

**CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity – Celebrating Our Catholic Faith**  
**Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace**

**Please note:** Some of our lesson plans contain links to Christian, non-Catholic resources. When preparing your lessons, we urge you to inform yourself on the teachings of the Catholic Church with respect to the Sunday gospel and readings. If you find links in any of the lesson plans which may be counter to the teachings of the Church, please notify [lisa@catholicmom.com](mailto:lisa@catholicmom.com). These lesson plan helpers are designed to assist you in pulling together creative ideas and activities to supplement your lesson plan, but are not designed to be catechetical in nature. Thank you for your continued prayerful support.

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The Epiphany of the Lord  
Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

**Activities**

new.catholicmom.com

<http://new.catholicmom.com/category/sundays-gospel/>

Scroll down to Coloring Page, Mass Worksheet, Crossword Puzzle, Word Search

webelieveweb.com

[http://www.webelieveweb.com/home\\_proclaiming\\_faith.cfm?reading\\_id=272&language=eng&book=0](http://www.webelieveweb.com/home_proclaiming_faith.cfm?reading_id=272&language=eng&book=0)

Scroll down to Gospel Reflection, Discussion Questions for the Gospel, and Proclaiming Faith Activities

msssbible.com

<http://msssbible.com/newtestament/wisemen.htm>

The Three Wisemen with tons of resources for illustrating the story, coloring pages/activity sheets, crafts, and songs.

talks2children.itsforministry.org

<http://talks2children.itsforministry.org/t2c/view.asp?ID=30>

Sweet Christmas object lesson

ecusa.anglican.org

[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/50534\\_50678\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/50534_50678_ENG_HTM.htm)

Lesson Plans for Small Congregations

sermons4kids.com

[http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise\\_men.htm](http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise_men.htm)

Wise Men Still Seek Him object lesson with coloring page and maze

kidsclubs4jesus.com

[http://www.kidsclubs4jesus.com/download\\_page.htm](http://www.kidsclubs4jesus.com/download_page.htm)

Three Wise Men lesson with puzzles, coloring sheet, Bible readings, questions, memory verses, key points, object lesson, drama, puppets, etc. (These files are set up and formatted so that they can be easily made into weekly booklets for your children's ministry, youth ministry, etc., with 4 sheets of legal paper and two staples).

kidssundayschool.com

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<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/Gradeschool/Lessons/1birthchrist04.php>

The Visit of the Magi lesson

calvarychapel.org

<http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/pdf/New/Curr170.pdf>

The Wise Men lesson with memory verses, circle the correct words, true or false, fill in the blanks, puzzles, and color sheets.

sundayschoollessons.com

<http://www.sundayschoollessons.com/epi1mles.htm>

Wise Men Come from the East to Worship Jesus lesson

childrensermons.com

[http://www.childrensermons.com/text/wisemen\\_text.htm](http://www.childrensermons.com/text/wisemen_text.htm)

Wise Men Worship Jesus object lesson

textweek.com

<http://www.textweek.com/mtk/matt2a.htm>

<http://www.textweek.com/mkjnacts/jn10a.htm> Lectionary, Scripture Study and Worship

Links and Resources

homiliesbyemail.com

[http://www.homiliesbyemail.com/leaf/cas/cas\\_01-06-04.pdf](http://www.homiliesbyemail.com/leaf/cas/cas_01-06-04.pdf)

Activity sheets, coloring pages, puzzles, etc.

### **Coloring**

sermons4kids.com

[http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise\\_men\\_colorpg.htm](http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise_men_colorpg.htm)

Matthew 2

homeschooling.about.com

[http://homeschooling.about.com/od/holidays/ss/nativityprint\\_8.htm](http://homeschooling.about.com/od/holidays/ss/nativityprint_8.htm)

Three Wise Men

christiananswers.net

<http://www.christiananswers.net/kids/clr-wisemen.pdf>

Wise Men Worshiping Jesus

dltk-bible.com

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/advent/index.htm>

Quite a few coloring pages for the story posted here.

### **Crafts**

Purim Treat Holder- Cute craft to represent the Wise Men. (Crafts to make in the Winter by Kathy Ross, page 58 & 59).

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kaboose.com

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/popsicle-stick-star-ornament.html>

Paddy Pop Star- An easy and pretty star craft made out of paddle pop sticks (popsicle sticks), paint, and glitter.

kaboose.com

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/sparkling-stars.html>

Sparkling Stars- Make sparkling stars to decorate your home.

kaboose.com

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/popsicle-stick-star-of-david.html>

Popsicle Stick Star of David- A very simple star made out of 6 popsicle sticks.

Three Kings Banner- A cute and easy banner of the Three Wise Men. (Crafts for Christmas by Kathy Ross, page 12 & 13).

Three Kings Hats- Three kings made out of cone shaped party hats. (Crafts from your favorite Bible Stories by Kathy Ross, page 40 & 41).

### **Games**

<http://books.google.com/books?id=6WGMExZ9uEC&pg=PT1&dq=The+Encyclopedia+of+Bible+Games+for+Children%E2%80%99s+Ministry#PPA68,M1>

Finding Favor (Wise Men Find Jesus)- This game will help students identify how we pursue things that are important to us. (The Encyclopedia of Bible Games for Children's Ministry, page 68 & 69).

Wise Men Search

Need: Clothes pin to be baby Jesus.

Directions: One student is picked to be a Wise Man and steps out of the classroom. Another student is picked by the teacher to hide baby Jesus somewhere in the classroom. When baby Jesus is hidden, the Wise Man comes back into the room. He is to find baby Jesus by directions from the student that hid baby Jesus. These directions are: the star is not very bright if the Wise Man is far away, brighter if somewhat nearer, getting brighter if even closer, and VERY bright if very close. When the Wise Man finds the baby Jesus, the person that hid baby Jesus is now the Wise Man.

Introduce game: What did the Wise Men follow to find Jesus? A very bright star.

Coin Toss- (The Really Big Book of Bible Games, page 139) You can also draw a star on the board and have the students throw a suction cup toy at it. If it is inside the lines, they get a point for their team.

Journey to Bethlehem- (The Really Big Book of Bible Games, page 139)

Gifts For The Baby Jesus File Folder Game

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### **Puzzles**

Wise Men Visit Jesus- Look at the pictures in the circles. Find the matching pictures in the larger picture. Draw lines to connect the matching pictures. (Big Puzzles for Little Hands: Jesus' Life and Lessons by Carla Williams, page 14).

sermons4kids.com

[http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise\\_men\\_maze.htm](http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise_men_maze.htm)

Maze

biblewise.com

[http://biblewise.com/images/kids\\_korner/fun\\_games/2006/december/wise\\_men\\_maze.pdf](http://biblewise.com/images/kids_korner/fun_games/2006/december/wise_men_maze.pdf)

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biblewise.com

[http://biblewise.com/images/kids\\_korner/fun\\_games/2004/december/wisemen.pdf](http://biblewise.com/images/kids_korner/fun_games/2004/december/wisemen.pdf)

Maze

More 365 Activities for Kids (do any of the Wise Men puzzles, mazes, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, etc. from August 3 - 8).

biblewise.com

[http://biblewise.com/images/kids\\_korner/fun\\_games/2006/december/missing\\_objects.pdf](http://biblewise.com/images/kids_korner/fun_games/2006/december/missing_objects.pdf)

Missing Objects

silk.net/RelEd/

<http://www.silk.net/RelEd/PDF/epiphany.pdf>

Crossword

### **Song**

kididdles.com

<http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/w043.html>

We Three Kings- with lyrics and audio

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