

JESUS IS FOR EVERYONE!

«Dear Jesus, thank you for coming to save me. Thank you that your love and your salvation are for everyone. Help me to share your Word with my friends and with the people I meet. Amen».

At Christmas we welcome Jesus with joy. At Epiphany we celebrate that Jesus is for everyone. Let us take his good news to the world!

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EPIPHANY: JESUS IS FOR EVERYONE!



Gentile da Fabriano, "Adoration of the Magi", 1423

The joy of Christmas reaches all peoples.

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AT CHRISTMAS, JESUS CAME FOR US



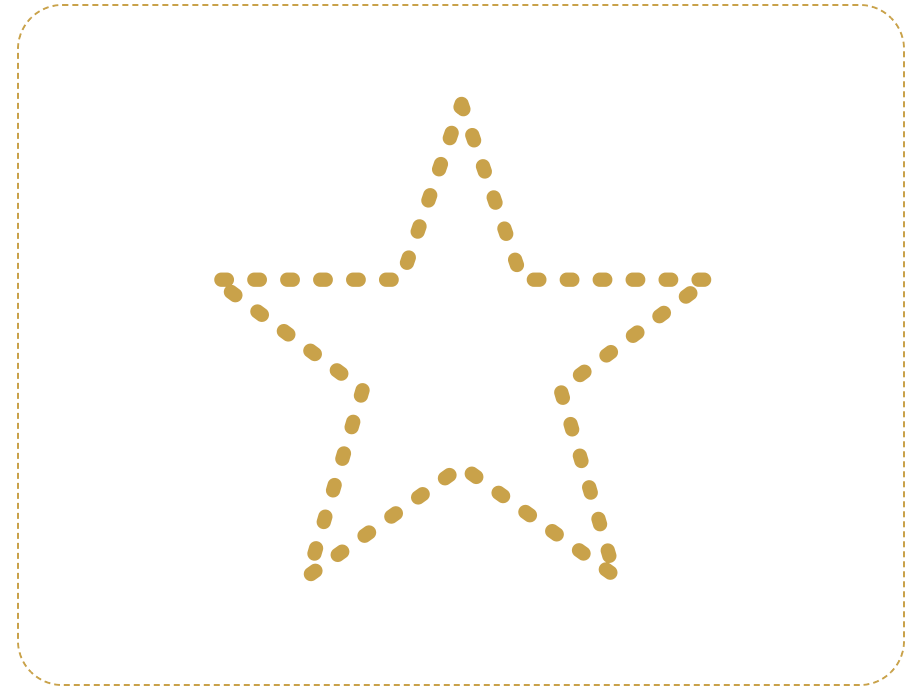
Gerard van Honthorst, "Adoration of the Shepherds", 1622

God kept his promise and sent his Son into the world. Jesus came to live among us to save us from sin.

ACTIVITY: BRING JESUS!

Draw a star and write the name of someone you would like to share the good news with. You can also draw how you would tell them.

Verse to memorize: «For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people» (Luke 2:30-31).



This star is for: _____

I will tell them like this: _____

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!



Diego Velázquez, "Adoration of the Magi", 1619

You can tell your friends what you learn about Jesus, invite them to church and show them his love. You do not need to know all the answers: you can start by telling what Jesus did for you.

A STAR ANNOUNCES THE KING



James Tissot, "The Magi Journeying", c. 1890

Some wise men from the East saw a special star and understood that a great King had been born. They set out on the journey to find him.

LET'S GO FIND THE KING!



The wise men traveled from distant lands. They did not yet know everything about Jesus, but God guided them to him.

The story reminds us that God wants people to know their Savior.

JESUS ALSO CAME FOR YOU!



Jesus came to save us from sin and to give us forgiveness and eternal life. We do not receive these gifts because we deserve them, but by the grace of God. His Gospel is for everyone.

WHAT DO WE CELEBRATE AT EPIPHANY?



Hieronymus Bosch, "Adoration of the Magi" (central panel), c. 1494

Epiphany means **manifestation**: Jesus makes himself known. At Christmas we celebrate that Jesus came into the world for us; at Epiphany we remember that he is the Savior of all peoples, not only of one place or one nation.

WHERE IS THE KING?



James Tissot, "The Magi in the House of Herod", c. 1890

The wise men asked in Jerusalem where the King of the Jews had been born. The teachers of the Law pointed to the prophecy of Micah: the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

THE STAR LED THEM TO JESUS!



When they saw the star again, the wise men were filled with great joy. God led them to the place where Jesus was.

THE WISE MEN BROUGHT GIFTS TO JESUS!



When the wise men found Jesus, they knelt down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and offered him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Do you know what these gifts remind us of?

- ◆ **Gold:** it was a gift worthy of a king. It reminds us that Jesus is our true King.
- ◆ **Frankincense:** it was used in the worship of God. It reminds us that Jesus is the Son of God, worthy of our worship.
- ◆ **Myrrh:** it was used, among other things, to prepare bodies for burial. It reminds us that Jesus came to give his life for us to save us from sin.

What special gifts! But the greatest gift was not the one the wise men took to Jesus. The greatest gift is Jesus himself, whom God gave us to be our Savior!

To think about: What can we offer to Jesus? We can worship him, listen to his Word and serve our neighbor. We do not do these things to buy God's love, but because he loved us first.