

The Visit of the Magi

(Middle and Upper Elementary)

January 3, 2021 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Overview

In this week's Gospel passage, the Magi visit the infant Jesus to bring Him gifts and honor Him. In this lesson, students will learn about the three gifts of the Magi and consider what sort of gift they can bring to the Christ Child.

Directions

- A. Have your students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions.
- B. Review and discuss the answers when they have completed the focus questions.
- C. Sing the Christmas carol "We Three Kings" together as a class and then look at the sacred art and read the reflection. A recording of the carol can be found at the following link: [SophiaOnline.Org/WeThreeKings](https://www.sophiaonline.org/we-there-kings).
- D. Have students answer the reflection questions and call on students to share and discuss their responses with the class.

Answer Key

Focus Questions

1. Magi from the east. They were looking for the newborn king of the Jews to pay him homage.
2. They were the ones currently in power. The birth of a new king threatened their power and control over the people.
3. Bethlehem.
4. Herod asked the Magi to search for the child and bring him word when they had found Him. Herod said he wanted them to do this so he could pay homage. He likely did not want to do this in truth, but rather sought to kill the newborn King because he threatened Herod's rule.
5. A star which came to rest over the place where the child was.
6. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

7. They had been warned not to do so in a dream.