

#LoveDoes

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16, NLT

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! 11 They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Matthew 2:10–11, NLT

Frankincense is a _____

Jesus is our _____

O.T. Priests represented the people before God by:

- Offering sacrifices for the sins of the people
- Praying prayers on behalf of the people of God

As our High Priest he _____ you.

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. 11 Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. 12 But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. - Hebrews 10:10–12, NLT

14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. 15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. - Hebrews 4:14–16 (NLT)

Life Group Discussion

Ice Breaker

- What's the most extravagant gift you've ever received?
- What's the worst gift you've ever received?

Digging In

- Who is one of your closest friends? What is it that makes them such a good friend to you?
- Do you have a friend that can be very honest with you?
- What is an obstacle that you have to overcome in relating to God?

Making it Personal

- What is it in your life that you need, or want, Jesus to understand?
- How can you be generous with someone this week? Pick a practical way (buy someone coffee) and fulfill it this week.