

**DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

## **THE FIVE KINGS**



All throughout the Christmas season we hear the Nativity story, the story of Jesus' birth told over and over again. But did you know that there is more than one king in that story? See if you can guess how many.

Read Matthew 2:1-11 together to find out.

There were five kings! King Herod, the three wisemen who some scholars think may have been kings and King Jesus, the One true King. All throughout the Christmas story we see these kings act and respond differently to the arrival of Jesus.

**King Herod** – He was afraid of the coming Savior and wanted to try to get rid of all the other kings who challenged his position. He was so close to Jesus but missed Him.

**The Three Wisemen** – they heard of Jesus from far away and came from far places to draw near to Him. They couldn't help but respond to His arrival with the offering of gifts and worship. They came because they wanted to see and know Jesus.

**King Jesus** – He is a King, not because of what He does, but who He is. He is the crown of Heaven. And the best gift we can give Jesus is to share Him with the world.

### **Make A Crown:**

*Supplies: paper, coloring utensils,*

Find an online crown template or make your own crown out of construction paper. Decorate your crown with jewels or designs.

We all get to decide how we will respond to the King of kings. Imagine that you are invited to a royal palace that is made out of the finest gold, marble, jewels, materials. And you come before the King sitting on His royal throne, clothed in the finest material, surrounded by some of the most beautiful things.

What is something you would give or do to honor the King?

This is how we get to respond to King Jesus. Jesus is the One true King of our lives. What are some ways we can keep Jesus as King as we move into the new year? Discuss.

**Take Communion as a family together. Thank Jesus for His love and Lordship today.**