

SUNDAY SCHOOL TAKE HOME PAGE

To parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned in Sunday school today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson. Being involved and interacting with your child can be very rewarding for both of you.

What we learned:



Today, your child learned about the wise men and their quest to seek Jesus so that they could honor Him with gifts and worship. Our story from Matthew chapter 2 challenged our students to look for Jesus and use every opportunity to remember Him and His birth this Christmas! He is worthy of our praise, gifts, and time! Of all the characters of Christmas, the wise men set the best example of pursuing Jesus with our whole hearts through studying God's Word and giving generously to Jesus because He is worth it! (Scriptures used: Matthew 2:1-12)

Memory Verse:



"But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul." Deuteronomy 4:29 NIV

Practice this verse several times with your child during the week. This will help your child remember the verse and it will help to reinforce what he or she learned during class.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:



Have your child set aside a little bit of money from his or her allowance or piggy bank each week. Take the money and place it in a paper bag labeled "For Jesus." Talk about how money is what is used to buy things—fun things like candy and toys but also important things like coats and clothes. Encourage your child to take the money they collect and give it to Jesus in the offering at church on Sunday. Explain that when we give money to church or to help someone in need, Jesus is honored! In this way, your child is worshipping Jesus with something that costs him or her and that is what generosity is all about! The wise men did not just give gifts that they did not want or like—they gave gifts that cost them greatly. We honor God when we give up something we love for someone we love even more—Him!

Daily Prayer:



Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus down to earth to save us. Help us to remember to look for Jesus and celebrate Him during this fun Christmas season. Help us to always seek after You and learn from Your Holy Word. We want to be like the wise men and search the Bible for things that will help us get closer to You. We are so thankful that You gave us Jesus, the best present ever. Help us to be willing to give generously to honor Jesus this Christmas. We love You. Amen!