

Magi

*Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you.
Lay out the purple felt and road on top.*

Come close to this story. We journeyed through Advent. We celebrated the birth of Jesus with Christmas. Now, we finish with another special season called Epiphany.

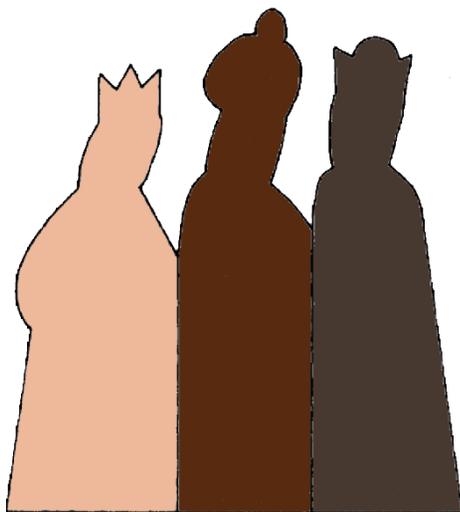
Today we meet some of the last people who wanted to see and celebrate young Jesus. I wonder who we get to meet in today's story?

Today we get to meet some magi. Magi were wise people from far away lands. They often gave advice to royalty or studied great mysteries of the world.

There had been a mysterious star in the sky that a few of the magi in far away lands had noticed. It seemed like a star for a king. So, the magi followed the star to the king that was closest to the star.

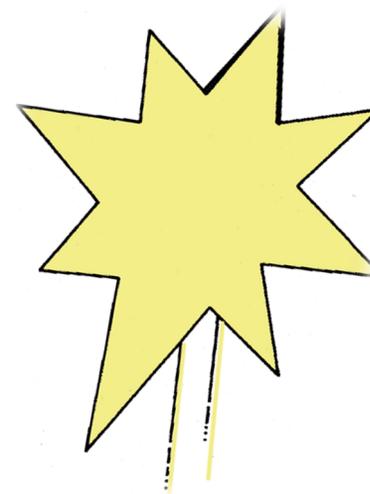


The magi gathered and met King Herod, who was an evil leader and was worried about the threat of another king.



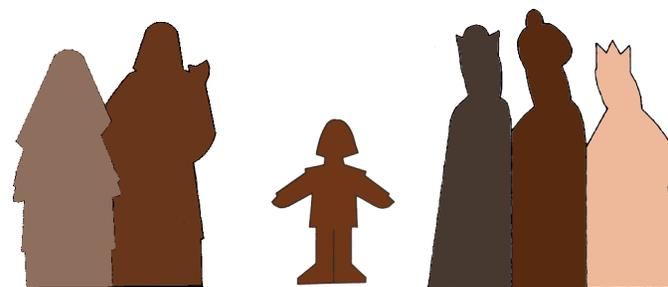
King Herod tried to trick the magi into bringing the king to him so that he could kill him.

The magi followed the star more closely and found a small toddler named Jesus



living in a regular place. Something about this special toddler had the magi kneel and give three strange gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to him and his family. The magi treated him like a king.

An angel told the magi that they were being tricked by Herod. They warned Jesus' family to move.



Jesus' family then moved to Egypt until it was safe. The magi went home and did not go back to King Herod.

Wondering with God's Story

I wonder...

- ...how the Magi felt about the special star?
- ...how long their journey was?
- ...why their journey was important?
- ...why they brought gifts?
- ...if you have given gifts?

Working with God's Story

1. Have each person retell the story without reading the words.
Just use items.

2. Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.

3. Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?

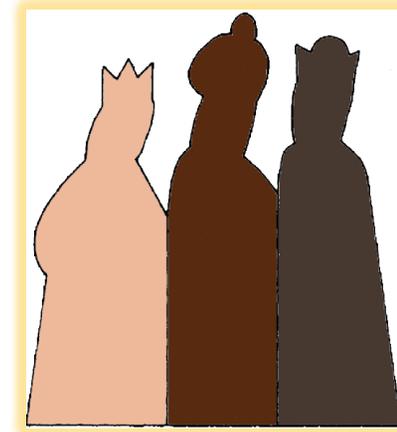
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Epiphany



Matthew 2:11-12 **(Common English Version)**

When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshiped 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.



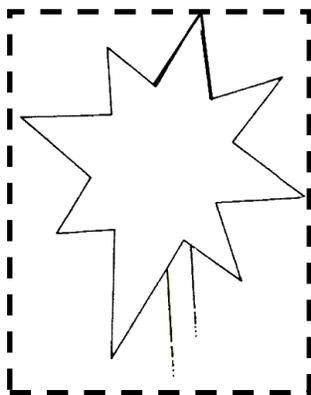
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Family Prayer

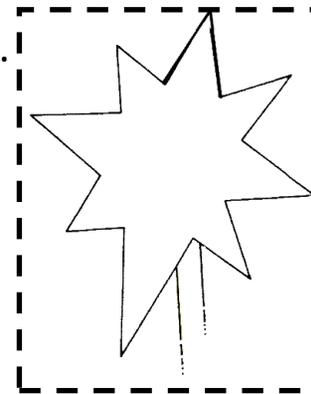
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