



## The Magi Visit Jesus

Matthew 2:1–12



### In class today . . .

. . . we studied once again the familiar story of the Magi, who searched for Jesus so they could worship him with precious gifts. We identified three categories of gifts that our present-day gifts to God would fall into—time, service, and attitude. We named specific gifts within these categories and made a promise to offer at least one gift to God this week from our list.

### Talk with your child about . . .

. . . the importance of continuing to study the Scriptures to learn about God. Share with your child a time when you learned something new from a familiar Bible story (perhaps the Christmas story). Talk about the importance of being a “lifelong learner” as a follower of Christ.

### Family Gifts of Time

Look together at your family calendar and draw a star for each activity that your family has done over the past month that has been an offering of time to God. Consider blessings offered at meals, church attendance, bedtime prayers, and other times when God was a priority in your family routine. Look ahead at the next week and make a family promise to add more stars to your family calendar by making God a bigger priority in your family activities.

### Family Gifts of Service

Talk together about an act of family service that would be meaningful and feasible for your family to do over the next month. Perhaps you could make and send greeting cards to those who are homebound or serve a meal at a soup kitchen. Make a plan and set a date to serve God together as a family.

### Main Idea

The Magi sought Jesus. When they found him, they worshiped him and gave him gifts.

### Something to Remember

“Where is the child who has been born?”  
—Matthew 2:2

### Catechism Question

**Question 24. Was Jesus just another human being?**

No. Although he was truly human, he was also God with us. As someone who was truly human, he could share all our sorrows. Yet because he was truly God, he could save us from all our sins.

—*Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

### Family Gifts of Attitude

Adopt a weekly family greeting and response that is affirming and encouraging. Here’s one to try this week:

Greeting: You are a gift from God.

Response: To God be the glory.

Practice saying this greeting/response as a family and use it each time you encounter another member of your family—when you wake up, when you pass one another in your home, and even when you say good night. For extra fun, add a high-five as you say it!