

11 Three Wise Men Arrive

“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?
For we have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:2

Jesus came to save everybody. He loves the people of every part of the world and He loves them very, very much.

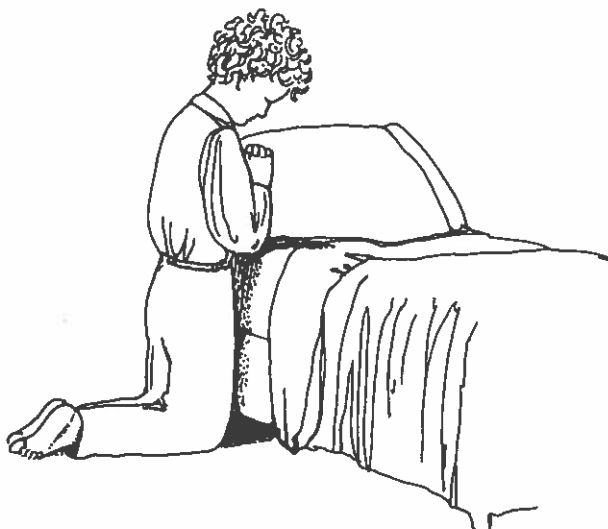
Three **wise men** came to Bethlehem from a far away land when Jesus was born. The wise men knew many things about God and the world He made by studying His creation. They did not get lost because they followed a star that brought them to Jesus. The wise men knew that Jesus was a great **king**. A king is someone who rules over a land. Jesus rules over all kings of the world and over the Kingdom of Heaven too. He is the King of Kings. So the wise men knelt before Jesus and gave Him gifts fit for a king. His Kingdom will never end!

Jesus was glad to see the wise men. Although He was a baby, He really was their God and King.

Can you do what the wise men did? Can you visit Jesus and give Him gifts? Yes, you can! Jesus is always waiting for you in church. You can visit Him any time the church is open.

If you are at home you can visit Jesus, too. All you have to do is stop what you are doing and talk to Him. God is everywhere and can always hear you.

Your gift to Jesus is your love for Him. Your prayers are a gift to Him. Your good deeds are a gift to Him too. Each time you chose right over wrong, that is a gift to Jesus.



Words to Know:

wise men

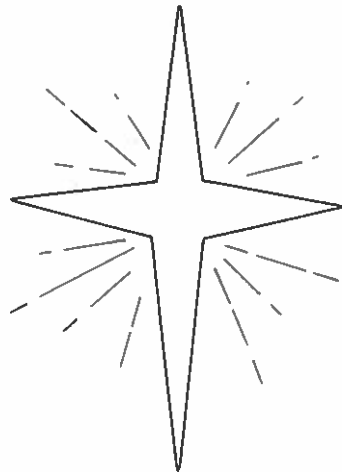
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Q. 27 *What did the wise men do when they found Jesus?*

They knelt before Jesus and gave Him gifts (CCC 528).

Q. 28 *Where can we go to kneel before Jesus?*

We can kneel before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (CCC 1373, 1378).



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Dear Jesus, I give You my day and everything in it. Please keep me close to You, Your Mother Mary, and my guardian angel as I live today for Your glory. *Amen.*

12 Jesus Grows Up

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.”

Luke 2:52

The boy Jesus lived and worked and played in a little house in Nazareth. Jesus is the Son of God. Mary is His Mother. And Saint Joseph is His foster-father.

Saint Joseph did everything for Jesus just like a real father should. Saint Joseph was a **carpenter** who made chairs, tables, and many other things out of wood. Jesus liked to help him in the shop because He wanted to learn to be a carpenter, like Joseph.

Jesus loved His parents. He obeyed them and helped them with their work. He grew up and was strong and good. Jesus did all these things to show us how to **honor** our parents. When we love and obey them, we honor our parents and make our heavenly Father happy with us.

Words to Know:

carpenter

honor

Q. 29 *Is Saint Joseph the father of Jesus?*
No, Saint Joseph is the foster-father of Jesus and the husband of Mary (CCC 484, 497).

Q. 30 *What does Jesus teach us in His family life?*
Jesus teaches us in His family life to love and obey our parents (CCC 520, 532).

Litany to Saint Joseph

Let Us Pray:

Saint Joseph...
Foster-father of the Son of God...
Head of the Holy Family...
Joseph most just...
Joseph most strong...
Joseph most obedient...
Joseph most faithful...
Pillar of families...
Protector of Holy Church...

Pray for us.