

Bow Down and Worship

This 5-day devotional guide will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Bow Down and Worship." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week beginning Monday, December 21, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-2

Questions for Reflection

- Who came to Jerusalem after Jesus was born, and where were they from?
- What question did the wise men ask when they arrived?
- What do these verses teach us about the importance of seeking Christ?
- What steps can you take to pursue a closer relationship with Christ during this Christmas season?

Questions for Children

- Who came looking for Jesus?
- What special sign had the wise men seen?

Prayer Prompt

Lord Jesus, thank You for revealing Yourself to those who seek You. Help me pursue You with the same eagerness

and determination shown by the wise men.

Tuesday

Scripture: Matthew 2:3-6

Questions for Reflection

- How did King Herod react when he heard about the birth of the King of the Jews?
- What prophecy did the religious leaders quote about the Messiah's birthplace?
- Why do people sometimes respond differently to the truth about Jesus?
- How can you cultivate a heart that welcomes Christ's rule rather than resisting it?

Questions for Children

- Who was troubled when he heard about Jesus?
- In what town did the Bible say the Messiah would be born?

Prayer Prompt

Father, help me respond to Jesus with faith and obedience rather than fear or resistance. Give me a heart that gladly submits to His authority.

Wednesday

Scripture: Matthew 2:7-8

Questions for Reflection

- What information did Herod ask the wise men to discover?

- What did Herod claim he wanted to do after finding Jesus?
- How do these verses show that outward words do not always reveal a person's true intentions?
- How can you ensure that your worship of Christ is sincere and genuine?

Questions for Children

- What did Herod ask the wise men to find out?
- What did Herod say he wanted to do when he found Jesus?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help my devotion to You be genuine and sincere. Guard me from hypocrisy and teach me to worship You from the heart.

Thursday

Scripture: Matthew 2:9-11

Questions for Reflection

- What did the star do for the wise men?
- What did the wise men do when they finally saw Jesus?
- Why is it significant that the wise men bowed down before Christ?
- In what ways can you express worship and devotion to Christ in your daily life?

Questions for Children

- What guided the wise men to Jesus?
- What gifts did the wise men bring to Him?

Prayer Prompt

Jesus, You are worthy of honor, praise, and worship. Help me offer You not only my words but also my life as an expression of love and devotion.

Friday

Scripture: Matthew 2:12

Questions for Reflection

- How did God warn the wise men not to return to Herod?
- What did the wise men do after receiving God's warning?
- What does this verse teach about the relationship between worship and obedience?
- How can you respond more quickly and faithfully when God directs you through His Word?

Questions for Children

- How did God warn the wise men?
- Did the wise men return to Herod or go home another way?

Prayer Prompt

Heavenly Father, thank You for guiding those who seek and worship You. Help me walk in obedience to Your Word and follow wherever You lead.