

Day 11: Gold

Read

'Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind.' 1 Kings 10.1-2a (ESV) [Read more...](#)

Reflect

Matthew's Jewish audience would have been aware of parallels with Solomon, literally the son of David, who was brought gifts by the Queen of Sheba: 'gold, spices and precious stones'. In Jesus, the ultimate son of David, receives even greater honour from gentile dignitaries. The gifts of the Magi also point forward. In Revelation 21.24-26, the kings of the earth bring into the New Jerusalem gifts that represent 'the glory and honour of the nations'. The Magi therefore herald the hope of new creation in the birth of Israel's Messiah (and spark our culture's tradition of giving gifts). Your challenge today is to give generously.

Challenge 1

Put time and effort into hand-making a gift for someone. See our Pinterest board for ideas!

Challenge 2

Give away something you love to someone you know would enjoy it

Challenge 3

Bless someone with an anonymous gift