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The Gift of Myrrh

This past weekend Pastor Ken finished our Christmas series, *The Gift*. Together with Pastor Ken we have looked at the three different gifts that the wise men brought and what they meant in the life of Jesus. Over these weeks, we hope that you got to journey with someone at work, your family, alone or with a friend. Enjoy the rest of this Christmas holiday with your family and friends and always remember that Jesus is the reason for the season

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

1. Jesus was born to die (read Matthew 1:21 and John 1:29) to care of our biggest need. By His death He took care of our sin by taking our place (read Isaiah 53:6 and 1 John 3:5).
2. Have you heard about the history and meaning of the Candy Cane? It is in the shape of a Shepard's staff, the white represents the perfect life of Jesus, and the red represents His blood that was shed when He died on the cross for our sins. The Bible says without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins (Hebrews 9:22) and He also fulfilled the requirement for the one who dies for us to have not sinned (read Hebrews 7:26 and 2 Corinthians 5:21).
3. Jesus lived the life we could not live (sinless) to die (John 3:16) the death that we (sinful) deserve to die. Take a moment to look up the painting *The Shadow of Death* on the internet. It shows Jesus stretching His arms after sawing and on the wall his shadow creates a depiction of the crucifixion while his mother Mary looks at the wall while going through where she kept the gifts from the Magi. Look at the picture and discuss it with one another.
4. The power of love in the manger and on the cross warms our hearts, increases our joy, deepens our gratitude, and gives us hope. Do you need to make a decision to hand over your life to the Savior who took your place and died on the cross for you? Pray to Him now.

Close in Prayer