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Key Stage 1

Prayer and Liturgy

Wednesday 8th January

The Epiphany



Gather - listen and enjoy

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Word - Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east. We came to worship him."

When King Herod heard about this new king of the Jews, he was troubled. And all the people in Jerusalem were worried too. Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law. He asked them where the Christ would be born. They answered, "In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet wrote about this in the Scriptures:

'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are important among the rulers of Judah.
A ruler will come from you.

He will be like a shepherd for my people, the Israelites.'" Micah 5:2



Then Herod had a secret meeting with the wise men from the east. He learned from them the exact time they first saw the star. Then Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem. He said to them, "Go and look carefully to find the child. When you find him, come tell me. Then I can go worship him too."

The wise men heard the king and then left. They saw the same star they had seen in the east. It went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. They went to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary. They bowed down and worshiped the child. They opened the gifts they brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they went home to their own country by a different way.



Response to the Word

Who else had visited
baby Jesus?

Why were both groups
of visitors important?

What treasures did the
visitors offer?



The treasures were important
for different reasons. Why?

Epiphany Action Prayer

Lord Jesus,

The Wise Men gave you gold; They knew you were a king.

(Put hands on heads with fingers pointing upwards to make a crown.)

The Wise Men gave you incense; They knew you were God.

(Raise hands and look up.)

The Wise Men gave you myrrh; They knew you would die.

(Stretch out arms to make a cross shape.)

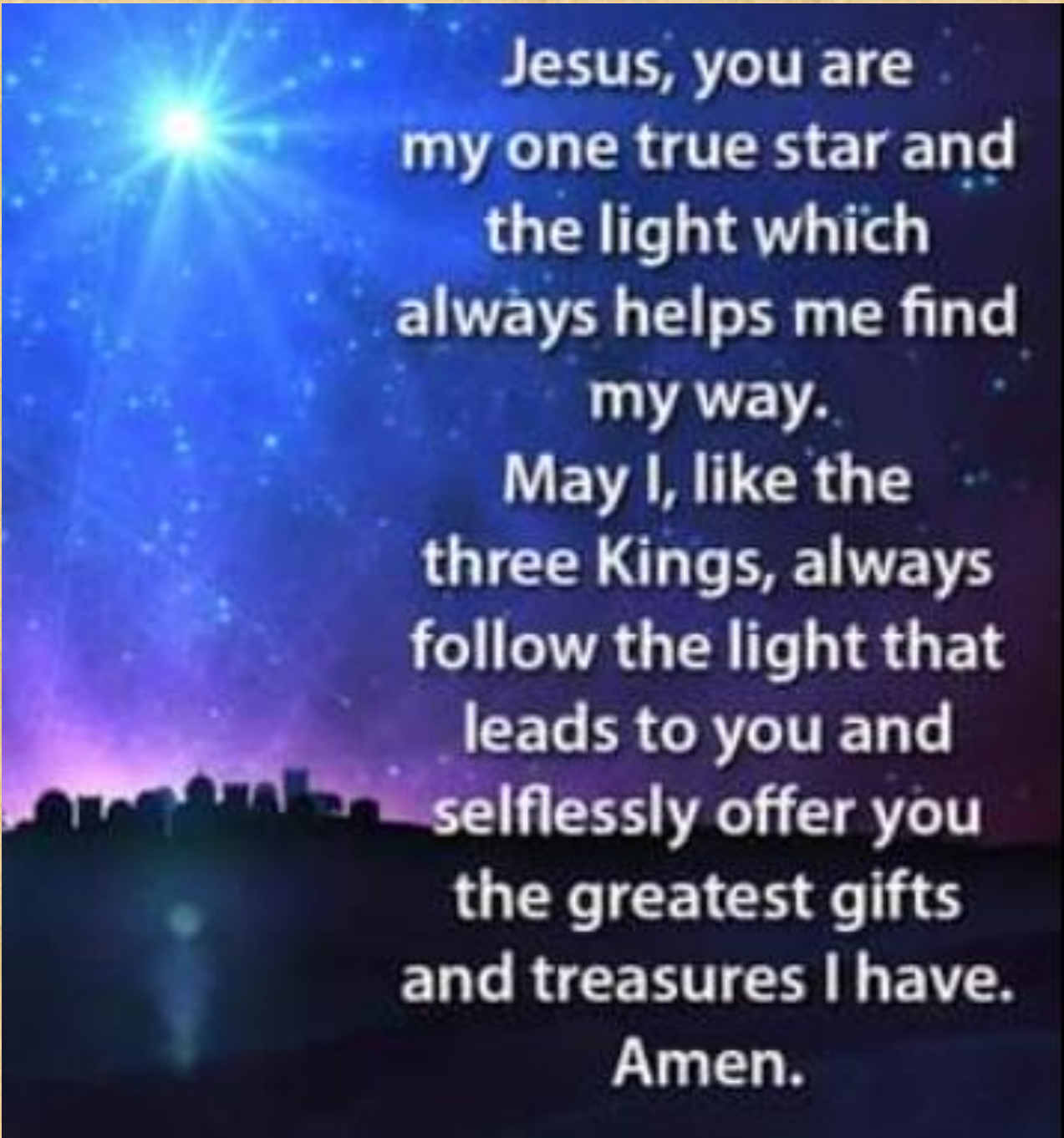
We give you ourselves. We know you love us.

(Cross arms over chest to hug yourself.)

The Wise Men followed the light of a star to find you in Bethlehem. Help us to follow your light so that we can live as children of God.

Amen.

Prayer

A vertical rectangular image with a dark blue and purple night sky background. A bright, multi-pointed star is in the upper left. A faint city skyline is visible at the bottom. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Jesus, you are
my one true star and
the light which
always helps me find
my way.

May I, like the
three Kings, always
follow the light that
leads to you and
selflessly offer you
the greatest gifts
and treasures I have.
Amen.

Go Forth - Listen to the music and think about how we can follow your light so that we can live as children of God.

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