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In the name of the  
Father, and the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, one God.  
Amen.



## Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

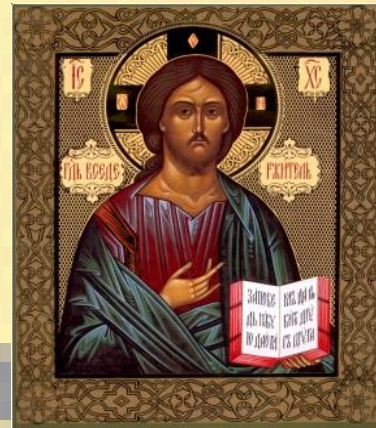
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



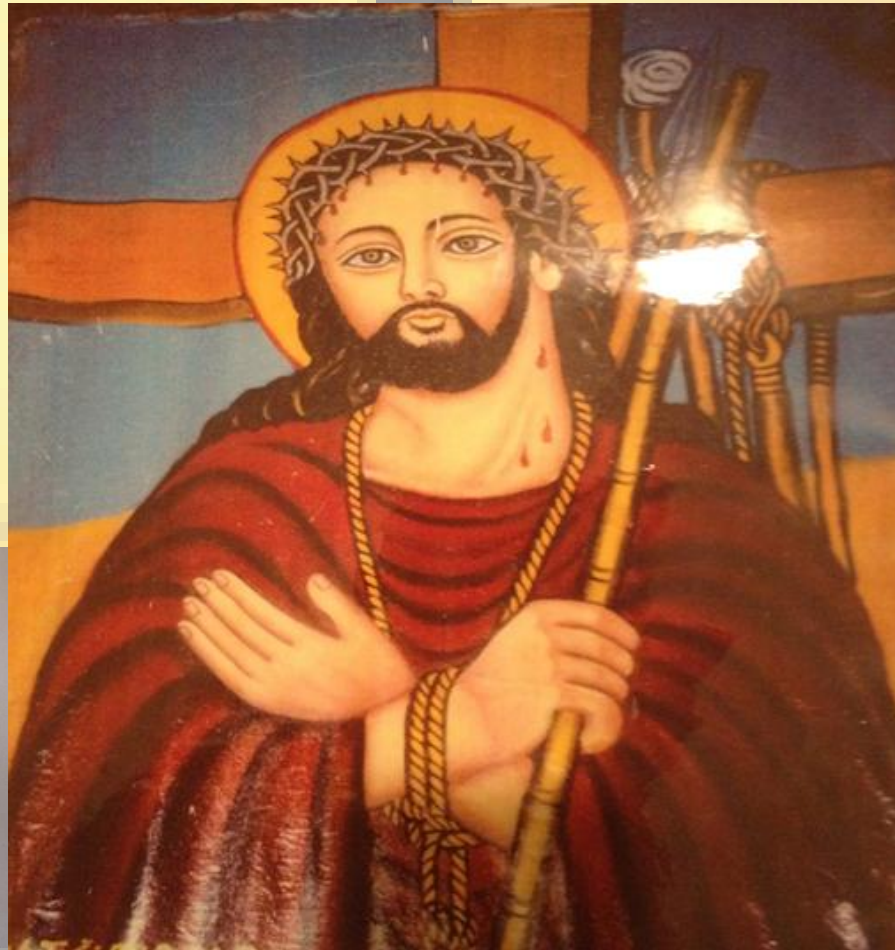
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



**Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

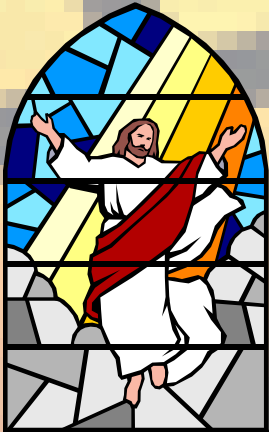


# MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me  
last week's  
memory verse???**

# Recite Last week's memory verse

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.  
(Luke 2:11)










# Review



1. Who is the Savior?  
(Jesus Christ the Lord; God's Son)
2. How did God keep his promise to send a Savior?  
(He sent his own Son as a baby, born to Saint Virgin Mary in Bethlehem.)
3. Why did Jesus come to earth as a baby?  
(To be our Savior)
4. How was Jesus like other babies?  
(Jesus needed a mother to take care of him. He needed to be kept warm, fed, held and so on, just like any other baby.)
5. How was Jesus different from other babies?  
(He was also God's Son; Jesus was born without any sin in His heart.)

# Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,  
my  in control,  
my s on God's Word;  
knowing God is my goal.

# The wise men



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# Memorize today's Verse

**“For we have seen his star in the East,  
and have come to worship him.”**

**(Matthew 2:2)**



**Practice this verse  
again during the  
week.**



# Objective

- To feel the joy of receiving the baby Jesus
- To know the blessing of giving more than taking



# Introduction

- Jesus Christ we pray to be guided with Your light, to live according to Your Word and rejoice always because we have You in our hearts.

# Magi following the Star

- When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, three Wise men from the east, called Magi, came to Jerusalem looking for the baby Jesus to give Him presents they brought with them.
- They were guided by an unusual star seeking to worship the newborn King.



# Herod is Angry = Another King is Born

- The Wise men first visited Herod, who was the King at that time.
- They told Herod they were looking for the baby Jesus, the king of the Jews, whose star they had seen and they have come to worship Him.
- Herod knew that baby Jesus was born but was angry to hear that there was going to be another King beside himself.





# Herod asked the wise people

- Herod asked all the wise people who knew the Holy Scriptures, "Where is the Messiah going to be born? In which town will the promised king be born?"
- They answered, "In Bethlehem of Judea, according to the prophets."



# Herod asked the wise men...

- Herod asked the Wise men to report back to him when they find Jesus because he wanted to worship the Child.



# Herod lies to the Wise men

- Herod lied to the Wise men because he wanted to kill baby Jesus.



# Father of all lies

The Serpent, the devil told the first lie by denying death if Eve ate the fruit forbidden by God.

**Genesis 3:4** Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

**John 8:44** You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do... From the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. *When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*



# The Wise men found baby Jesus

- The Wise men followed the bright big star which lead them to where baby Jesus was.



# The star proclaims...

The star proclaims the extraordinary birth of Christ.

Christ being born under this star fulfills the prophecy in Psalm 109:3 and shows all of creation participating in the incarnation - God taking the flesh of man.



# They worshipped Him

They found the child Jesus, St. Mary His mother and St. Joseph in Bethlehem.

They knelt down and worshipped Jesus.



# 3 Gifts

- And offered precious gifts of:
  - **Gold** = is for the King of ages.
  - **Frankincense** = is for the God of all.
  - **Myrrh** = is offered to the immortal One, who shall be three days dead -For His sacrifice.





# They did not go back....

- The angel appeared in great glory to them and guided them to another way and not to return to king Herod who wanted to kill the child Jesus.



# Conclusion

**God's will always be done even if Men in power like to do things their way.**

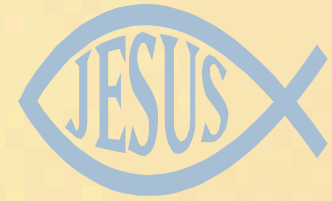
**Prayer is a key to finding out God's will.**



# **Movie Clip**

**Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.**

# Pop Quiz



1. Where was the baby Jesus born?
  - In Bethlehem
2. What was the name of the King?
  - King Herod
3. What did the king want to do?
  - He wanted to kill baby Jesus
4. Did the Wise men go back to report to the king as he asked them to do?
  - No, because an angel appeared to them and told them to go to another direction
5. What did the Wise men offer to the Baby Jesus?
  - Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh

The End

# Next Week

We will learn about  
Simeon the Elder.





May the love of God the **Father** and the  
grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the  
fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers,  
Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy  
on us and save us. Amen.

## 3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

# JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)







*“And you shall know  
the truth, and the  
truth shall make you  
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

