

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

January 3, 2021



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Holy Family Catholic Church's CLOW Online. We are blessed to have you with us and grateful to offer this program. Please, prayerfully go through this liturgy with your children.

If you have any questions, please email Cyndi at familyministry@hfccmail.org



OPENING SONG

Please control + click on link below to view song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVX6to3OZsM>



The Feast of the Epiphany



Introduction:

The three wise men were not Jews. They came from lands far to the East and were astrologers who used the stars to guide them on their journeys. They also knew of the prophecies of an infant king to be born, a savior. Through them, his arrive was announced to the world. Jesus, the saving lord, has come not just for the Jews but for all people.

OPENING PRAYER



Light a Candle and say this together:

The glory of God is shining on you! All other people will live in the shadows, but you will always have God's light to chase away the darkness.

Other people will look at you and see the light of God's love shining out. (Isaiah 60:1-3)

GOSPEL: **MATTHEW 2:1-12**

Three wise men from the East had been following a bright star. They went to Jerusalem and asked King Herod where they could find the newborn King of the Jews that they had come to adore. Herod was greatly troubled because he didn't want anyone else to be king, so he sent for his advisors. "Tell me where this child, the so-called king, will be born," he asked. "It has been foretold by the prophets that he will be born in Bethlehem," they answered. King Herod sent for the wise men and said to them, "I will allow you to search for this child, but you must come back and tell me where to find him. Then I, too, can go and honor him."

The wise men set off again on their journey. They followed the bright star until it appeared to stop over a stable. There they found Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus. They were filled with wonder and joy and fell to their knees to worship him. They gave him gifts fit for a king, of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. An angel warned them in a dream not to return to Herod's palace, so they went back to their own countries a different way.



Discussion

Who were the three wise men and where did they come from?

They were believed to be three kings called Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar. They came from countries to the East, although no one knows exactly where, and are supposed to represent all the peoples of the world.

What gifts did they bring to Jesus?

Gold (precious metal) representing Christ's royalty, Frankincense (incense) symbolizing Christ's holiness and myrrh (perfumed ointment) symbolizing Christ's humanity.

What warning did the angel give to the wise men?

Do not return to Herod's palace.



COLORING PAGES

The next two slides are coloring pages for your child. Print out only those slides.







Let's Pray Together

For all of those working to keep us safe.

For all of those who are sick.

For God to keep us and those we love safe.

And, for anything for which you want to pray.
(Pause to give your child time to pray)

We pray to the Lord.

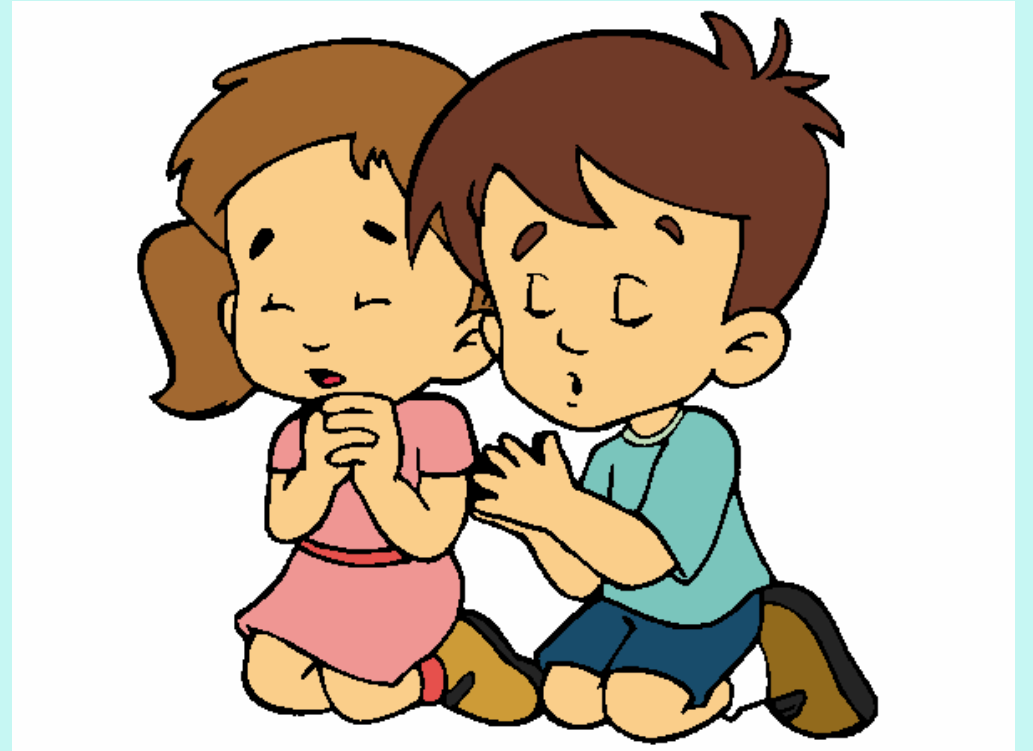
Lord, hear our prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER

Like the three wise men,
We are here today to worship you, Jesus.

We have no gold,
But we give you our love.
We have no frankincense,
We give you our prayers.
We have no myrrh,
So we give you ourselves.

Amen.



HAVE A GREAT DAY!

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

