

**UNIT 2: INCLUDE • LESSON 4:**

# "The Magi"

MATTHEW 2:1-12

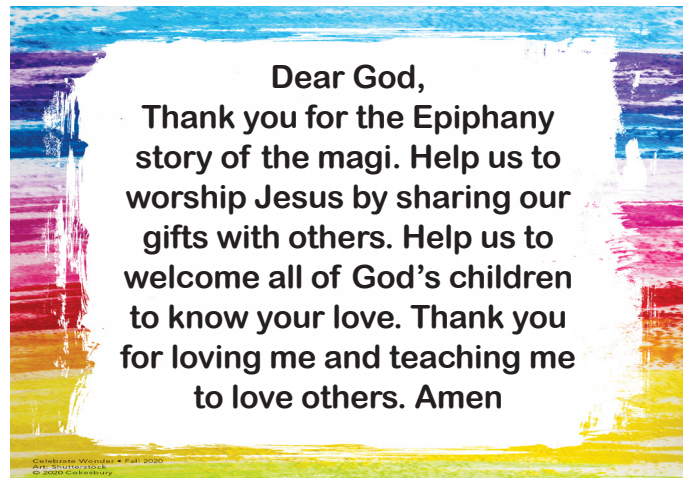
## INCLUDE

To welcome all of God's children  
in God's love.



The LORD is good to  
everyone and everything;  
God's compassion  
extends to all his  
handiwork!

Psalms 145:9



Dear God,  
Thank you for the Epiphany  
story of the magi. Help us to  
worship Jesus by sharing our  
gifts with others. Help us to  
welcome all of God's children  
to know your love. Thank you  
for loving me and teaching me  
to love others. Amen

### WONDER QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES:

- Were the magi surprised the new king didn't live in a fancy castle?
- What is a gift? Is it always something that can be wrapped or can it be something that you can do?
- The magi brought gifts to Jesus. What gifts can you offer to others?
- The magi decided not to return to King Herod and give away Jesus' location after they were warned in a dream. Did they do the right thing?
- How do you think Mary reacted to the gifts the magi brought?
- **On Epiphany, many Christians mark their doors with chalk welcoming the new year and the kings. Can you draw a chalk illustration welcoming the new year on your driveway?**

### EPIPHANY:

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Today we celebrate EPIPHANY. Epiphany is when Jesus was recognized as the Savior through the magi (also called wise men or kings.) The magi had heard of Jesus' birth, so they followed a star from the East to Jerusalem and inquired about him. In Jerusalem, King Herod was troubled by the attention Jesus was getting and the power Jesus was gaining. Herod called the magi to him and told them to find the child and report back to him so that he could worship him too, but he secretly wanted to find Jesus so he could get rid of him.

### BIBLE STORY:

In today's Bible story, we learn of the magi who followed the star and found Jesus.

In a faraway place, there were magi who spent their time watching the stars. One night they noticed a very special star in the sky. It was very bright and seemed to be moving ahead of them. The magi thought this special star would lead them to the new king. They wanted to bring special gifts to the new king. They packed frankincense, gold, and myrrh—gifts fit for a king—and set out following a star. The magi arrived in Bethlehem, following the special star until it stopped over a little house. Then the magi entered the house, they met the new king, Jesus, and his mom, Mary. The magi knelt down and offered Jesus their gifts.



God included shepherds, and animals and the magi in Jesus' birth story. God asks us to include others in our story. How can you reach out to someone today to include them in your life?



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