

Faith Focus

Why does Jesus welcome all who come to him?

The Word of the Lord

This is the Gospel reading for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Ask your family to read it with you. Talk about the reading with them.

Years A, B, and C

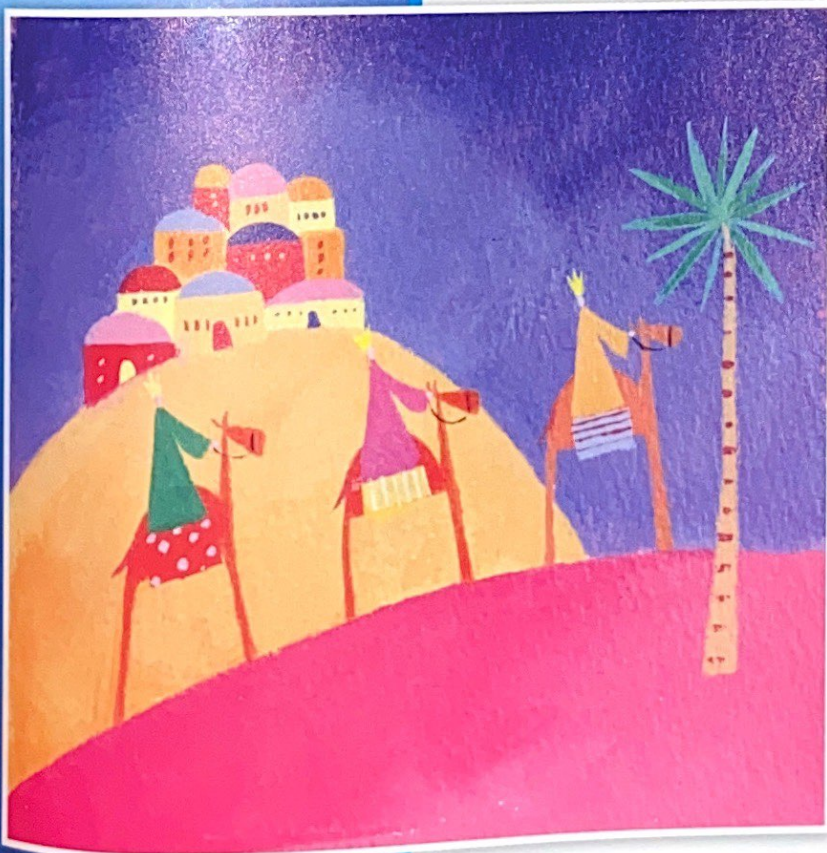
Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany

During the Christmas season, we enjoy visiting our loved ones. Sometimes they travel a long distance just to see us. Sometimes they bring gifts. Most importantly, they greet us with love.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the Magi wanted to visit with the newborn king. These wise men saw a great star in the sky. They followed the light of the star to the place where Jesus was born.

When they saw the baby Jesus with his mother, Mary, they bowed down. This was a sign of respect and honor. Then they gave Jesus their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



We go to Mass on Epiphany Sunday. We pray that Jesus will always guide our way with his light, just as the star guided the Magi.

Like the Magi, we welcome Jesus into our hearts with love. Jesus welcomes everyone who comes to him because he loves us all.

Inviting Jesus In

Think of the many times you were a visitor to someone's home. Think of the times you had visitors to your home. How did you welcome them?

Now imagine you were one of the Magi. How would you welcome Jesus into the world? In the space below, draw yourself as one of the Magi.



**My
Faith
Choice**

This week, I will welcome Jesus into my heart. I will



Pray, "Jesus, come into my heart and stay with me always! Amen."