

Wise Men Still Seek Him – A Family Worship Activity

Dec. 26th

Matthew 2:1-2 - Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Father, as we follow the wise men on their journey, we echo their desire to worship. Wise men still seek you today and we join this journey believing Your promise that those who seek You will find You. Oh Lord, open the eyes of our hearts today that we might see You at work in Your world. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Dec. 27th

Proverbs 9:10 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Heavenly Father, these wise men we search for each morning remind us that true wisdom begins with reverent awe of You. We bend our knees and humble ourselves before You, our Maker and our King and ask that You might help us to be ever mindful that You are God and we are not. You must increase, we must decrease this day and always. We ask for Your help in remembering this truth in Jesus' Name and for His sake, Amen.

Dec. 28th

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Heavenly Father, as we become accustomed to this pattern of seeking these figurines each morning, may we also form the habit of seeking You and Your kingdom before and above any other pursuit the day may hold. May this single purpose be the prevailing focus of our day for You are before all things and in You all things hold together. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Dec. 29th

2 Sam 24:24 - I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.

The wise men brought with them costly gifts to present to Jesus and we desire to bring something costly as well. Here, in these early hours of the day, we offer our bodies to You, Lord, as living sacrifices. We offer our hands and feet and mind and strength for Your service. Spend us in whatever way pleases You this day and always for in You we live and move and have our being. To You be the glory forever. Amen.

Dec. 30th

Matthew 2:9-10 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Father, these wise men sought you with great perseverance and were filled with great joy. May we follow their example, echoing the prayer of Psalm 63 which says "O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Dec. 31st

Isaiah 55:6-7 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Father, this morning we confess that we have not always sought You. We are grieved for the opportunities that have been missed and the time that has been wasted by our wandering. We thank You for being a compassionate God who is ready to abundantly pardon. We pray for others we know and love who are not currently seeking You and Your ways and ask that You will draw them to Yourself while You may still be found. We pray all of this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Jan 1st

Matthew 2:11-12 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Heavenly Father, as we look back on the ways your presence has changed us over this past year and look ahead to the next, we humbly ask that as we pour out our worship You would continue Your transforming work in our lives. Do not allow us to return the way we came, rather, take us someplace new. Lead us this day and always in the everlasting way for your Name's sake. Amen