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### December 3: We Three Kings [Matthew 2:1-18]

1. In Matthew 2:1-18, we see the magi worshipping Jesus. What aspects of their worship stand out to you and why?
2. How would you define worship based on your understanding of scriptures and personal experiences?
3. What are some misconceptions or limited views of worship that you have encountered, and how do they differ from the biblical view?
4. According to Matthew 2:11, the magi presented gifts to Jesus as an act of worship. What does this reveal about the connection between worship and giving?
5. In your own words, how would you describe the difference between sincere worship and merely going through the motions?
6. Reflecting on Matthew 2:1-18, what can we learn from King Herod's response to news of the Messiah's birth? How does his response contrast with true worship?
7. How does the act of worshipping God impact our relationship with Him and our understanding of His character?
8. If you have one, share a personal experience when you felt the deepest sense of connection & adoration towards God in an act of worship. How did that experience shape your perspective on worship?
9. How can we ensure that our worship of God remains focused on Him rather than becoming self-centered or driven by personal preferences?
10. What practical steps can we take to cultivate a lifestyle of worship that goes beyond Sunday services and incorporates our entire lives?

#### **Family Questions:**

*In Matthew 2:1-18, the wise men travel a long way to see baby Jesus. Why do you think they were willing to travel so far to see Jesus?*

*King Herod got mad when he heard people wanted to worship Jesus. Have you ever seen someone get upset about worshipping God? Why might that happen?*

*How do you think worshipping God can help us know and love Him more?*



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### December 10: Hark the Herald Angels Sing [Luke 2:8-20]

1. In Luke 2, the angels share the gospel with the shepherds saying “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” How does knowing Jesus brings joy shape how we share the gospel with others?
2. The angels told the shepherds the good news was “for all people”- how can we make sure to share the news of Jesus widely with all people in our lives, not just those like us?
3. What fears or concerns might hold us back from sharing the gospel with others? How can remembering “do not be afraid” help us overcome those?
4. When the shepherds heard the good news, they went straight to Jesus and then shared with everyone around them. Why is this order of events important when we think of sharing Jesus ourselves?
5. What simple ways can we share the story of Jesus’ birth with others, like the shepherds did? How can we share in non-threatening but exciting ways?
6. How has the gospel shaped your life in positive ways you can share with others? How has Jesus brought you joy?
7. What opportunities does the Christmas season give us to share about Jesus’ birth that we miss the rest of the year? How can we make the most of them?
8. Who is one person you want to share Jesus this Christmas season? Will you invite them to Christmas Eve Services at SG?

#### **Family Questions:**

*How has Jesus changed your life? What good things could you tell others Jesus has done for you?*

*Christmas time gives us lots of chances to talk about when Jesus was born. What are some ways you could share his story this Christmas?*

*Who is one friend you want to tell about Jesus this Christmas? Will you invite them to the Christmas Eve services at SG?*



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### December 17: Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel [John 1:1-18]

1. Why is it sometimes difficult to recognize God's presence when we are feeling isolated or alone?
2. Can you think of any biblical examples where individuals experienced feelings of abandonment, yet God was still with them? How does this encourage you in your own times of loneliness?
3. In what ways can we experience God's presence even when we are physically or emotionally alone? Share any personal experiences or insights you may have.
4. How does our understanding of God as the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ (John 1:14) impact our perception of His presence with us in moments of loneliness?
5. What are some practical steps we can take to remind ourselves of God's presence during times of loneliness or isolation?
6. How can we combat the lie that God has abandoned us when we face feelings of loneliness or isolation? What biblical promises can we hold onto?
7. Share a time when you felt deeply alone, but later realized that God was with you throughout that experience. How did this realization impact your faith?
8. How can we extend God's love and presence to others who are feeling alone? Discuss practical ways we can be a source of comfort and support for those in need.

#### **Family Questions:**

*What are some ways you can still feel God's presence when you're by yourself or feel lonely? Share any times you still felt God with you when alone.*

*Knowing Jesus came to earth to be with us helps us know God is always with us. Why is it important to remember that God is always with us?*

*How could you share God's love with a friend who feels lonely? What are some nice things you could do to show them they're not alone?*



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## **December 23-24: Silent Night** [Luke 1:26-38]

This Christmas season, we encourage you to read aloud the story of Jesus' birth with your friends and/or family. Here is a good sequence of verses to read in order to experience the story.

Merry Christmas!

Luke 2:1-20 (Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus, angels and shepherds)

Matthew 2:1-11 (The wise men visit Jesus)