

GETTING STARTED:

1) How do you respond to a well-during Christmas?

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2) Compass, sextant, GPS—What have you used to guide you to an unfamiliar destination?

MESSAGE BIG IDEA: Lights: Everyone Seeks a King

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12; Numbers 24:15-19

DISCUSSION

1) How does knowing that the Magi (referred to in Matthew) were making a political statement against Rome change your view of Jesus and the Christmas story?

2) What kind of gifts did the Magi bring and what were they intended to do?

3) Who was the prophet, Balaam referring to in the Numbers 24 passage that Brian Gorman read aloud?

4) How does God use those who don't know Him for His purposes, such as the Magi and Balaam?

DIG DEEPER

1) In what ways do those you care about most display their innate desire for a God?

2) If Jesus is the Light for everyone, as Brian spoke, why are Christians and Christianity often labeled "closed-minded"? How do we counter this perception?

3) What first began to satisfy what you were seeking as you familiarized yourself with Jesus?

BRING IT HOME

1) How can you be a better guiding star that leads others to Jesus?

2) What could you do to promote the true peace that God offers to everyone?

ASK FOR GOD'S HELP

1) Who can we pray for that needs the light guiding them to Jesus?

2) How can we pray that your faith in Jesus continues to grow strong?