SUNDAY GOSPEL STORIES

The Travellers and the Star

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Wednesday 6 January 2027

Matthew 2:1-12

A FAMILY BOOKLET

READ TOGETHER

The Gospel story



After Jesus was born, wise travellers from the east arrived in Jerusalem. They had seen an unusual star and wanted to find the newborn king of the Jews to honour him.

King Herod was troubled. His advisers told him that the prophets had pointed to Bethlehem. Herod sent the travellers there and asked them to come back with news. He claimed that he wanted to honour the child too.

The star led the travellers to the place where Jesus was. They were overjoyed. Inside the house they found him with Mary, bowed down to worship him and offered gold, frankincense and myrrh.

A dream warned them against reporting back to Herod. They went home by a different road.

An original retelling of Matthew 2:1-12

REMEMBER THE GOSPEL

Draw or write

What gift of kindness could you offer?

Draw the travellers' path from Jerusalem to the house in Bethlehem, then draw a different path home. Put a star where their joy was greatest.

AT HOME

Talk and pray

SAY TOGETHER

Jesus, you welcomed travellers from far away. Guide us to you and teach us to welcome others. Amen.



WONDER TOGETHER

How did the wise travellers and Herod respond differently to the news about Jesus?

TRY ONE THING

Offer someone a gift that costs nothing. Give them your time, help them with a task or make them a card.

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