

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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JUDEA
KING
MARY
MYRRH
OFFERED
PROPHET
PROSTRATED
SHEPHERD
STAR

Catechizing Corner!

Epiphany is another celebration of Christ's manifestation to the world. Even though there is great emphasis placed on the story of the magi, the theme of this feast transcends the manifestation of God to the gentiles; it centers on God's self-revelation to humanity in the person of Christ. There is another manifestation in a line of manifestations during the season: to the shepherds, to Mary, the Mother of God, through baptism, and now to all the world.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

The Epiphany of the Lord

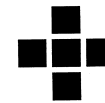
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A Call to Prayer

**The Word of God
Matthew 2:1-12**

**Faith Sharing
Questions of the week**

Closing Prayer



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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord

ground.

Myrrh is a fragrant substance that is used in perfumes and oils. Jews anointed the bodies of the dead with perfumed oil

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Children: What do you think Mary and Joseph thought to have 3 kings visit them just to see baby Jesus?

Teen: Like the magi, what stars am I following? Do they bring joy to my heart? How can I focus more on the star of our savior?

Adult: The magi must have been surprised at the Jesus' humble birth. What would they think about my heart, where Jesus longs to be born?

Family: When we go to church, we show homage to Jesus. What other ways can I show homage to the King of Kings

Closing Prayer

Loving parent, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Epiphany of the Lord

The Word of God Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And

Gospel Glossary

Magi were wise men who studied the stars.

To **ascertain** means to figure out something exactly. **Diligently** means carefully.

To **prostrate** means to lay face down on the