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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
#1 ~ Inspired to Worship
"Filled with Joy!"
Text: Matthew 2:1-12



"Christmas Worship ~ Inspired to Worship"

Are You Ready for Christmas?

- ✘ You can find a lot of reasons to celebrate this Christmas – but the heart of the season comes down to Worship ~ of standing in awe and acknowledging the God of heaven for the great gift of His Son!

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The Christmas Story Came Early to the Wise Men.

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1. _____ to Worship.

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