



*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

January 5, 2020

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:[1-9] 10-18



Epiphany

Good Morning friends! Happy Epiphany! Today, we celebrate the end of the Christmas season with a story of the Wise Ones who traveled a long way find Jesus, the new King.

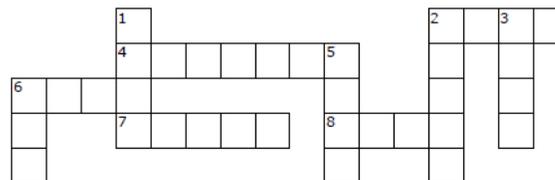
Have you ever lied down on the ground at night and looked up to watch the stars? On a really clear night, you can see the Big and Little Dipper, the North Star, and maybe even some planets.

Our Gospel lesson from Matthew tells us that the Wise Ones were looking for one very special star that would guide them to where Jesus was born. The Wise Ones followed the star until it stopped...right over the place where Jesus was, and they were overwhelmed with joy! Upon entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God sent the Wise Ones a star to light their way and to show them how to get to Jesus. Isn't God the best gift giver? First, God gave us Jesus and then God gave us a way to find Jesus! God sends us star-like people in our lives to help show us the ways of Jesus. These people care about us, tell us about how they see Jesus in their lives, they help us know how to love one another. Can you think of people who are stars for you?

God of light and stars, thank you for your Son, Jesus who is the brightest star of all. Help us to always search for Jesus in the people that we meet. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
- 4. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
- 6. To come into existence by birth
- 7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
- 8. A twinkling point of light in the night sky

DOWN

- 1. A male ruler of a country
- 2. A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
- 3. A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
- 5. The direction which is opposite to west
- 6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

MAGI	BOW	STAR	GOLD	KING
GIFTS	EAST	BORN	MYRRH	INCENSE

Activity: Cut out star shapes and draw pictures or write the names of those who are stars for you. Give your star to that person if you see them, or mail it to them, thanking them for helping to light your way to Jesus.

Discussion Question: How can we be stars for others?

Family Table Prayer for January: God, you make all things new
And for this, we thank you.
For the blessings of this day,
And for loving us in every way. Amen.

January Memory Verse: Revelation 21:5 Then the one sitting on the throne said: I am making everything new. Write down what I have said. My words are true.

