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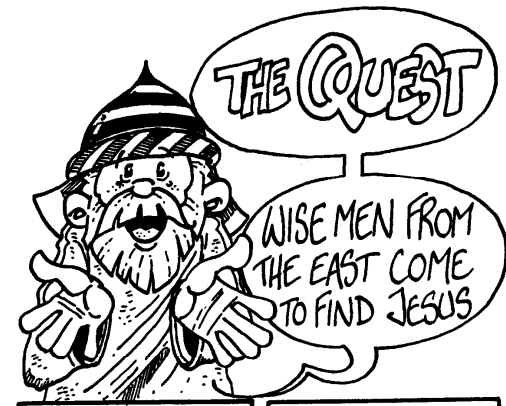
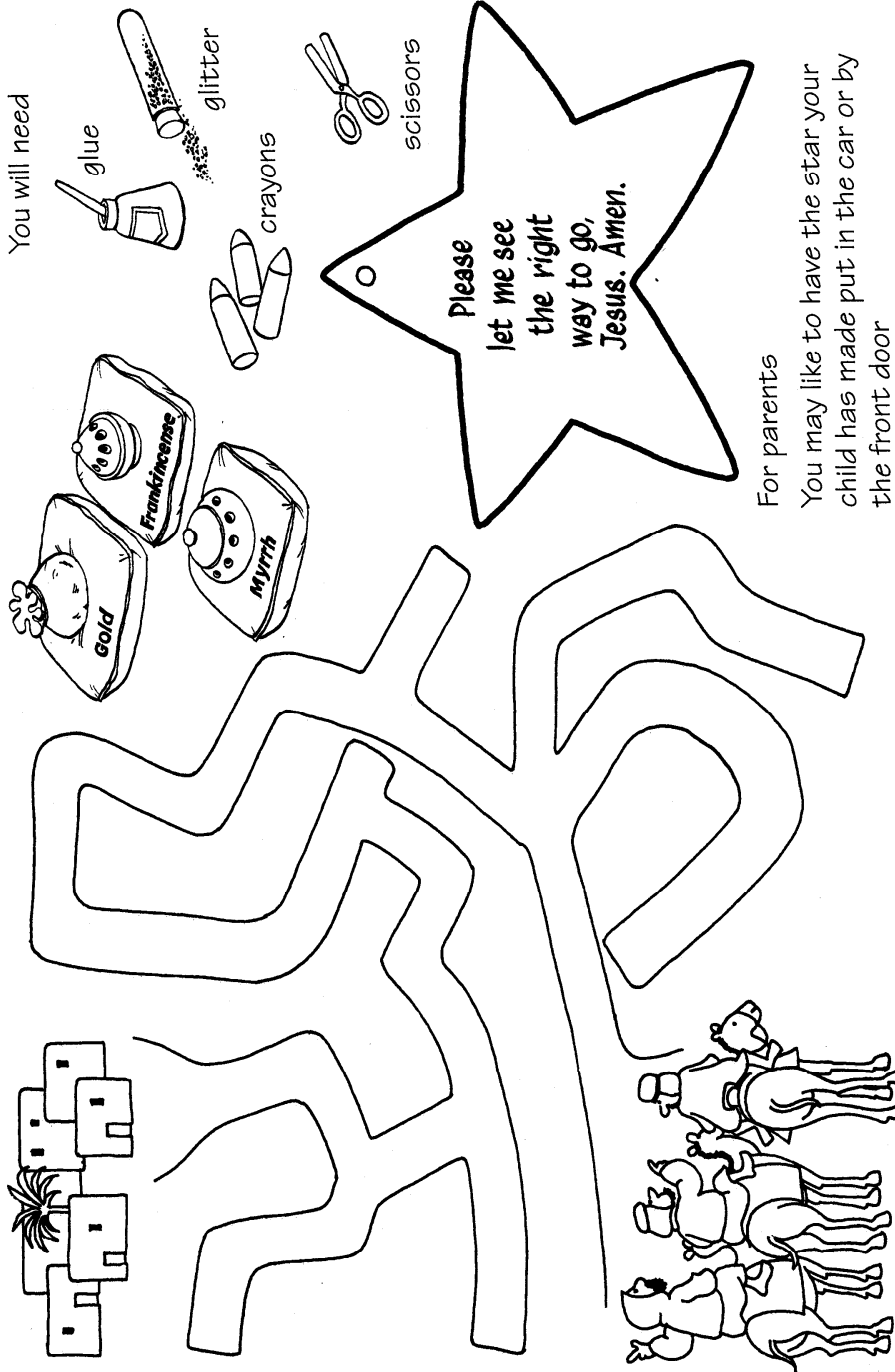


# Epiphany Sunday 1 January, 2023

## Matthew 2:2

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Dear Jesus, we seek you today because we want to worship you and crown you as our King. **Amen**



WHAT HELPED THEM TO FIND HIM ?

WHAT THREATENED TO MAKE IT FAIL ?

WHY DID THEY SET OFF ON SUCH A JOURNEY ?

# EPIPHANY

**WHAT DOES 'EPIPHANY' MEAN?**  
It comes from Greek and it means being shown, or revealed, or manifested.

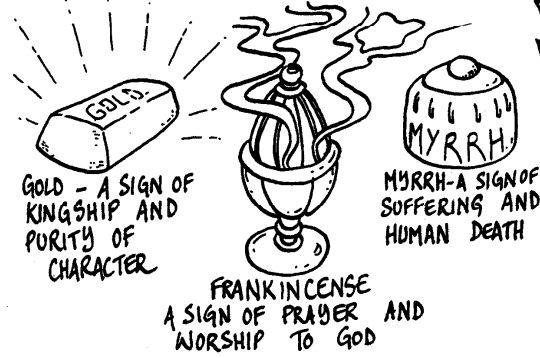
**WHO WAS BEING REVEALED?**  
Jesus was being revealed to the Gentiles of other countries.

**WHAT IS A GENTILE ?**  
Someone who is not Jewish.

**WHAT WAS THE STAR THEY SAW ?**  
Some people think it was a comet, but others think it was two of the planets (Saturn and Jupiter) which were very close at that time.



TRADITIONALLY, THE GIFTS HAVE COME TO MEAN THIS :



PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

**LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
SON OF THE LIVING GOD  
HAVE MERCY ON US.



# WordSearch: *Matthew 2:1-12*

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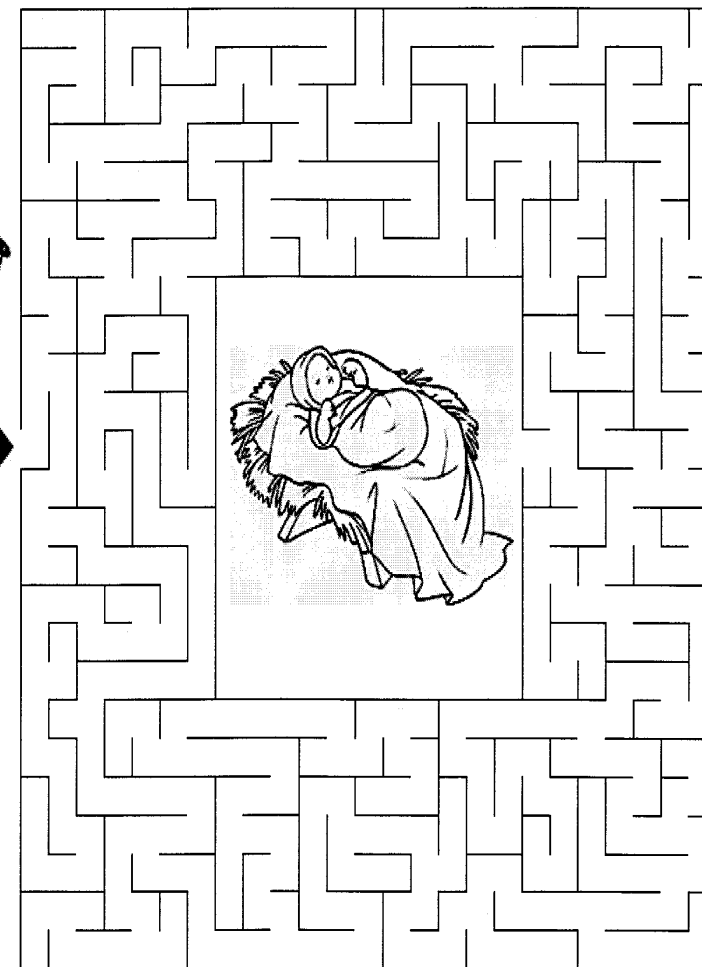
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| PROPHET      | BETHLEHEM | IMPORTANT | LEADER    |
| SHEPHERD     | SECRETLY  | FIRST     | CAREFULLY |
| FIND         | WORSHIP   | WISE      | EAST      |
| STOPPED      | EXCITED   | MARY      | KNELT     |
| FRANKINCENSE | MYRRH     | DREAM     | ROAD      |

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## Wise Men Search for Jesus

Can you help the Wise Men find the way to the baby Jesus?



"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2

The wise men brought gifts of gold, myrr and frankincense to the baby Jesus..



## Crossword: Matthew 2:1-12 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

11 across) When Jesus was born in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king.

13 down) During this time some wise men from the east came to \_\_\_\_\_

1 down) and said, "Where is the \_\_\_\_\_ born to be king of the Jews?"

26 down) We saw his \_\_\_\_\_ in the east and have come to worship him."

15 down) When King \_\_\_\_\_ heard about this, he was worried,

10 down) and so was \_\_\_\_\_ else in Jerusalem.

16 down) Herod brought together the chief \_\_\_\_\_ and the teachers

8 down) of the Law of Moses and asked them, "Where will the \_\_\_\_\_ be born?"

4 across) They told him, "He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the \_\_\_\_\_ wrote,

6 down) \_\_\_\_\_ in the land of Judea,

23 across) you are very \_\_\_\_\_ among the towns of Judea.

20 across) From your town will come a \_\_\_\_\_, who will be

19 across) like a \_\_\_\_\_ for my people Israel.' "

9 across) Herod \_\_\_\_\_ called in the wise men and

25 across) asked them when they had \_\_\_\_\_ seen the star.

12 down) He told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search \_\_\_\_\_ for the child.

27 down) As soon as you \_\_\_\_\_ him, let me know.

14 across) I want to go and \_\_\_\_\_ him too."

24 down) The \_\_\_\_\_ men listened to what the king said and then left.

21 across) And the star they had seen in the \_\_\_\_\_ went on ahead of them

3 down) until it \_\_\_\_\_ over the place where the child was.

2 down) They were thrilled and \_\_\_\_\_ to see the star.

18 down) When the men went into the house and saw the child with \_\_\_\_\_,

22 down) his mother, they \_\_\_\_\_ down and worshiped him.

17 across) They took out their gifts of gold, \_\_\_\_\_,

5 down) and \_\_\_\_\_ and gave them to him.

7 across) Later they were warned in a \_\_\_\_\_ not to return to Herod,

28 across) And they went back home by another \_\_\_\_\_.

