

Forest Brook Community Church

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Family Worship@Home

Worship Packet for kids & families

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Celebrating Epiphany

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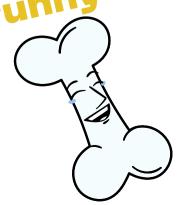
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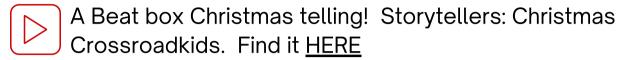
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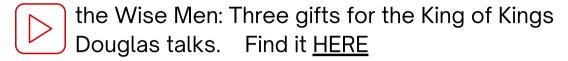
Complete lesson

put these pieces together with the activities in this booklet to make a Worship and Learning time for your children in your home



LESSON VIDEOS







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Every Move I Make

CJ and friends find it HERE

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JESUS IS THE KING

Big Big worship find it HERE



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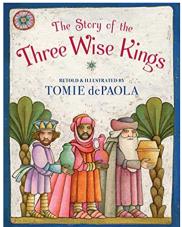
Chris' Really GREAT Book recommendation

The Story of the Three Wise Kings

Tomie dePaola's beloved 1983 classic returns to print just in time for the holiday season! Three wise men of the East, having seen a new star symbolizing the birth of a great king, follow the star to Bethlehem where they present gifts to the newborn Jesus. This beautiful rendition of the well-known tale is sure to delight young readers.

Find it read aloud **HERE**

NOTE: learn about the Bible vs legend in the video above by Douglas talks

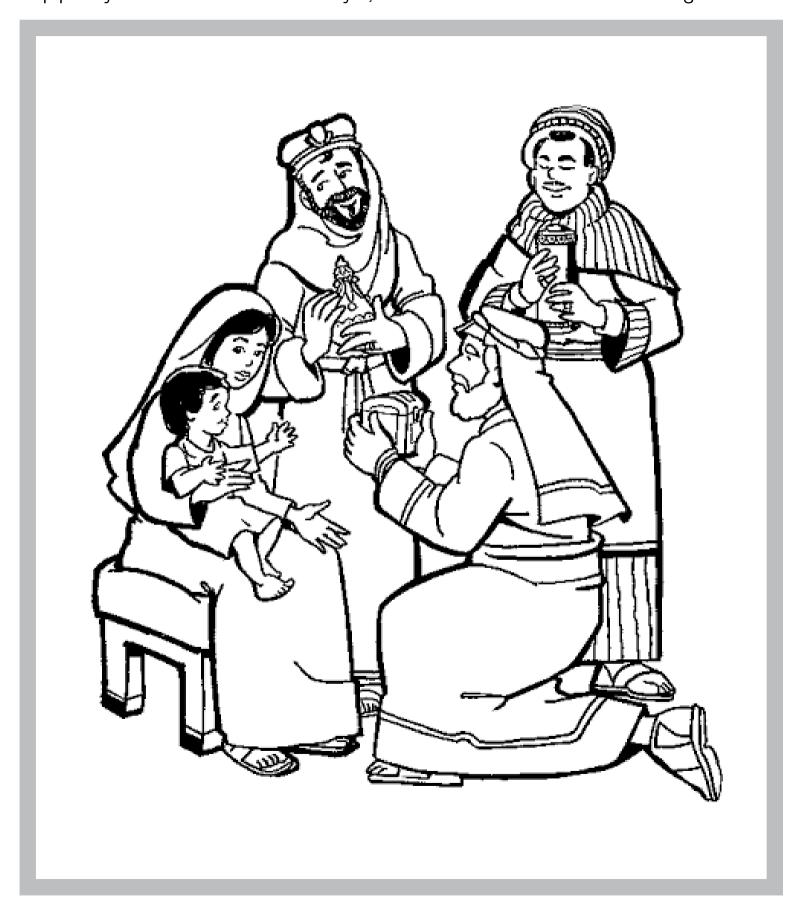




Call To Worship Preschool



Epiphany: An epiphany is a surprise idea!
Epiphany is a celebration on January 6, and we talk about Wise Men visiting Jesus.



Call To Worship Elementary

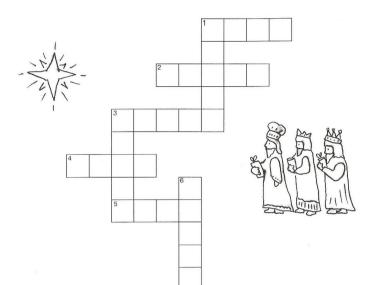
Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany Crossword

Test yourself by trying to do this crossword on your own. See how much you know about the story of the three wise men. If you have trouble with any of the answers, read Matthew 2:1-12 with a family member.

- 1. Another name for the three wise men. 2. The jealous king who reigned at the time of Jesus' birth.
- 4. The Magi came from the ____

- 1. The three kings gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense
- 3. The three kings paid homage to
- not to return to Herod



Fun facts: Epiphany

An epiphany is when suddenly someones becomes aware of an idea or a new piece of information!

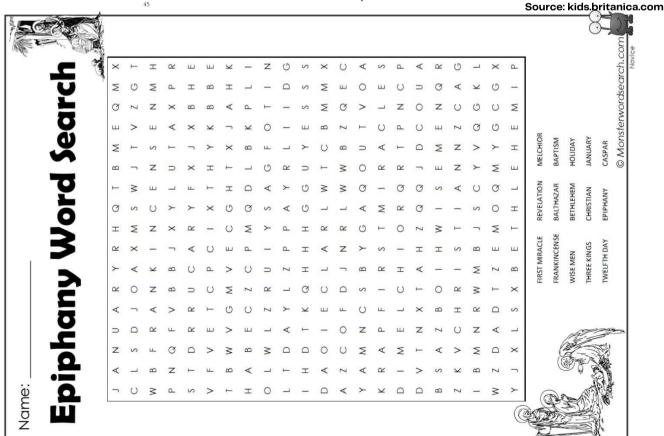
Epiphany, or Three Kings' Day, is a Christian holiday that is observed on January 6.

Some NEAT History:

The Christian church is split into three branches—Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism. In the Roman Catholic Church and in some Protestant churches, the focus of Epiphany is on the Magi's visit. Eastern churches tend to celebrate Jesus' baptism on January 6.Epiphany is also known as Twelfth Day or Old Christmas. Since the exact date of Jesus' birth is not known, the early Christian church had to pick a day to celebrate. The Eastern church chose January 6. The Roman Catholic Church chose December 25. In the 300s both churches adopted each other's festival. This created the 12-day celebration from Christmas to Epiphany. This time is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Some FUN traditions!

The evening before Epiphany is called Twelfth Night. Children in many European countries receive presents on this night. According to Italian folklore, an old woman named Befana goes down chimneys on Twelfth Night and delivers presents in imitation of the Wise Men. In Spain, children fill their shoes with gifts for the Magi and hope gifts will be left in thanks. In many countries a special čake, called a king cake, is eaten. Hidden inside the cake is a small object, such as a bean or a plastic baby. The person who finds the hidden object is named king or gueen of the celebration.



The story





The Wise men

met Jesus and left a different way

A long way away in the east there were wise men, Magi, who studied the night sky. When a new bright light appeared they knew it was a sign that a very important king had been born.

So they packed gifts for the king and set off on a long journey to follow the star.







The bright light in the sky led them to the land ruled by a King called Herod. Assuming that the new king would be born in the most important palace in the land, The wise men went to his palace in Jerusalem.

'Where is the baby who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.' they asked.

King Herod and the people of Jerusalem were disturbed at this news.

These men were powerful visitors from a rival empire. Herod was scared! He gathered the chief priests and teachers of the law, and asked them where the prophets had said the Messiah was to be born.

'The prophet Micah said the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem,' they replied.

Herod called the Magi secretly to find out the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem saying, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him.'





So off the Magi went and they were filled with JOY when they saw the bright star leading them again.

The bright light stopped over the place where Mary, Joseph and the young child Jesus were staying.

On entering the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped Him.

Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



God warned the Wise Men in a dream not to tell Herod where Jesus was staying so they returned home avoiding Jerusalem.



Family Focus: can you answer these questions?

Jesus was no ordinary Baby!

- 1. What did the Magi learn about him on their trip?
- 2. What do you think they told their families?
- 3. What might have given them the idea that Jesus was a different kind of king?
- 4.God had men from far away come to worship Jesus. These were not Hebrews. What might that tell us about who can worship Jesus as King?



Preschool Sync with the story

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The Wise Men Followed the Star

Parents,

you can help your preschool child retell the story of the wise men following the star using this simple activity.

- Print out the pictures below and get your child to cut along the dotted lines.
- With an adult's help make two holes at the indicated "1" and "2" spot on the cut out of Mary and Jesus.
- Then, cut a string or a ribbon between 30– 60cm.
- On one end thread the string through the "1" hole from the front and then through the "2" hole from the back.
- On the other end tape or glue the Wise men to the string.
- As you and your child tell the story, pull the string on the right to bring the wise men closer to Mary and Jesus at their home!

When telling the story remind your child:

- 1. The wise men followed the star because they knew it was leading to someone very special!

 That was Jesus!
- 2. The wise men brought special gifts to Jesus and worshiped him because Jesus was and is very special.
- 3. Ask: What can we give to Jesus to show him that we love him and think he is special?







Preschool Bible Memory



"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." Matthew 2:2

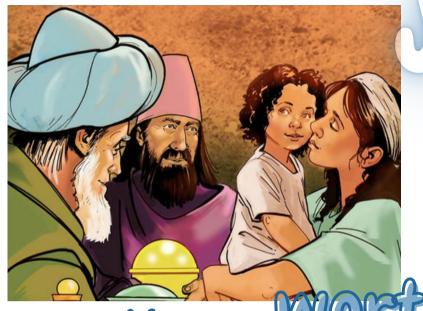
Where is Jesus?

Read the bible memory
verse a couple of times with
your child(ren), making sure
to emphasize the
bolded/underlined words.
Then have your child(ren)
cut out and colour the two
pictures to the right.
Play a game by hiding the
picture of Jesus somewhere
in the house and putting the
star in a visible place close
by. Then have your child(ren)
pretend to be the wise men
and say the verse (with your
help) as the wise men said it

and say the verse (with your help) as the wise men said it to King Herod. Get them to search for the picture of Jesus and when they find it, have them say something they love about Jesus! Then play again!



Elementary Sync with the story



When we meet Jesus,
we are changed!
When we know the loving,
selfless Jesus,
we think and act differently.

courageous

trusting

How were people changed by Jesus?

Mary became a trusting, courageous woman, from an innocent young girl. Joseph became a confident, protective Dad, not just a quiet carpenter. Shepherds felt a new sense of importance because they got to see the baby first. They had great news to tell everybody, and people listened! The Wise Men from different countries learned they could worship Jesus too and they were filled with joy! Then they took that back to their homes!

What was your epiphany this year?

What was a new thought or epiphany for you this year? How do you think differently this year;

about yourself?

about how you think of others?

about Jesus?

family talk:

How might you use this new way of thinking this year?

This Week's Elementary Bible Memory

Verse is from Matthew 2:2

hew 2:2 They asked,
"Where is the King of the Jews
who has been born?
We have seen His star in the East.
We have come to worship Him."



Write it!

Write out two more copies. and put them in different places around your house for you to read out loud.

Trace it!



asked "Where

Repeat it!

How many different ways can you say or hear this verse each day?

Monday

Tuesday

Keep track! lf you hear or say the verse two times a day, by day three you'll know most of it!

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Cut this copy out, and post it somewhere in your house. Ask your family to read it out loud when they see it so you can hear it many times a day.

They asked, "Where is the King of the Jews who has been born? We have seen His star in the East. We have come to worship Him."