



Simply Christmas Christmas/ Epiphany gifts

What is it?

A resource for intergenerational worship in church, at your local school or elsewhere.

What is the aim?

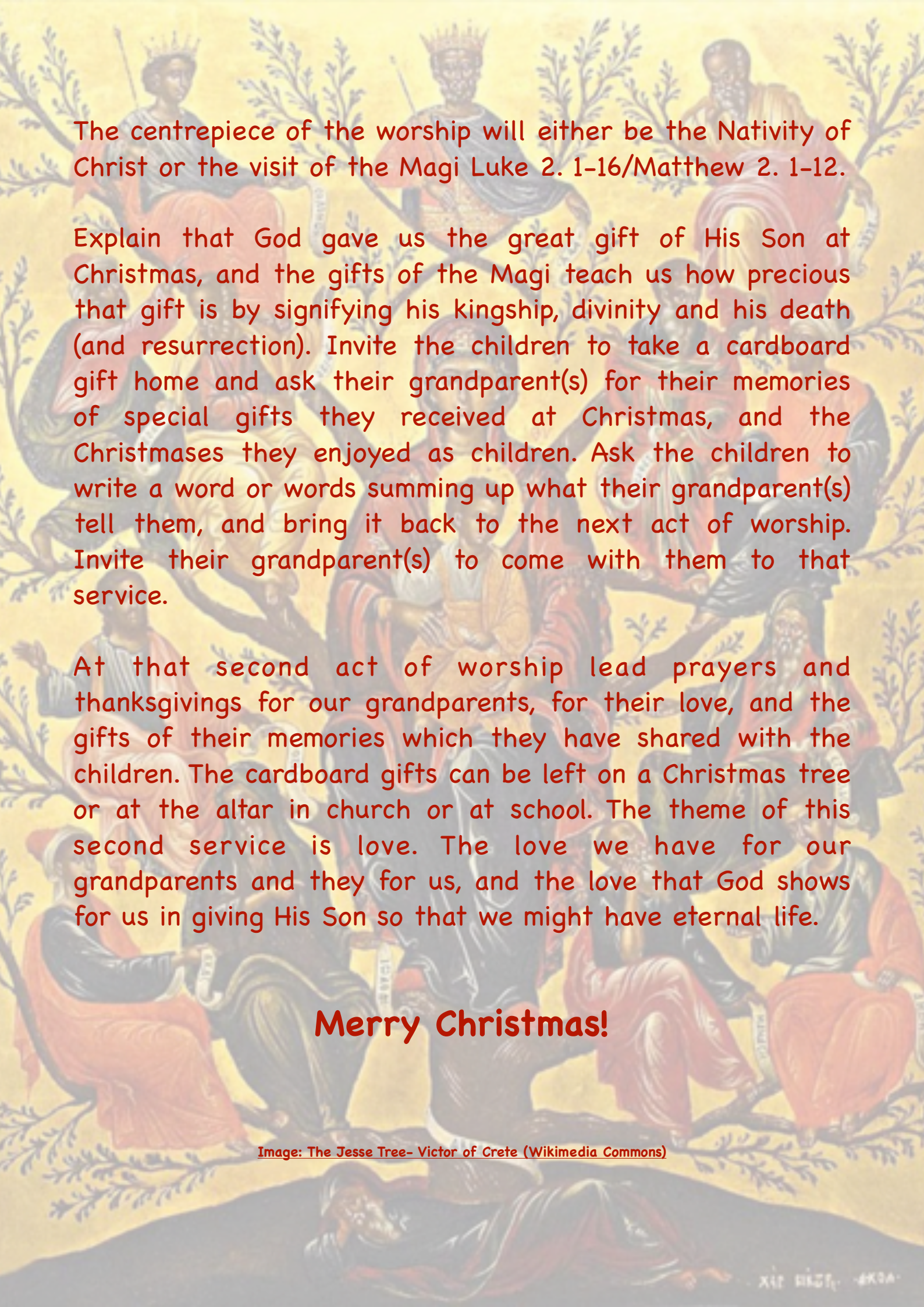
To build links between generations and draw extended families into the life of the Church.

What do I need?

Cardboard Christmas/epiphany gifts: i.e. cut out a rectangle of cardboard approximately 5"x3" and cover one side with Christmas wrapping paper leaving the other side blank. Produce enough for each family attending your service to take at least one gift home.

What do I do?

Invite families to a service in church, or an act of worship in your school.



The centrepiece of the worship will either be the Nativity of Christ or the visit of the Magi Luke 2. 1-16/Matthew 2. 1-12.

Explain that God gave us the great gift of His Son at Christmas, and the gifts of the Magi teach us how precious that gift is by signifying his kingship, divinity and his death (and resurrection). Invite the children to take a cardboard gift home and ask their grandparent(s) for their memories of special gifts they received at Christmas, and the Christmases they enjoyed as children. Ask the children to write a word or words summing up what their grandparent(s) tell them, and bring it back to the next act of worship. Invite their grandparent(s) to come with them to that service.

At that second act of worship lead prayers and thanksgivings for our grandparents, for their love, and the gifts of their memories which they have shared with the children. The cardboard gifts can be left on a Christmas tree or at the altar in church or at school. The theme of this second service is love. The love we have for our grandparents and they for us, and the love that God shows for us in giving His Son so that we might have eternal life.

Merry Christmas!

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