

# EPIPHANY

A FAMILY DEVOTION

9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 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. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:9-12

Epiphany is the name of the last day of the Christmas season! It is recognized as the day the wisemen completed their journey and found the baby Jesus. They came to Jesus with gifts that were very expensive and gave generously to Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Even though they were rich, powerful and of high rank, they recognized the importance and kingship of Jesus. They journeyed a long way to find him and when they finally arrived, they worshiped him joyfully. This is one of the reasons we give presents at Christmas! We give generously as the Kings did for Jesus. And because God gave generously by becoming human to bring light to Earth!

Lord, we thank you for the Christmas season. We thank you for the light that you have granted us. Help us to give generously as you have given generously to us and continue to lead us out of darkness.

Joy to the world! Amen