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	Witness of Christ's Birth	Christ's Role	Symbol of Christ
Bethlehem	"unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem" Luke 2:4	House of Bread	The Bread of Life (John 6:35,41)
Swaddling clothes	"and wrapped him in swaddling clothes" Luke 2:7	Poor	Meek and Lowly (Matt. 21:5)
Manger	"and laid him in a manger" Luke 2:7	Place of feeding	The Living Bread (John 6:51)
Shepherd	"shepherds abiding in the field" Luke 2:8	Leader, witness, prophet, etc.	The Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14)
Sheep	"Keeping watch over their flock by night" Luke 2:8	Children of god	The Lamb of God (John 1:29,36)
Angel	"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them" Luke 2:9	Messenger or Prophet	The Messenger of the covenant (Mal. 3:1) The prophet (John 7:40)
Heavenly Hosts	"there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host" Luke 2:13	Witness	We stand as witnesses of God (Mos. 18:9)
Star	"for we have seen his star in the east" Matt 2:2	Light	The Light of the World (John 8:12) The bright and morning star (Rev. 22:16)
Wise men	"there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem" Matt 2:1	Wisdom	All knowing (2Nephi 9:20); has all wisdom (Alma 26:35)
Gold	"when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold , and frankincense, and myrrh." Matt 2:11	Royalty	King of kings (Rev. 17:14)
Frankincense	"when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense , and myrrh." Matt 2:11	Sacrifice & Communication	The Great High Priest who made the sacrifices and lit the prayer alter. Advocate with the Father (1 John 2:1)
Myrrh	"when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh ." Matt 2:11	Death & Burial	Over came death & grave resurrection
Gift	"when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts ; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Matt 2:11	Our Gift	Give the Lord your best, whatever it may be. For Jesus will accept your gift joyfully.
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