

# G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea,  
The magi came from the east.

When they arrived in Jerusalem, they asked the people,  
“Where is the newborn King of the Jews?  
We have seen his star in the east,  
And we have come to worship him.”



*The Magi are also known as the  
Three Wise Men.*

When they said this, King Herod and all the people of Jerusalem became very disturbed. Herod gathered the leaders of the Jewish people and asked them where the Messiah was supposed to be born.

They told him,  
“In Bethlehem of Judaea.”

Then Herod asked the magi to tell him the exact time they had seen the star in the east.

When they told him, Herod said,

“Go to Bethlehem and find out all you can about this child. When you have found him, come back and tell me, so that I may go, too, and worship Him.”

And so they left for Bethlehem. The star, which they had seen in the east, went ahead of them, and it stopped over the place where Jesus was.

When they went in, they found the child with Mary, his mother. They were filled with joy. They knelt down and worshipped Jesus,

And they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



*Frankincense and  
myrrh were spices.  
They were very  
valuable in Jesus’  
time!*

That night, God told the magi in a dream not to go back to Herod.

So they went back to their own country by another way.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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CAN WE TALK  
ABOUT IT

In today's Gospel we hear about the story of the Three Wise Men, or the Magi, who travelled for a long time just to see Jesus.

In our lives, there are still a lot of people that do not know Jesus. Sure, they may have heard His Name, but they don't really know what He is about! Do you think you can help others find Jesus, just like the Three Wise Men did?

Remember, it took a long time for the Three Wise Men to find Jesus. So don't worry if it takes you time to show Jesus to others as well!

FOLLOW THAT  
STAR

Cut out the star below and write your name on it. Decorate it how you like, and hang it in a special place in your room to remind you about Jesus!

