



WEEKLY GPS
GROW
PRAY
STUDY

MEMORY VERSE FROM SUNDAY

Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY	Matthew 2:1-12	The gifts of the magi
MONDAY	Numbers 24:15-19	Balaam's oracle of the star
TUESDAY	Isaiah 60:1-6	Nations bringing gifts
WEDNESDAY	Micah 5:2-5a	The ruler from Bethlehem
THURSDAY	Hosea 11:1-4	"Out of Egypt"
FRIDAY	Jeremiah 31:10-17	Rachel weeps for her children
SATURDAY	Isaiah 11:1-10	The peaceful reign of the King

THINKING ABOUT TODAY'S LESSON:

- The magi were eastern astrologers. They were Gentiles of a vastly different religious background. Why was important to Matthew to tell their story?
- The star guided the magi to Jesus. What are things that guide our life and keep us oriented toward Christ?
- The gifts of the magi have inspired gift giving on Christmas for centuries. What were some of your favorite Christmas gifts in your life?

THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK:

- Matthew 2:13-23
- We will share part two of this story, when Holy Family flees Bethlehem to escape Herod's wrath. How can we be shaped by the fact that the Holy Family had to flee their homeland to survive?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 4

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

NO BIBLE STUDY
 12:00 p.m. Youth Retreat @ Camp Milan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEARS EVE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

NEW YEARS DAY!
 Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

12:00 p.m. Meal Site

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

Fill the Wagon Sunday
 9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion & Baptism
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

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