



# FAITH @ HOME

24/7

## *Recipe Card*

## Christmas Gifts

### BEST USE

For families, couples or individuals to consider gift-giving at Christmas time.

### NUTRITIONAL VALUE

Giving gifts has a two-way blessing – to both the giver and the receiver!

### ADVANCE PREPARATION

For best results, read along side the Pointer Card **Giving Gifts at Christmas**. The Wise Men brought valuable gifts to Jesus of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These precious commodities can teach us about giving to Community, Family and Church.

Giving gifts at Christmas time is common. Be prepared, however, to think outside the box! Many gifts can't be wrapped in a pretty box.

### SERVE IT UP

PLAN A TIME WHEN YOU CAN FOCUS ON THE ASPECT OF GIVING. HAVE A SHEET OF PAPER AND PEN AND BE PREPARED TO THINK OF IDEAS IN PLANNING YOUR GIFT LIST.

### DISCUSS:

1. When giving gifts, we usually think of the monetary value and, indeed, the gifts that the Wise Men brought Jesus were very precious. But are all gifts measured in dollars and cents? Read Proverbs 25:11-13. What gifts of gold can you bring to someone in your **community** this season?
2. Fine perfumes and colognes are often given as presents. Read Psalm 133 (It's only 3 verses!) Is there someone in your **family** that needs a fine fragrance of peace? How can you bring that to them?
3. We usually don't think of giving medicine as a Christmas gift but the gifts that the Magi brought to Jesus had medicinal qualities. Read Proverbs 17:22. Is there someone in your **Church** that needs a good laugh? A word of cheer? A soothing ointment? How can you bring that to them this Christmas?

### COMMIT:

After you've written down your ideas, list them in the order that you will do them. Post your list on a bulletin board, or on your mirror (not on your fridge). Give yourself a time frame, even mark them on your calendar. Remember, only \_\_\_\_\_ more days until Christmas!

### BONUS:

Consider how you felt after you completed the first one on your list. How did you feel after the list was done? How do you think God felt about your gift-giving this Christmas?

