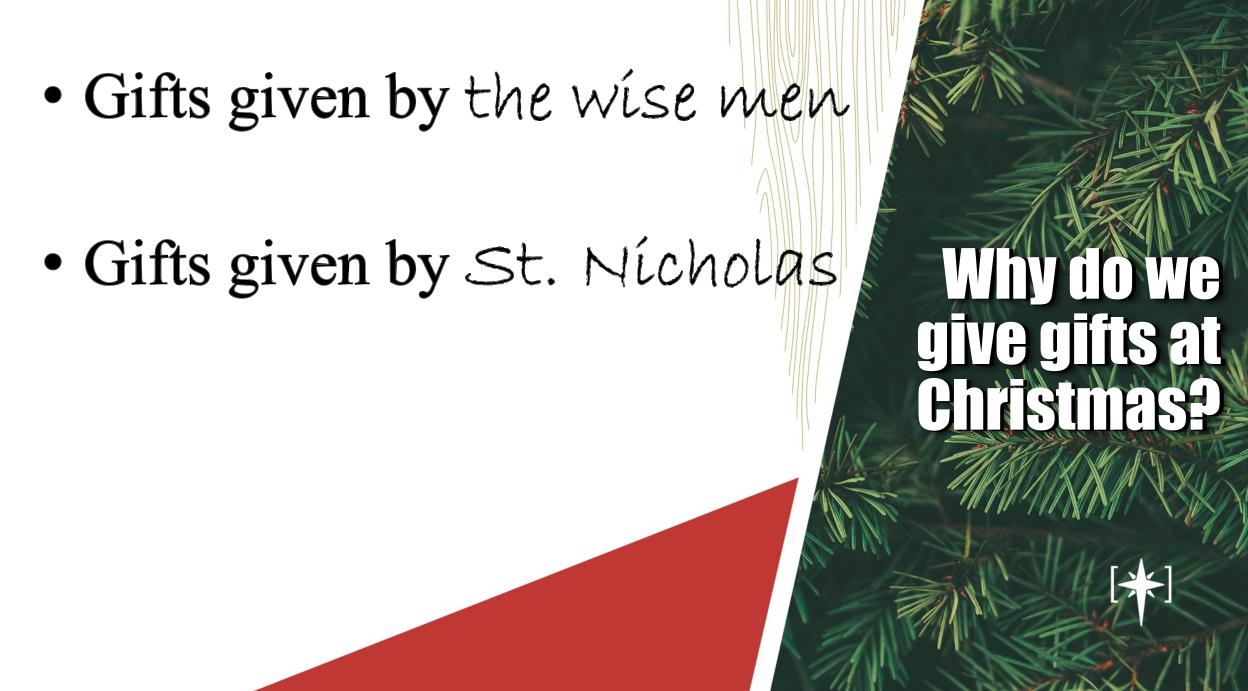






Week#3

· Gifts given by the wise men Why do we give gifts at Christmas?



· Gifts given by the wise men

• Gifts given by St. Nícholas

• Gifts given because of ancient tradition

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

1. The gift of Jesus is profound.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

The Model for Giving More



John 1:1, 14 (ESV)



God gave us ...

His presence



2. The gift of Jesus is <u>priceless</u>.

"For I have <u>come down</u> from heaven, <u>not to do my own will</u> but the will of him who sent me."

John 6:38 (ESV)

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God gave us ...

His life



Jesus Gave Us His Life

Philippians 2:4-8 (ESV)

"4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped..."

Jesus Gave Us His Life

Philippians 2:4-8 (ESV)

"... ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

3. The gift of Jesus is personal.

"10 And the angel said to them,
'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news
of great joy that will be for all the people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)

The Model for Giving More





God gave us ...

a relationship



God Gives We Receive

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

