



Myrrh

&

Mirth

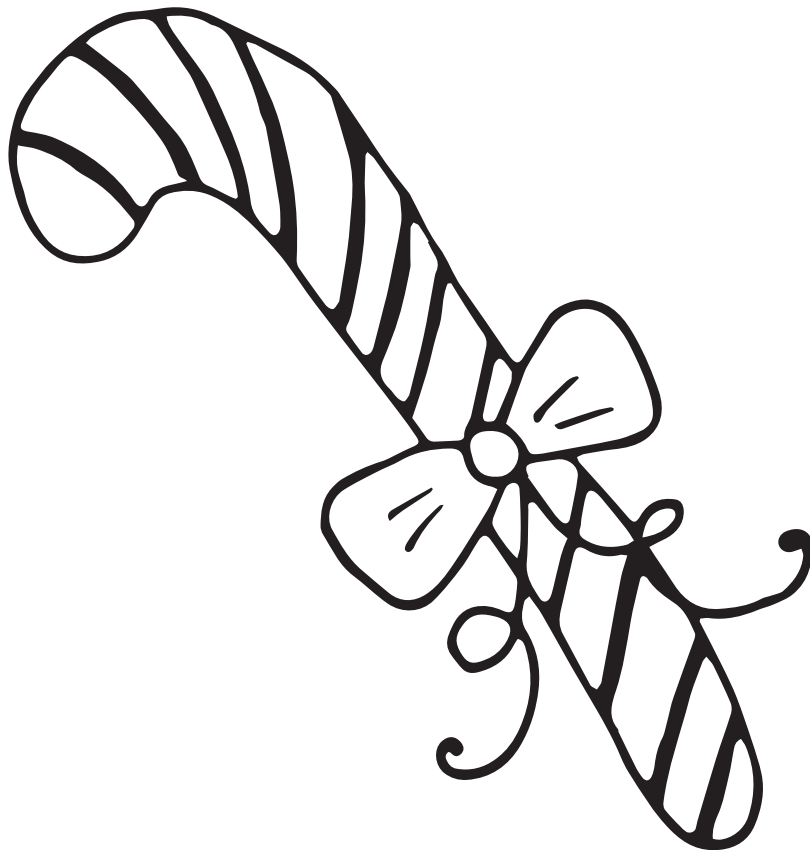
**Christmas is a time of
happy celebration and
presents for us.**





**Sometimes, we celebrate
with Christmas parties
and yummy food.**

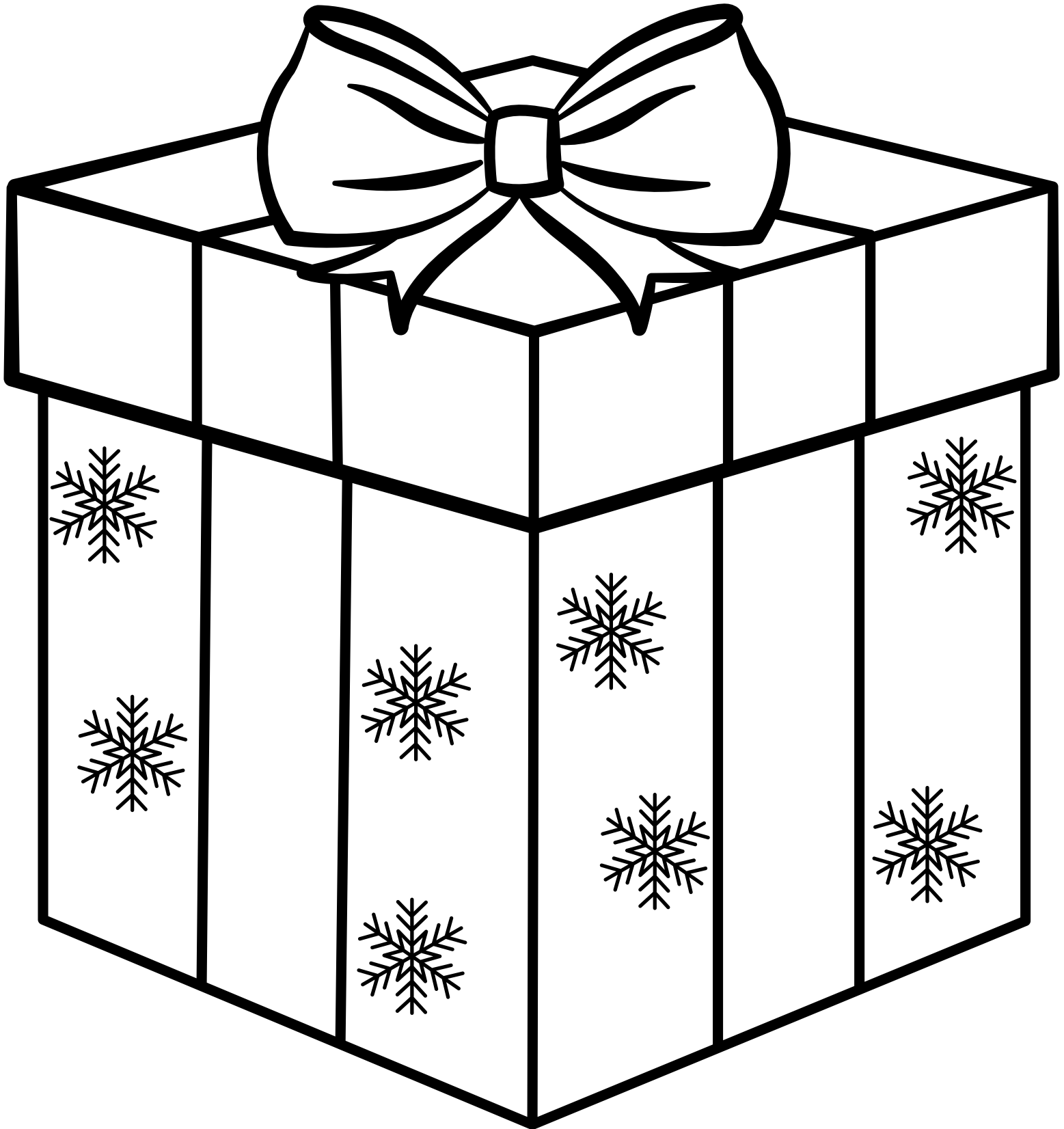
**What's something you
like to eat at Christmas?**





**Is there a present
you hope to get on
Christmas Day?**





**There was so much to
celebrate on the first
Christmas, too.**

**That's what the word,
“mirth” means: a happy,
joyful time together.**

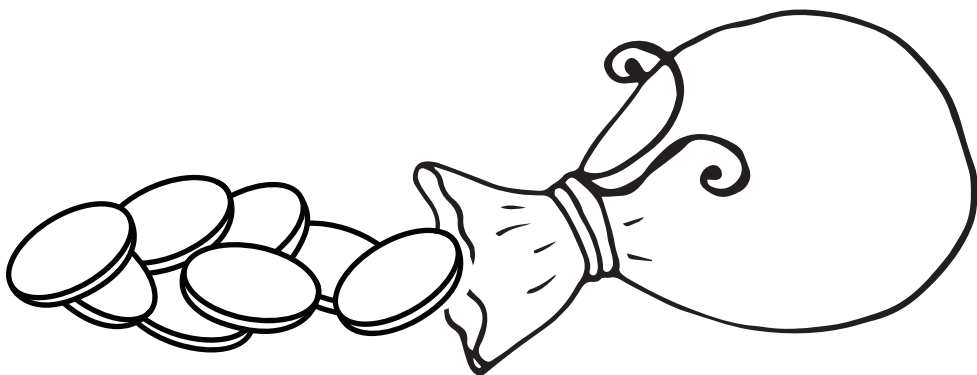


It was **the** day **God's Son,**
Jesus, was born. He had
come to be our Savior.



And **there** were **presents** **given, too, from the Magi** (wisemen) to baby Jesus.

The Magi gave Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh --three, very expensive gifts that few people had enough money to buy.

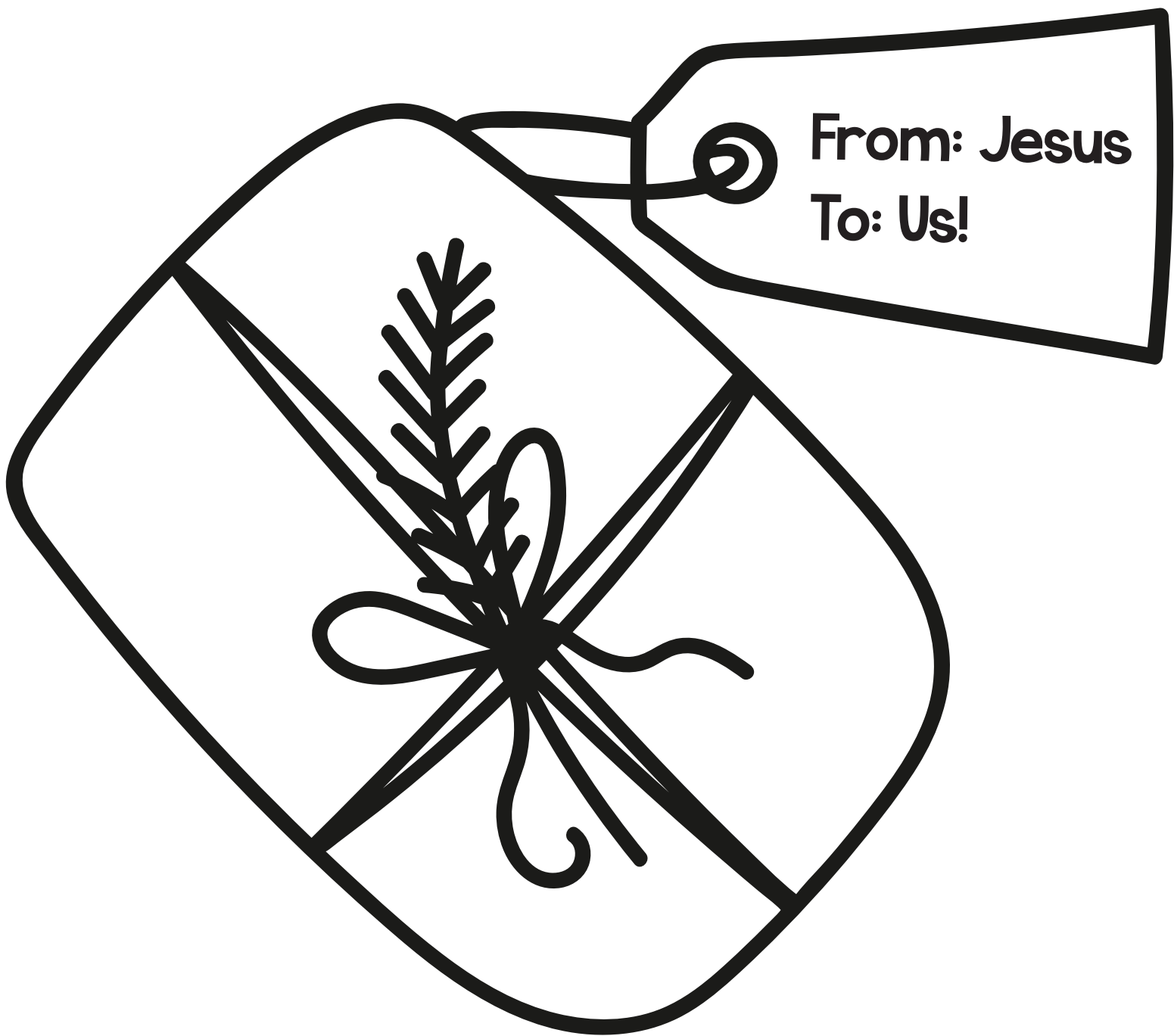




But did **you know that**
the Magi's presents also
remind us of some
things about Jesus
and **the very special gift**
He came to give US?

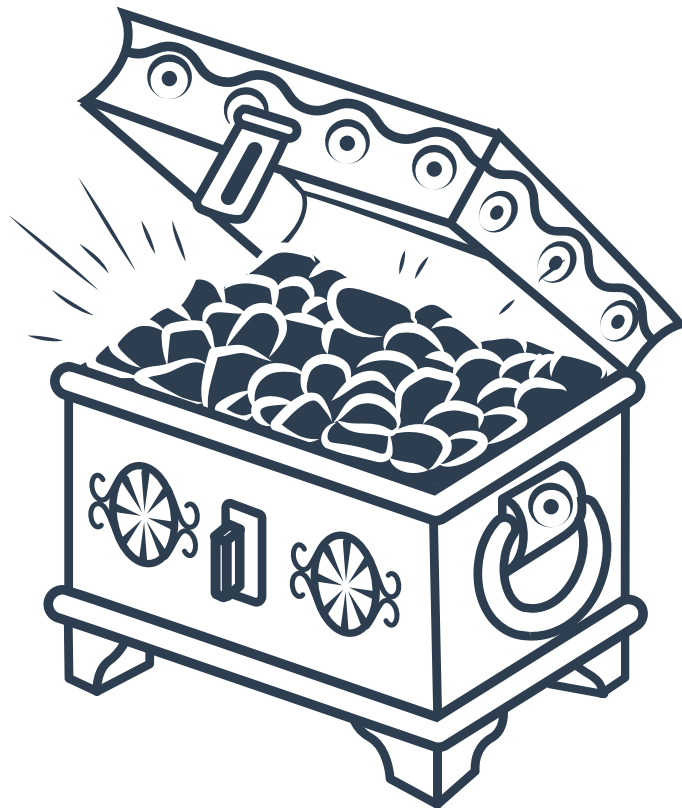
Let's take a look.





From: Jesus
To: Us!

Gold:
A **gift for kings,**
given to little
Jesus, who
came to be the
King of kings.





Frankincense:

A tree sap that smells
nice when you burn it,

used long ago

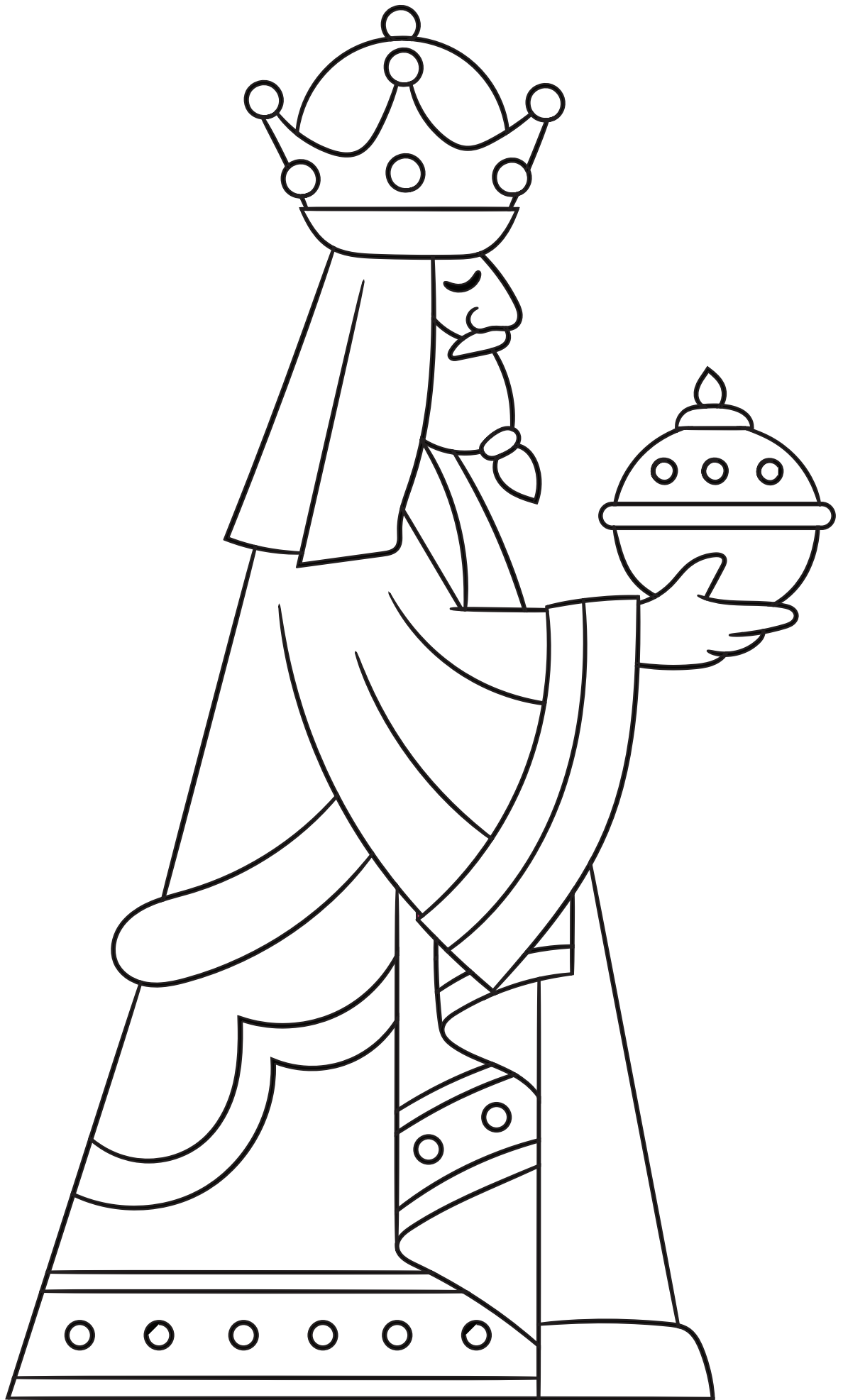
when worshiping.

Given to little Jesus,

who is Immanuel,

God with us.





Myrrh:

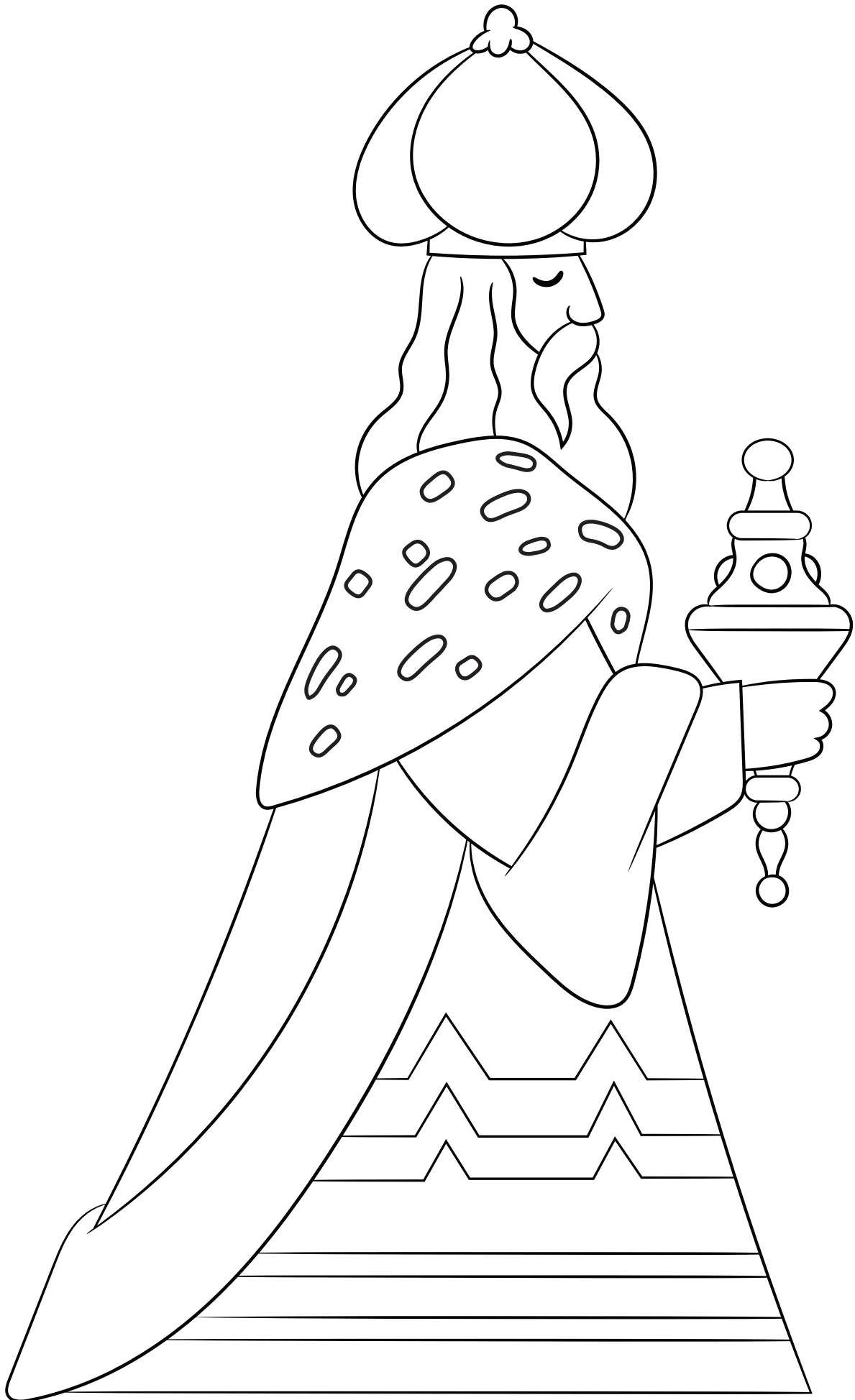
**A gift of perfume,
used when burying
a dead body.**



**Jesus would suffer and die
on the cross for the sins
of all who would ever
put their trust in Him.**

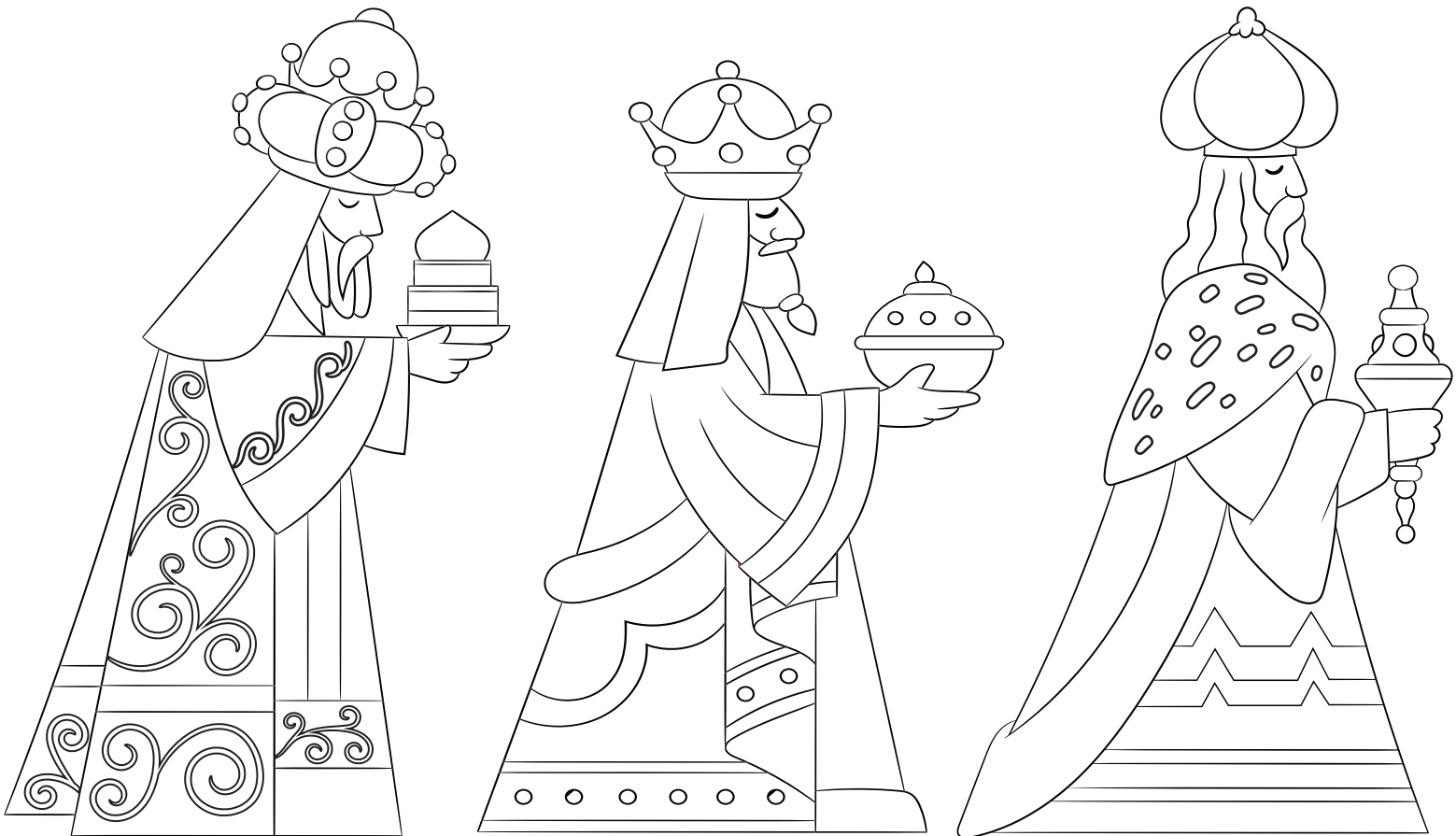
“Jesus” means “God saves”.

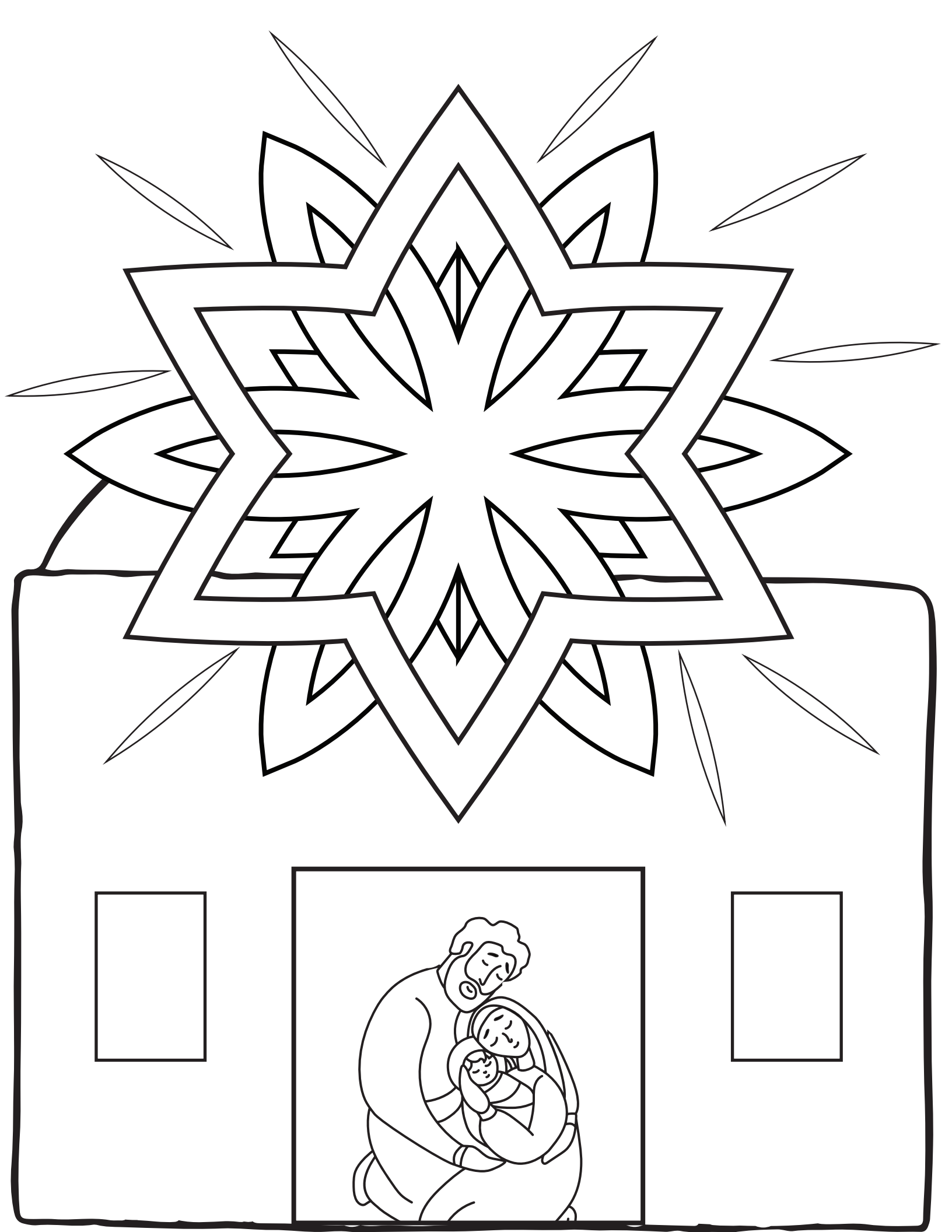
**This is how God
would save His people.**



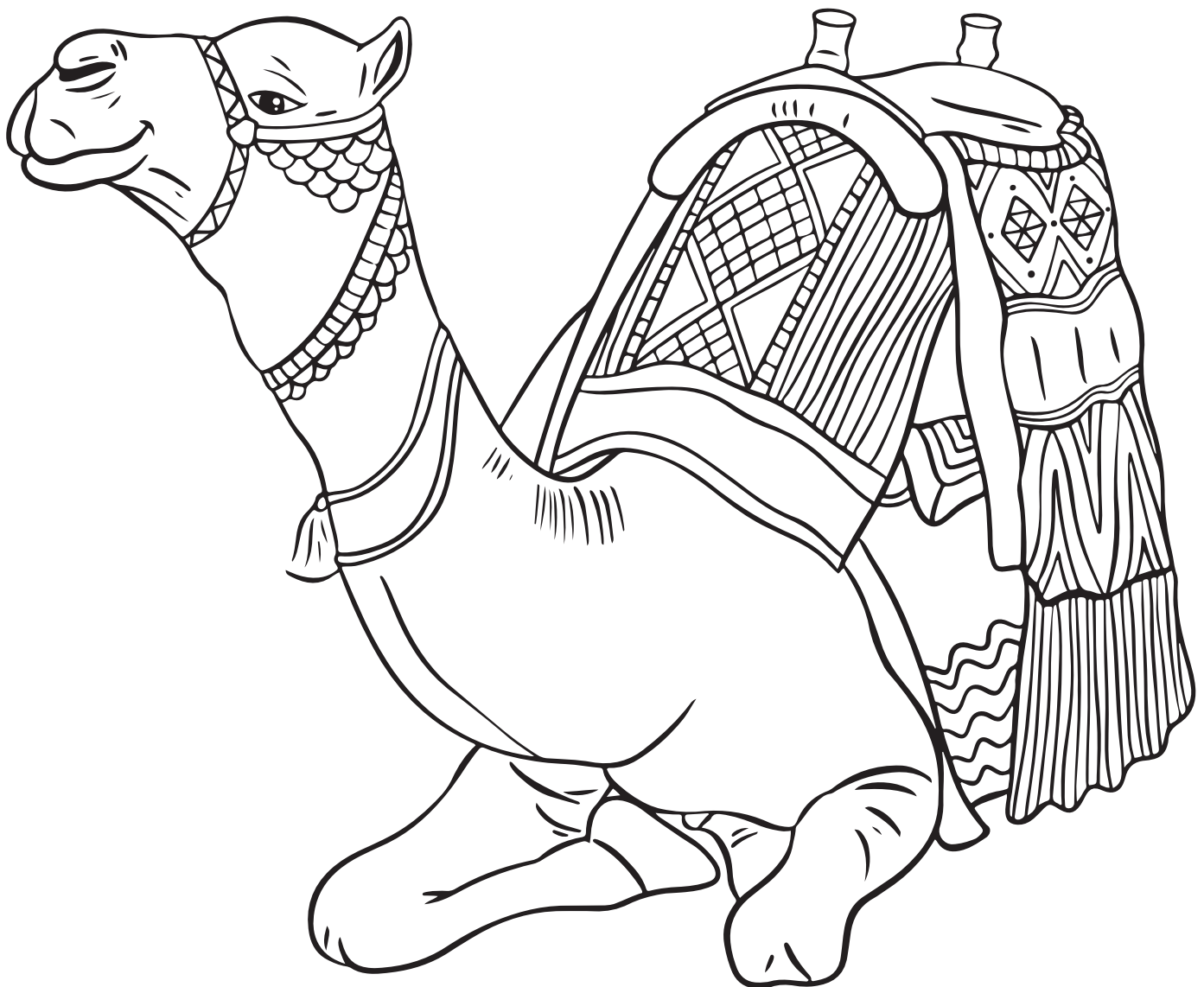
But most of all, **MIRTH!**

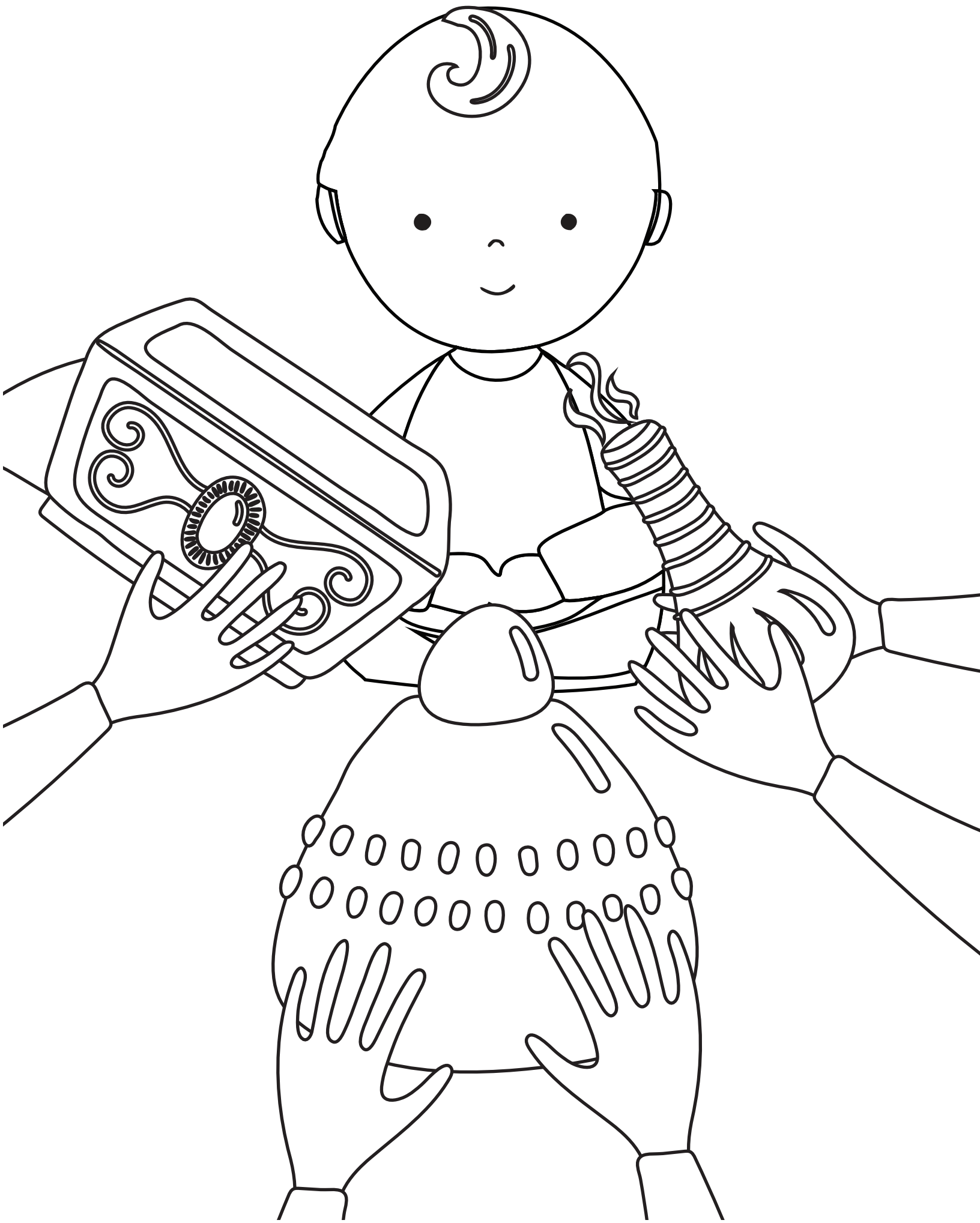
**The wisemen were
OVERJOYED
as the star led them
to little Jesus.**





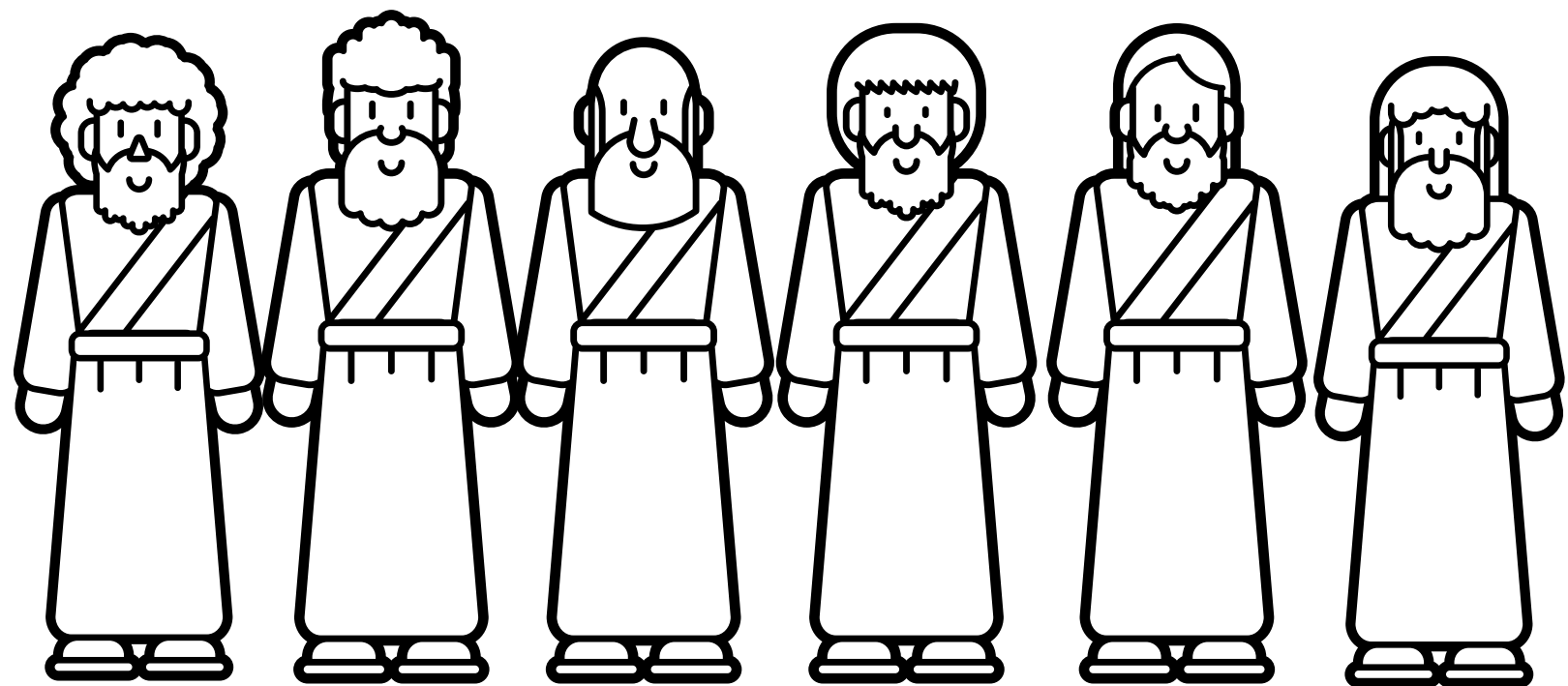
**Then, the Magi gave
Jesus their gifts and
worshipped Him.**





But **there** was **MORE MIRTH**
to come! **Years** later,
Jesus died **on the cross**, but
then He rose from the dead!

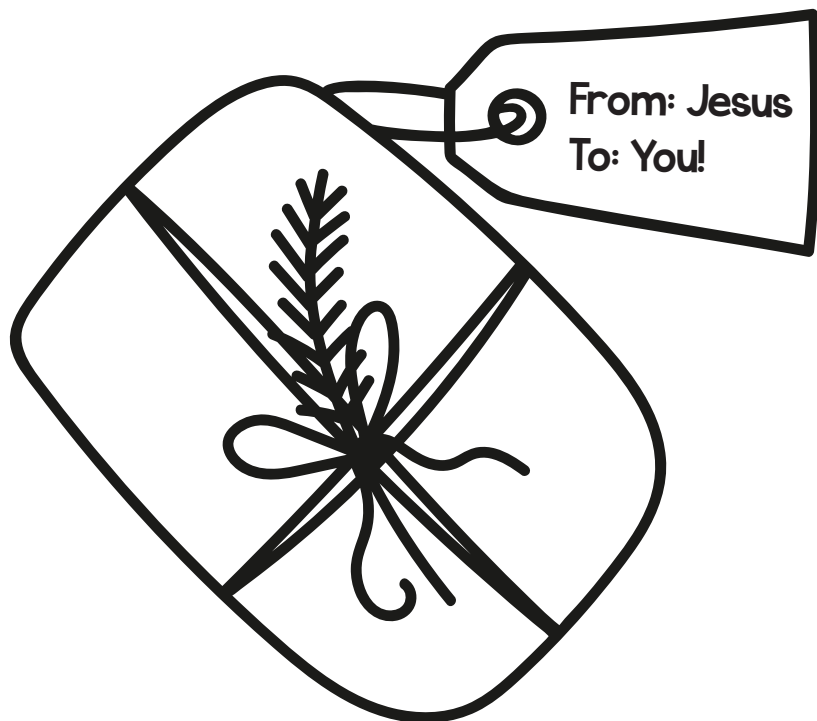
Jesus' friends were
overjoyed! **Jesus** had **beat**
sin and death for God's
people. (John 20:20)





**And, we can be overjoyed,
too, when we put our
trust in Jesus as our
Savior and King.**

**This is the BEST
Christmas present
we can ever have!**



**Ask Him to help you.
He loves to answer
this prayer!**



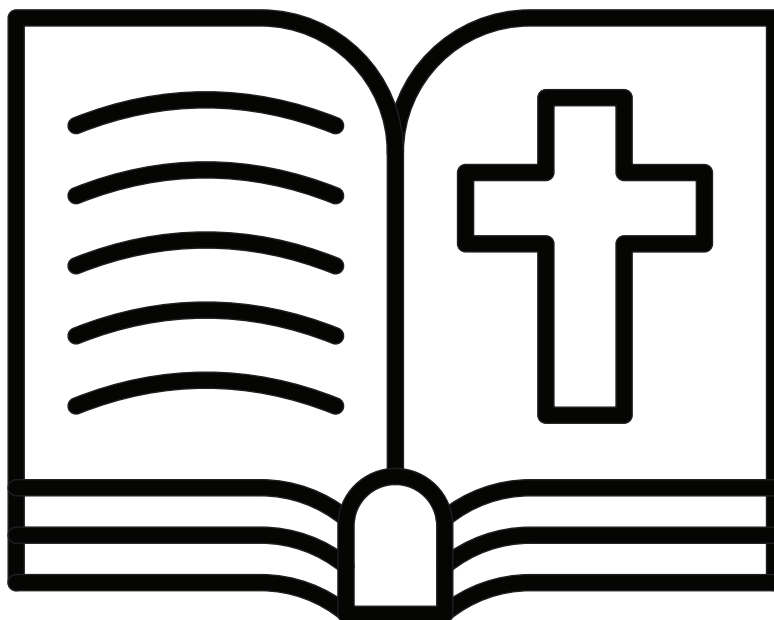
Matthew 2:9-11

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi [wisemen] from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

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.”



We Three Kings

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.



2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]



3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]



4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

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