

**PRAYER**

- Pray that each person in your group will get to know God more and that this will result to a lifestyle of worship.

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- Ask God to give you the grace to regularly read His Word and live it out in obedience.

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- Intercede for each one in your group to be excellent givers—people who will be ready to give the best in every aspect of life to bring God worship fit for a King.

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**VICTORY**

**Honor God. Make Disciples.**

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**CONNECT**

- What restaurant do you always visit? Why is it your favorite?
- When you were a kid, what house rule did you hate the most? Why?
- What is the most expensive thing you bought so far? Why did you buy it?

## WORD

### WHAT

What does the Bible say?

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” . . . <sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup>On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Matthew 2:1,2,9-11

The Magi from the east eagerly waited and watched out for the birth of the true King of the Jews. They’ve heard about Jesus from the prophets of old and as soon as they saw familiar signs, they set on a journey to meet the Messiah in person. Their response to the Good News gives us a good example of how it is to be a true worshiper of God. How did the Magi respond to the coming of Jesus?

- **They came to worship Jesus.**

. . . “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:2

The Magi who came from a place far from Jerusalem must have prepared much just to meet Jesus. They were already decided on what to do: worship Jesus as soon as they see Him. In the same way, we need to decide to worship Jesus no matter what situation we are in because He is worthy of our praise. What are some things that make it hard for us to worship Jesus?

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- **They followed God’s Word.**

<sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2:9,10

At first, the star led the Magi to Jerusalem. Later on, the Scriptures written by the prophet Micah (Matthew 2:6, Micah 5:2) led them to Bethlehem where Jesus was. They obeyed God’s Word and found Jesus. Obedience to God’s Word is another way to show that we adore and worship God. Tell of a time when you obeyed God’s Word. What good did this do in your life?

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- **They gave their best to Jesus.**

*On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

The Magi knew that they were meeting the King of the Jews and so they prepared their best gifts and worship fit for a king. In your own way, how do you worship the King of kings?

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### SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- In worshipping God, what sacrifices do you make or what do you give Him to express your worship?
- In your opinion, in what way could following Jesus do you good?
- How do you give your best to God?

### NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What can you do in the next few days to express your worship unto God? In what areas do you think you need to worship God more (finances, relationships, work, etc.)?
- What commands in Scripture do you feel God wants you to obey in this season? What will you do to start following them?
- In what way can you give your best to God in your school, work, relationships, or finances? How can you encourage others to give their best to God as well?