

Reflection for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Ages 5-6

Matthew 2:1–12

Invitation to Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Listening



Gold



Frankincense



Myrrh

Gifts for a King

Loving

Draw a picture of a gift you will give Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, you are my King. I praise you. Amen.

Living

- The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is a time to bless homes. Do your own family blessing of your home. As a group, go into each room and share some memories of things that happened in that room. At the conclusion of the sharing, have one family member pray: **Dear God bless this room. Make it a place of love and peace. Amen.**
- This week give an anonymous gift to someone.

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Ages 7-8

Matthew 2:1–12

Invitation to Prayer

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Listening

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:9-11

Loving

Imagine that you are the star that guided the three Wise Men.

- What did it feel like to be so important?
- Did you ever think they could not see you?
- Can you tell us what it was like when they came to the manger and found Jesus, Mary and Joseph?
- Were Mary and Joseph surprised?
- Did you like being the star?

Prayer

Jesus, show me how to lead people to you every day. Amen.

Living

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- Say this prayer every day this week: **Jesus, show me how to lead people to you every day. Amen.**

Reflection for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Ages 9-11

Matthew 2:1–12

Invitation to Prayer

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Listening

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Matthew 2:9-11

Loving

- List two people or things that help lead you to Jesus.

- If you were invited to meet Jesus, what gift would you bring him?

Prayer

Dear God, show me the right way to meet you on my life journey. Amen.

Living

- Make contact by phone, email, or visit with a friend or family member you have not seen or talked to in a while.
- Every morning this week pray to the Holy Spirit to lead you to people, places and things that will bring you closer to God.

Reflection for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Ages 12-14

Matthew 2:1-12

Invitation to Prayer

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Listening

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Matthew 2: 9-11

Loving

Imagine you are one of the three Wise Men:

- It has been a long difficult journey, what was the hardest part for you?
- Did you ever want to give up?
- How did you decide on the gift you would bring this new King?
- Were you surprised to see the place where you were led to see the new King?
- When you think about your own journey of faith, how would you compare it to the journey of the Wise Men?

Prayer

Spirit of the Living God, guide me on my life journey. Amen.

Living

Write two actions you will take this week to ask for guidance and direction in your daily decisions.
