

# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

The Feast of the Epiphany  
Matthew 2:1-12

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This week's Gospel is the Feast of the Epiphany! On this day we remember the three magi who followed a star to a manger. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn king - Jesus! Do you think that these men, when they set out on their journey, pictured finding a baby in a manger surrounded by shepherds and animals? They likely thought he would be born in a fancy place - a place fit for a great king! Why do you think God chose this place for his only son to be born?

God choose this place to fulfill the old testament that said from Bethlehem a ruler over Israel would come (MT 2:5-6 ), and to show us, by the humble surroundings of the holy family, that God is with us in all circumstances! Mary and Joseph's love for this child, and the Joy his birth brings to both lowly shepherds and the magi, helps us to understand it is not the things of this world that are important - *but love*. The love of our Heavenly Father who sent his son, the love of our family, and the love we show one another.

### FOR MORE FUN

- ★ Many people in the world live a simple life - like Mary, Joseph and Jesus. We are called to share our time and treasure as the magi did to ease the life of others. What are some ways you and your family can help other families?
- ★ Color in the page below and hang it someplace you see everyday! Learn the Fifth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary! Take time to pray the Rosary this week and offer it for all families in need! Ask God direction to share your gifts!



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THE FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY - THE FINDING OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE