

# LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET:

## MAGI

Matthew 2:1-12



### KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

**EPIPHANY**

**GENTILES**

**HEROD**



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

### PRAYER TIME

Gather around a table and light a candle. Pray this prayer together.

**Jesus Christ, you are the Light of the world. We give you honor and praise as Lord of all. We thank you for the gift of faith, life, and salvation. Help us to worship you in all we say and do and to serve each other in love. Amen**

### TALK TIME

- The magi presented gifts to Jesus. What gifts do you have as individuals and as a family?
- How do you give honor to those in authority and power? When is it appropriate to question those in authority and power?
- Who in your neighborhood or community knows that you are Christians? How might you make your faith known to them in what you say or do?

### WEB TIME

Look for T. S. Eliot's poem "Journey of the Magi." How does the poem combine the Epiphany story at the beginning of the Gospel with images from Jesus' death on the cross? Then look for O. Henry's story "The Gift of the Magi." How does the unexpected ending relate to the title of the story? Using a search engine, enter "Epiphany." Discover more about the season of Epiphany and learn about some churches who use Epiphany for their name.

### RITUAL TIME

In prayer, at mealtime or once during the week, name those in authority: both national leaders and local officials. At least once during the week, light a candle at night and speak this litany:

**A: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**

**B: The light no darkness can overcome.**

**A: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.**

**B: And the day is almost over.**

**A: Let your light scatter the darkness.**

**B: And illumine your church.**