

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 62. Worshipping like the Magi

**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** Matthew 2:9-11



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. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**LOOKING FURTHER:** Matthew 7:7; 1 Corinthians 13:13

### What does this Bible passage tell us?

The Magi had studied the stars and travelled for a very long time before they found Jesus. In fact, it could have been years. After all that waiting, can you imagine how full of joy they were when they came to the place where Jesus was? Sometimes we might feel that God is playing “hide and seek” with us. Although the journey can be a struggle, it can be an important part of getting to know God. However, He promises that those who seek Him will find Him.

During their journey, the Magi had no idea how things would unfold. They would not have expected the humble circumstances in which they found Jesus. Nevertheless, they recognised Him, bowed down and worshipped Him.

The Magi brought valuable gifts to honour Jesus: gold because He is a king; frankincense because He is a priest; and myrrh because He would suffer and die. But most importantly, they worshipped Him.

We all have different gifts that God has given us. Some of us are musicians, encouragers, people who pray for others, listeners or practical helpers. God also gives us the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the greatest of which are faith, hope and love (1 Corinthians 13:13). Using these gifts, we can worship Him just like the Magi did.

### Reflections:

- Think about times where you have felt like you are playing “hide and seek” with God. Reflect on Matthew 7:7 and write down your thoughts.
- Often we have no idea how things will unfold. Have you had times where you have recognised Jesus working in your life when you did not expect it?
- What gifts do you have that you could offer Jesus?



Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

