

"BY THE LIGHT OF A STAR"

1. OPEN: What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "Christmas"?

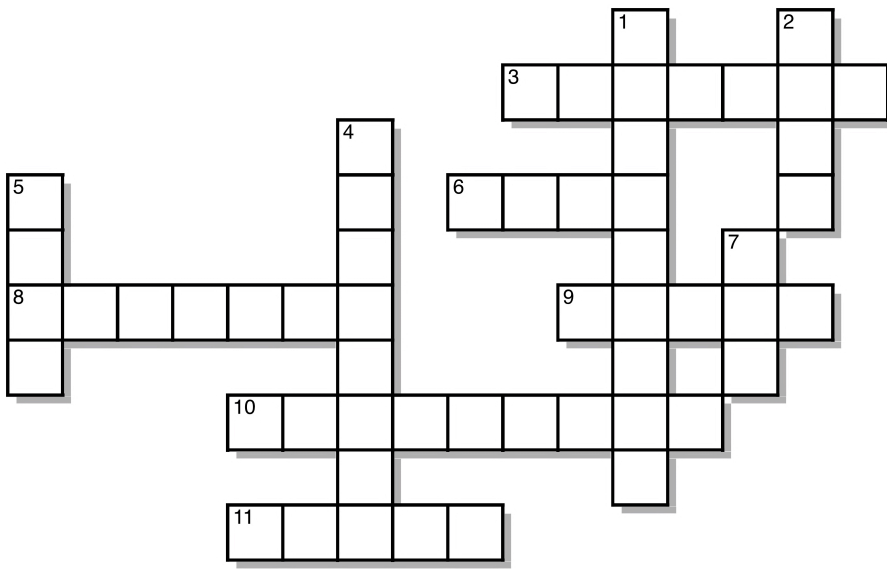
2. CONSIDER (vv. 3-8): Why would Herod be "disturbed" by this news? Why "all Jerusalem with him"? Why is it significant that Micah prophesied the place of Jesus's birth? (Mc 5:2.)

3. CONSIDER (vv. 9-12): What can we learn from the fact that God used the wise men's practice of astrology to lead them to Jesus? What can we learn from God's use of pagan priests to supply the financial needs of Jesus's family?

4. CONSIDER (vv. 13-18): How do these verses reflect God's sovereignty? What was Matthew's purpose in continually connecting Jesus's story with prophecies from the Old Testament?

5. CONSIDER (vv. 19-23): How did Jesus's journey as a child parallel that of the Jews as a people? APPLY: How has your life been impacted by the events described in this chapter? What aspects of your life or lifestyle is God asking you to change?

6. DIG DEEPER (vv. 1-2): Read Genesis 12:1-3 to learn about God's promise to Jesus's ancestor Abraham. How does the appearance of these "wise men from the east" represent a partial fulfillment of that promise?

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1 This adjective is used to describe Herod upon hearing the news told him by the Magi. (V.3)

2 What were the magi following? (V.2)

4 The Messiah was prophesied to be "the _____ of my people Israel." (V.6)

5 The magi call the Messiah "the king of the _____" (V.2)

7 Herod called together the teachers of the _____ (V.4)

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3 Herod called together the chief _____ (V.4)

6 The magi came from this direction (V.1)

8 What had the magi come to do to the Messiah? (V.2)

9 The magi were warned in a _____ not to return to Herod. (V.12)

10 When the magi saw the star again, they were this. (V.10)

11 Bethlehem was located here. (V.1)

WORD SEARCH:

Jesus	Child
Born	Report
Bethlehem	House
Herod	Mother
Jerusalem	Mary
King	Bowed
Christ	Gold
Prophet	Frankincense
Rulers	Myrrh
Tie	Returned
Sent	Route
Search	

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