

Activity Guide

TODAY'S STORY: Matthew 2:1-12

TEACHING TRUTH: Jesus is our perfect King

ACTIVITY 1: Acting Out the Story

SUPPLIES: Robes or sheets for costumes, boxes for gifts

1. Calling all actors! After reading the story and going through the discussion questions, take some time to act out the story together.
2. You can create a stage in your living room, playroom, or even outside.
3. Choose one person to be the narrator and assign the rest of the roles. You will need wise men, King Herod, Mary, and Jesus. You can use a doll for Jesus if you do not have enough people.
4. Do not forget the costumes and props! You can use anything in your house such as robes or sheets for costumes. Grab three boxes to use as the three gifts the wise men brought.
5. Read Matthew 12:1-12 from your Bible or read the story from your favorite children's Bible while the other members of your household act out the story.

ACTIVITY 2: Gifts for Jesus

SUPPLIES: Various objects found around the house

1. Start your time by explaining that when the wise men arrived at Jesus' house, they presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts were treasures worthy of a king.
2. Talk about the following question: If you were a wise man, what gift would you give to Jesus?
3. Give everyone in your household time to go and find an object that represents what they would give to Jesus.
4. Take some time for everyone to share what they brought and explain why they would give Jesus that gift.

ACTIVITY 3: Sing Together

SUPPLIES: Christmas playlist

1. One way to praise Jesus for being our perfect king is to sing songs of praise!
2. Take some time as a family to sing Christmas carols together. You could sing songs such as Joy to the World, We Three Kings, Oh Come All Ye Faithful, or Away in a Manger.
3. After you sing a song, talk about what that song teaches you about Jesus and Christmas.
4. **OPTIONAL:** Have a dance party with these songs or try to come up with hand motions for them. You could also put on your best Christmas outfit, walk around your neighborhood, and sing to your neighbors.