

Feast of the Epiphany



Overview

The Gospel of Matthew (Mt. 2:1-12) reminds us that Jesus came for the whole world and that we are called to continue to follow the light of His message and share it with others; to live fully in and for Christ, and to be His missionary by sharing the gift of the Gospel.

Materials needed:

- Heavy, white card stock paper
- Glue sticks and white craft glue
- Silver glitter
- Clear fishing line (one roll)
- Scissors

1. (Prepare materials in advance and visit <http://hinzpired.wordpress.com/2007/11/06/how-to-make-paper-star-ornaments/> for directions on making a paper star ornament.

2. Read the Gospel of Matthew (Mt. 2:1-12) and explain in your own words or with the following: Twelve days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. An “epiphany” is a moment of sudden revelation or meaning. On this day, we remember the Three Wise Men who went to visit the baby Jesus. They found Him by following a star. In the moment they saw the star and the moment they saw Him, they came to know that Jesus was born for everyone. Like the Wise Men, we need to share this with all people.

3. Tell students that they will make paper star ornaments. On each paper strip, ask students to write one way they can reveal Christ to others during this new year (e.g., not gossiping about others, helping more around the house, donating clothes to the needy, etc.). Encourage them to think about specific actions - including prayer - that show their commitment to answer Christ’s call to be His missionaries. Once completed, ask volunteers to share their star and message/picture. Invite all students to hang them around the classroom or parish (perhaps the church vestibule). (If you have a large group, you may divide the sharing into various times throughout the day in order to avoid loss of focus.)