

Family Liturgy

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Solemnity



PREPARATION

Set up your sacred space. Place a white cloth, cross, bible and candle.

Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Light the candle or use a battery operated candle for safety.

GATHER

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



COLLECT

Lord God, let us remember that at Christmas you gave us the greatest gift, the gift of your only Son Jesus.

GOSPEL

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king. During this time some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard about this, he was worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. Herod brought together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?"

They told him, "He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the prophet wrote, 'Bethlehem in the land of Judea, you are very important among the towns of Judea. From your town will come a leader, who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.'"

Herod secretly called in the wise men and asked them when they had first seen the star. He told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, let me know. I want to go and worship him too."

The wise men listened to what the king said and then left. And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were thrilled and excited to see the star.

When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they kneeled down and worshipped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh and gave them to him. Later they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they went back home by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Story of Christmas (Jesus & the Wise Men)



Watch: The Christmas Story: Jesus & the Wise Men

REFLECT

I wonder how the wise men knew about the king of the Jews...
I wonder why King Herod was worried about baby Jesus...
I wonder what made them so excited to see the star...
I wonder what the wise men did when they got back home...

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Bring to mind any special intentions that you would like to pray for today.

Pray **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

DISMISSAL

May God bless us and protect us, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ENDING SONG

We Three Kings (Christmas Lyric Video)



ACTIVITIES

Pray: Write a prayer to Jesus in your journal

Colouring_page: Three Wise Magi

Visit Jesus Without Language for the Magi Game

