

Epiphany

The Journey of the Wise Men



Word of the Week

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**"Like the Magi, may we also journey
and be attentive, untiring and
courageous on the path to find the
invisible God who was born among us."**

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Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus,

The wise men gave you gold;
they knew you were a king.
The wise men gave you incense;
they knew you were God.
The wise men gave you myrrh;
they knew you would die.
We give you ourselves.
We know you love us.

The wise men followed the light of a star to find you in Bethlehem. Help us to follow your light so that we can live as children of God.

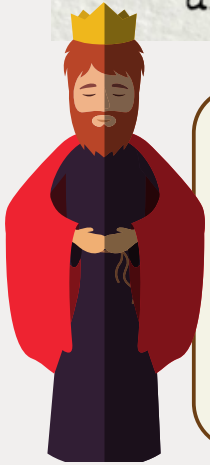
Amen.



Epiphany

(e-piph-a-ny)

(n) A moment of sudden revelation; a poignant, sudden, profound understanding.



The wise men gave gifts to Jesus on the first Christmas.

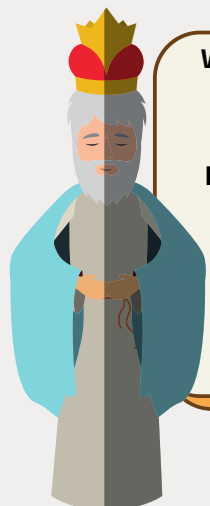
If you were going to visit the baby Jesus, what gift would you give him? Why? Think of the best gift you ever received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

It's Still Christmas!!

Did you know that it's still Christmas!? The Feast of the Epiphany, the twelfth day of Christmas, reminds us that while the world has long packed up Christmas for another year, we continue to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

We are blessed with another day to ponder that Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God, came down to earth to meet us in our need, to dwell and walk among us, and to save us from our sin.

What an incredible gift worth celebrating for more than one day!! How can you today celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany?



What gift can you give Jesus that shows your love for God and others?

Epiphany is the season that reveals the fullness of Jesus Christ who comes to make God known to all people.

How can you, through your words and actions, make God known to others?

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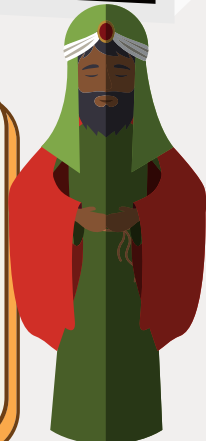
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WISE MEN
STILL SEEK
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Many people around the world give gifts on the Feast of the Epiphany instead of giving gifts on Christmas Day. We too are called this season to offer our gifts to Jesus. Gifts are not just things. We can give actions and words that show our love for God and for other people.



Who do you follow?

You might follow people on Instagram, Tik Tok or Twitter. But the Feast of the Epiphany encourages us to follow the star, just as the wise men did. They knew the star would lead them to Jesus.

Make time this week to make/create a star. Display it somewhere you will see it each day.

This week have a think about messages God gives us to help us in life. How does God encourage us to live our lives?

What inspiration does he give?

This week add quotes from the Bible or from saints, to your star, that you think are encouraging and helpful so that you can live lives that follow the star to Jesus. Let this star encourage you over the next few weeks to live life well, full of hope.