

LEARNER SHEET:

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Matthew 2:1-12



PRAYER TIME

Remember your partner's prayer needs—record them here.

DISCUSSION TIME

- **Where have you seen or known those in power to be corrupt, like King Herod? Who in your community do you respect the most? Why do you respect her or him?**
- **When you pray “Your kingdom come” in the Lord’s Prayer, what parts of the world, your own community, and your own life come to mind? Where can you see God’s kingdom making a difference in the world?**
- **Pass a paper crown around. The one wearing it completes the phrase: “I honor Jesus by _____.”**
- **If you could give Jesus a gift, what would it be?**
- **Turn to “The Seasons of the Church Year and What They Mean” on pages 76-77 in *The Lutheran Handbook*. Read the paragraph about Christmas. What did you learn new about Christmas?**

THE BIG IDEA

Heaven proclaims an overturning of earthly powers when the baby Jesus gets royal responses.

BIG FUN IDEA

Take a trip to your local town hall and find out more about your elected officials.

Make an Epiphany cake. Insert gold-wrapped chocolate into the batter and decorate it with sprinkles. While you wait for it to bake, have a gift-exchange with inexpensive items.

BIG SERVING IDEA

Sponsor a letter-writing campaign to an elected official, using ideas from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's LOGA office (Lutheran Office of Government Affairs) or Bread for the World. Around Christmas offer free gift-wrapping to those from your congregation.