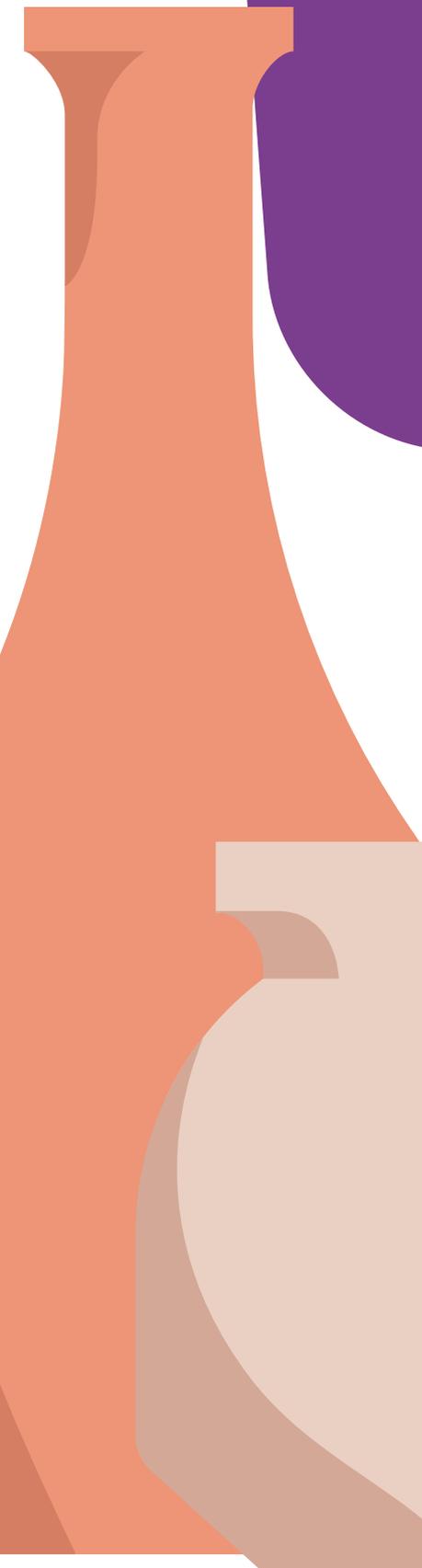


THE
King's
Gifts



What is special about this place?

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi 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." 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."



Who is on the journey with you?



I wonder what gift God would like today?



What is guiding you?



What do you seek?



Matthew 2:1-11 NIV

Pause



What is
precious in
this place?

The gift of gold would be precious to many, it especially a poor, young couple. Gold reminds us of value, of crowns and coins and treasure boxes.

What is precious is not always what cost the most money, but is given with the greatest love.



I wonder what is
valuable to God?

Pause

What can
you feel?

Myrrh comes from inside a tree, it's bark is cut open and the thick reddish sap seeps through like tear drop shapes down the tree. This is collected and used for rubbing into the skin.

Can you rub your fingers on your cheeks or the back of your hand? How does it feel? What do you notice?

I wonder what God's
touch feels like?



Pause

What can
you
smell?

Frankincense came from areas around North Eastern Africa. Taken from within a tree, it would be burned to be used within luxury items and for its beautiful fragrance. The trees were gnarled looking, with few leaves and yet held this precious, fragrant treasure.

I wonder what God's favourite smell is?

Pause



I wonder what gift God would like today?

The Magi journeyed in hope and expectation. They came prepared because they believed they would find God. They came and journeyed together.

As you wander what have you found, what did you hope for and who is with you?