



**Winter 2020–2021 Theme:**  
The Call of God in the New Testament  
**Unit I: The Beginning of a Call**

### Lesson Titles:

## International Honor for the King of the World

(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

## A Regal Response to Holy Light

(Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

## LESSON 3— December 20, 2020

### Devotional Reading:

Exodus 1:8-22

### Background Scriptures:

Matthew 2:7-15

### Print Passages:

Matthew 2:7-15

### Key Verse(s):

When they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11, KJV)

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On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11, NIV)

### ► Questions to Consider:

1. Why was King Herod so interested in finding out about the Christ child?
2. When the wise men arrived at the house where Jesus was, what did they do?
3. What did the angel instruct Joseph to do and what was his response?

### ► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Explain how the wise men point to the global nature of Jesus' mission.
- Grieve for those who suffer innocently due to the world's brokenness and sin.
- Join with peoples of every ethnicity and culture to worship Jesus, the King of all nations.

### ► Lesson Context:

- This week's lesson text opens with the **wise** men from the east arriving in Jerusalem. (see Matthew 2:1)
- The wise men traveled long and far—many miles to see and worship **Jesus**.
- After their arrival in Jerusalem, the wise men inquired about the star they saw from the east and the place where the "King of the Jews was born." (see verse 2)

### ► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

#### I. Searching for the Light (Matthew 2:7-9)

Key Point 1: Herod received word of the wise men's search to find the king of the Jews.

Key Point 2: The wise men and their caravan continued their journey and arrived in **Bethlehem** at the very place where Jesus was.

## II. Seeing the Light (Matthew 2:10-12)

Key Point 1: The wise men brought gifts and worshiped Jesus for who He was.

Key Point 2: **God** intervened to complicate Herod's search for Jesus by sending the wise men on another route back to their homeland.

## III. Scripture about the Light (Matthew 2:13-15)

Key Point 1: God knew the threat that would rise in opposition to His **divine** plan.

Key Point 2: Joseph **obeyed** divine instructions from God to leave Bethlehem and seek refuge in Egypt.

### ► Lesson Summary:

- The Magi found Jesus, presented Him with gifts, and worshipped Him.
- Jesus is the Savior of the world.
- As we respond to Jesus, the Light of the world, let us boldly acknowledge His royal reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to all the world.

### What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. Share a time when you felt specifically led by God to a certain destination and/or answer. How did you react?

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2. Does God still guide us today? Share with the class a time when God's Word offered guidance or direction for you.

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3. What word have you received from God either by the Holy Spirit's affirmation in your heart or the preacher's proclamation as confirmed by the Bible? What was your response?

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### As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:

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