

Adoration of the Magi



Set up the scene where Jesus, Mary and Joseph are in their house.
Have the three magi some distance away. There should also be separate gifts.
There should also be a star on a stand.

Today we are going to hear a story about some visitors Jesus had, soon after he was born. Some people call them the three Kings or the three wise men. We are going to call them the magi.

We will now read from the Bible, so we'll light the candle.

Read from the Scriptures Matthew 1:9-12

[The magi] set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,

Bring out the star, and place it just in front of the magi.

until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Move the star as close as possible to Jesus' house.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

Move the magi to Jesus house.

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Place the gifts in front of Jesus.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Move the magi back to their original position.

Extinguish the candle.

I wonder...

... how the magi felt when they found Jesus

... why the magi bowed down to Jesus

... why they gave gifts to Jesus

... whether they knew who Jesus was

... whether we know who Jesus really was