

## WORSHIP

### *SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:*

EMMANUEL GOD WITH US, HARK THE HERALD/KING OF HEAVENS, O COME LET US SING, HIS NAME SHALL BE, SHOUT TO THE LORD

## WELCOME

What's your favorite Christmas carol/song? What's the main focus of the song?

### *READ IT!*

## WORD

### **MATTHEW 2:1-12**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, <sup>1</sup>magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the <sup>5</sup>Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written <sup>6</sup>by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them <sup>8</sup>the exact time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." <sup>9</sup>After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over *the place* where the Child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they <sup>12</sup>fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

### *PARAPHRASE IT!*

Restate the verses in your own words.

### *TALK ABOUT IT!*

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about Christmas?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

## ***POINT IT OUT***

**INTRO** (Matthew 2:11, Romans 8:29)

**1. HUMILITY is Golden** (Luke 2:8-20, Luke 1:3-17, 26-38, 39-48, 67-69, 1 Corinthians 12:22-23, Psalm 8:1-2, Mark 1:6-7)

**2. GRATITUDE is Worship** (Luke 2:25-38)

**3. OBEDIENCE is Sacrifice** (Matthew 1:19-25, 2:13-14, 19-21, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20, Hebrews 1:1-2, 2 Timothy 4:1-2, Luke 15:10)

## **WORKS**

### ***APPLY IT!***

Based on this lesson on “*GIFTS FOR THE KING: WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?*”, write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

### **PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION**

Lift in prayer those who may be celebrating Christmas but are missing the true reason for the season --- Jesus, in their lives. Take time in this joyful holiday to share the gospel through the Christmas story with your family and friends!

### **MEMORY VERSE**

#### **Romans 8:29**

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.

### **WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS**

#### **I. Thanksgiving**

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

#### **II. Country and the World**

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; tension in the West Philippine Sea to be peacefully resolved.
- Continue to pray for the rest of Israeli hostages to be restored to their families safely. Pray for Israel and the war with terrorists to end according to God’s purpose and for His glory.
- For the civil war in Syria to end peacefully, protection for Christians and other minorities; that there will be freedom from oppression for Syrians. Pray for the gospel to spread rapidly throughout the country.

#### **III. Church**

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

#### **IV. CCF Facilities**

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### **V. Personal Concerns**

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

