

# FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

## SCRIPTURE | Matthew 2:1-12

### SESSION SUMMARY

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Different names appear for the men in this week's Scripture: wise men, magi, kings. Whatever term you've heard, these men were known for their wisdom. They visited King Herod, looking for Jesus by following "his star" (Matt. 2:2). The wise men eventually found Jesus, worshiped Him, and were warned in a dream not to return to Herod to report on Him. In this session, we'll see that knowing Jesus as King compels us to surrender all to Him. Here are the key takeaways:

- We're called to respond to the Savior (Matthew 2:1-8).
- We're called to bring our gifts to the Savior (Matthew 2:9-12).

### CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

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- In what ways does our family have a wrong view of God—seeing Him as harsh, stern, angry, or eager to punish us? When is it easiest for us to have this view?
- What can help us view God as He truly is—gentle, steadfast, righteous, and forgiving—even when life isn't going the way we want or expect?
- What does the way we live individually and as a family say to the world about our response to Jesus?

### FAMILY CHALLENGE

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Unlike the wise men, we can't take physical gifts to Jesus. Sure, we can give money to the church through tithes and offerings, but our true gift to God is another gift the wise men gave: worship. Worship doesn't have to be through singing, though. Together, brainstorm some ways you can give Jesus gifts of praise each day as individuals and as a family.