

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

What an amazing gift we have in Jesus! Whether you just watched our Christmas Gathering with your family or are opting to simply read God's true Word together, we'd like to invite you to take a moment to slow down and pray together. Ask God to quiet your mind so that you'll be able to focus on what His Word says and how you can continue to worship Him once Christmas is over.

Take out your Bible and read Matthew 2:1-12 aloud. If you have older kids in the house, take turns reading a few scriptures at a time.

How amazing is it that a group of wise men, living far to the east of Jerusalem, saw a special star and knew that the Messiah had been born? Without hesitation they followed the star to see Jesus, God's promised Messiah so that they might worship Him. The world had been waiting a long time for Jesus, and from the prophecies of the Old Testament, the wise men knew that star meant the King had finally been born.

But they didn't just come to see the new baby, they came bearing gifts because they wanted to honor and worship Him. And you know what? That's what we get to do, too—not just at Christmas, but every day. We get to celebrate Jesus and take time to worship Him. We may not have gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but we can honor Jesus with the way we live and the way we show His love to others. Jesus is always with us, and His love is always something to celebrate! The wise men knew that the birth of Jesus was the best news ever. "When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." Matthew 2:10 That's not just a little bit of joy, but a quadruple the amount of joy! The wise men were so overcome at meeting the new King, they fell to their knees and worshiped!

As followers of Christ, we're called to worship Jesus with our whole lives- not just on a Sunday morning at church or at Christmas time. We can worship Jesus with the way we live each day and share His love with the people in our lives.

As you wrap up your time in God's Word, talk through the following questions as a family.

- Based on what you just read, what do you think the wise men felt when they saw the star?
- Did they hesitate to go visit the new King?
- What were the wise men overcome with when they saw Jesus and what did they immediately do?
- Is it sometimes uncomfortable to worship Jesus or share His love with others? Why do you think that is?
- What are two ways you can worship Jesus each day?

Close your time in prayer thanking God for giving us the best gift of all this Christmas, Jesus, and ask Him to help you live a life of worship each and every day.