



## 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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