



FOE, FAIR-WEATHER FAN OR FOLLOWER? January 6, 2013

Matthew 2:1-12	<p>1. Herod was a _____</p> <p>1.1 He was _____ and _____</p>
Matthew 2:3	<p>1.2 He was _____</p>
Matthew 2:7-8	<p>2. The chief priests and teachers of the law were _____</p> <p>2.1 They _____ about the _____</p>
Matthew 2:4-5	<p>2.2 They were _____</p>
Matthew 2:1-2	<p>3. The Magi were _____</p> <p>3.1 They _____ Jesus _____</p>
Matthew 2:10-11	<p>3.2 They _____ Jesus.</p>
Matthew 2:11	<p>3.3 They gave _____</p>
	<p>4. Being a fan means _____ for Jesus.</p>
	<p>5. Being a follower means _____ for Jesus.</p>
	<p>6. Jesus both _____ and _____ for me!</p>

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Matthew 2:1-12

Please remember to bring your Bible and this sheet with you!

Warm up Question

The Magi traveled an estimated 850 to celebrate the birth of the Christ-Child. What is the longest distance you have traveled to celebrate Christmas? How was your trip?

Into the Text

Why would they leave everything they owned and everyone they knew to risk their lives by traveling to Bethlehem? How could they have known about the Promised Messiah? (Daniel 1:1-5; 2:1-5,10-11,26-28,46-48)

If the star was guiding them to the exact place where Jesus was, why did the Magi go to King Herod to ask to see the newborn King? Did the star disappear for a time?

Read Matthew 2:3. Why were the people disturbed at the news of the birth of the newborn King? Shouldn't they have been overjoyed?

Read Matthew 2:16. Because the Magi visited King Herod, countless baby boys two years of age and under died. Why didn't God stop them from going to Herod? What good came out of this tragedy?

The Magi gave Jesus three precious and costly gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. What was each used for and what does each gift reveal about Jesus?

God's Word for my Everyday Life

The wise men left their land, people and comforts of home to find and follow Jesus. What have you had to leave in order to follow Jesus and remain faithful to the Lord?

What is the "gold, frankincense and myrrh" in your life (the unimaginable gifts given to you from the Lord)? Are you giving your best to the Lord like the Magi gave to Jesus?

Why did the Holy Spirit record this event in the Bible?

What is your motivation for following Jesus? In what specific ways can you show yourself to be a faithful follower of Jesus?