

The Cast of Christmas Pt 4

December 18, 2022

## "The Magi: Lessons in Worship"

**Big Idea:** "My heart will always pursue my \_\_\_\_\_." (Matthew 6:19)

Matthew 2:1-12

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ About Worship

— Matthew 2:1-2

— Matthew 6:19

— John 4:20

**Worship:** the appropriate response of a believing heart that adores God.

**Conveying:** worth, value, weight, authority, submission, honor, devotion.

### 2. Some Offer \_\_\_\_\_ Worship

— Matthew 2:3-6

— John 5:36b-40

— 1 Corinthians 8:1b

**Chief Priests:** assistants to the High Priest, overseeing all temple observances & activities.

**Teachers:** (Scribes) Overseeing reproduction, interpretation, application, of the Talmud (commentary on the Torah).

### 3. Some Offer \_\_\_\_\_ Worship

— Matthew 2:7-8

— Matthew 2:16-18

**Herod:** Tyrant King appointed by the Roman Senate. Jordanian by birth, converted to Judaism, greatly feared by the people, but lived in fear of the people and the Eastern Kingdoms.

### 4. God Desires \_\_\_\_\_ Worship

— Matthew 2:9-12

— Hebrews 11:1&6

— James 2:20

— Galatians 6:9

— Romans 12:1

**Magi:** mystical characters, trained to see the unseen. They were stargazers, theologians, mathematicians, interpreters of dreams. Possibly from Nabataea (Petra) possibly Jewish roots.

### Heart Worship is characterized by:

— **FAITH:** into the unknown.

— **Conviction:** did not quit

— **Motivation:** they followed

— **SACRIFICE:** time, talent, and treasure

## **“The Magi: Lessons in Worship”**

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*“My heart will always pursue my TREASURE.” (Matthew 6:19)*

### **Discuss and Apply**

*Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate meaningful conversations. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at [connect@manna.church](mailto:connect@manna.church).*

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1. What is your “Worship Love Language”?
  2. Reflect and discuss the idea of “Head” or intellectual worship.
  3. Discuss the concept of worshipping God with your time, talent, and treasure. What sacrificial change might you offer God in the coming season?
  4. Your Advent Devotional (pp. 68-81) suggest seven (7) powerful ways to Worship God with all your might. Why not take a few moments to discuss these with family and friends. Look for age-appropriate applications.
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### **Prayer**

Father, thank You for including the Wisemen in your plan and story of redemption. Their sacrifice and determination remind me of your plan and my need to commit to the process of seeking and worshipping you. Help me to avoid distractions, disruptions, and my own self talk. You are worthy of my time, my talent, and treasure. I commit to a passionate pursuit of your presence. Help my example to influence others to follow. In Jesus's name, amen.

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to provide inspiring worship experiences. We call them “experiences” because our goal is to passionately pursue the Presence of God and make much of His glory. Though we are one church that meets in many locations, each of our experiences is designed to meet this goal.