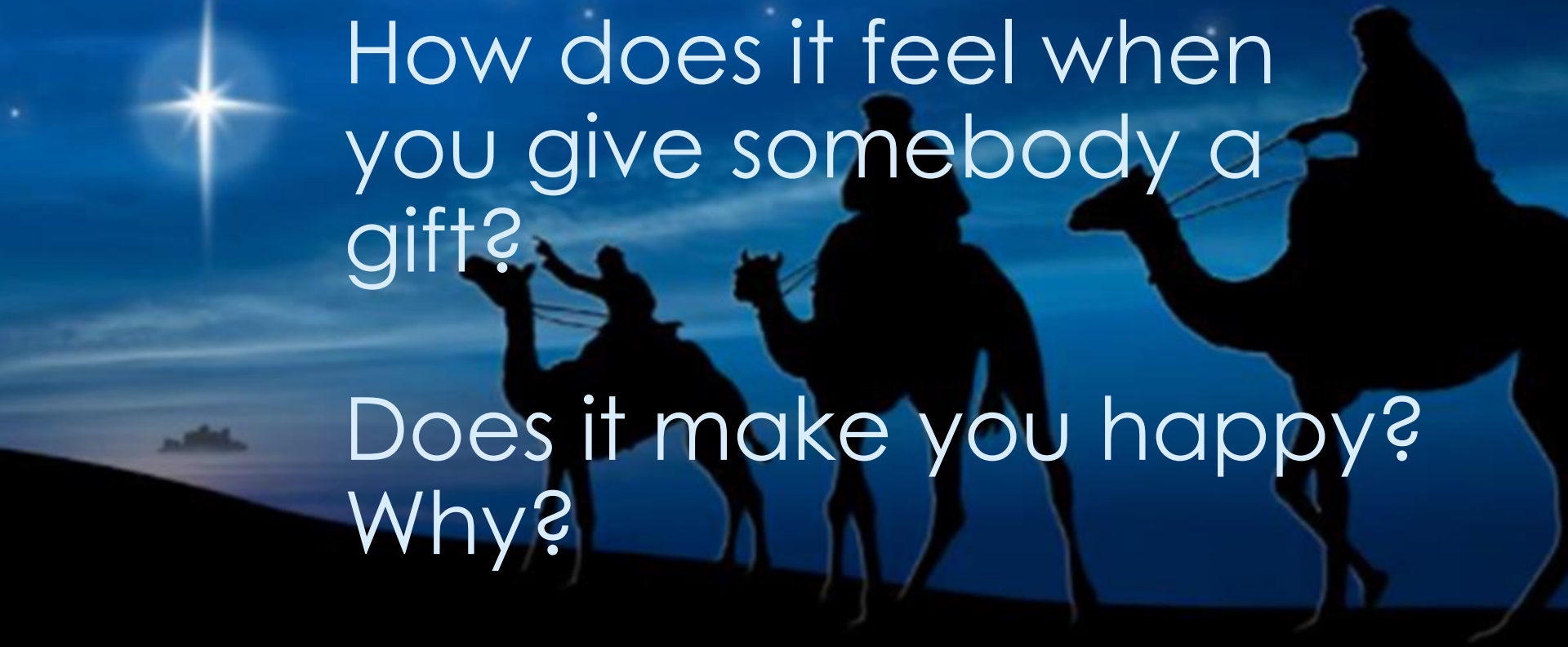
What is the best gift you  
have ever been given?



Can you think of a time  
when you gave someone  
else a gift?

How does it feel when  
you give somebody a  
gift?

Does it make you happy?  
Why?



The gifts that the wise men gave were very expensive.

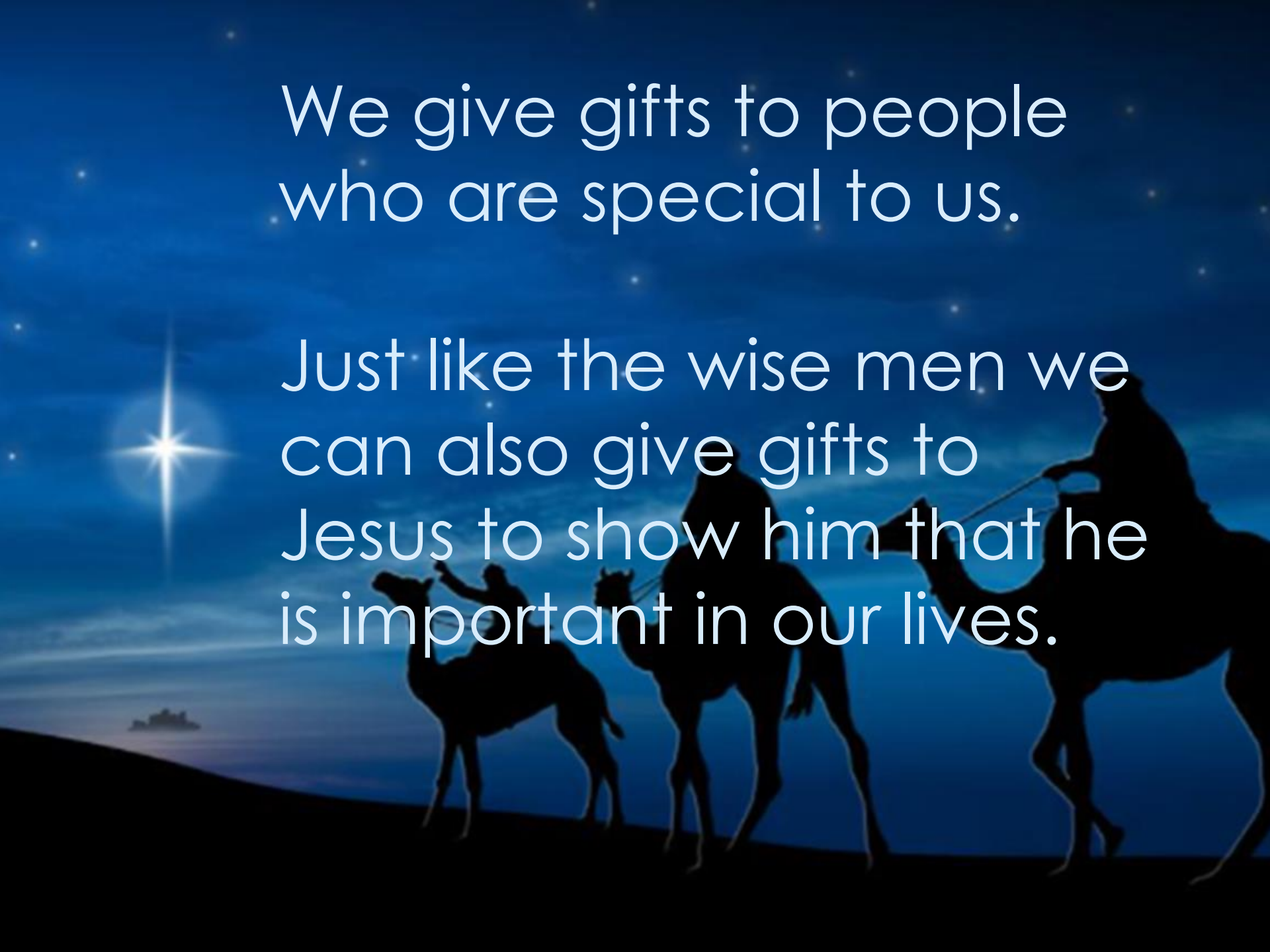
Do we have to spend lots of money on presents to make people happy?





We give gifts to people  
who are special to us.

Just like the wise men we  
can also give gifts to  
Jesus to show him that he  
is important in our lives.



Unlike the wise men we  
don't have to spend lots  
of money.

We already have special  
gifts that we can offer.



Some of us are good at singing or dancing, some of us can draw pictures or tell stories well.

Some of us are kind, or funny, or able to listen.

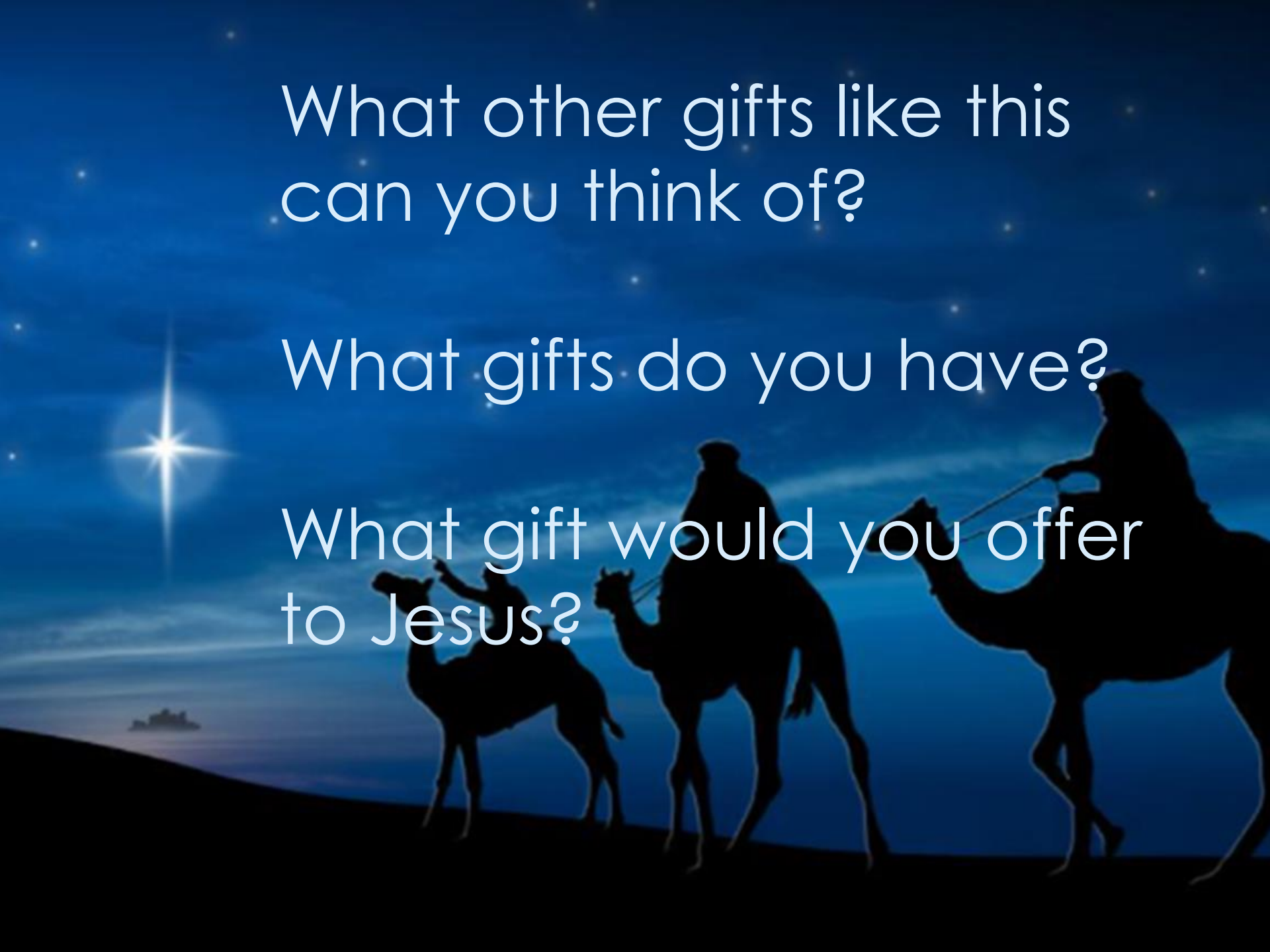
Some of us are good at sharing or helping others. These are all gifts.



What other gifts like this  
can you think of?

What gifts do you have?

What gift would you offer  
to Jesus?





In silence, pray for each  
other - that God will be  
with all of us.



The wise men offered their gifts to Jesus. Together we pray that we may all share in the wonderful gifts that God has given us:




We pray for world leaders:  
that like the wise men, they  
may be guided by God to  
do what is right.

Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer**





We pray for people around  
the world who are poor:  
that they may receive the  
gift of hope and be able to  
change their lives for the  
better.

Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer**



We pray for our school,  
parish, our family and friends:  
that we may recognise Jesus  
in our world today and all  
share our gifts with others.

Lord, in your mercy...

**Hear our prayer**



We take a moment  
now to pray for our  
own intentions

We ask Our Lady to  
intercede on our  
behalf as we say  
together



HAIL,  
FULL OF  
THE LORD IS  
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God of love, guide us to do  
what is right and to use our  
gifts to change the lives of  
others for the better.

**Amen**



St Anthony  
**Pray for us**

St Mark  
**Pray for us**

St Francis  
**Pray for us**

St Alban  
**Pray for us**





How will  
you follow  
Jesus this  
week?



# In the week ahead let's try to...

- find Jesus in each other and in those in need
- use our gifts and talents to help others
- use our gifts, skills or talents to serve God
- look out for Jesus!



Let us go in  
peace  
**Thanks be to God**



We three Kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light.*





Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light.*



Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God most high.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light.*



Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom,  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light.*



Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Earth to heaven replies.

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Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light.*





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