

## Epiphany: **SURPRISE!!!!**

We think we seek God,  
but really it is God who reveals God's true self to us.  
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### Activities & Questions to Ponder

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*Create space and time when family faith dialogue can develop and flourish.*

*The activities suggested below are to foster faith activities at home, and to help reinforce the week's lesson.*

- ✦ Now that Christmas is past, with your family, choose someone to surprise, and as a family honor them with a gift. Why did you honor them? What did you chose to give them? Did you all make something our by something? Why? How did they respond when they received your gift? Why?
- ✦ How would you feel if someone gave you a gift when you were not expecting it? Would you feel honored? Or not? Why? Express how you would feel using your favorite art medium: dance, music, writing, fine art, etc.
- ✦ The wise men brought Jesus gifts to honor him: gold and costly spices: frankincense, and myrrh.. What gifts to you bring to God to honor God? When do you honor God? What "wish list" of gifts has God sent to you?
- ✦ The gifts the wise men brought were quite fancy and costly for their time. This also gave Jesus' family the means to flee to Egypt when they had to. What expensive gifts do you think Jesus would receive if he had been born yesterday, instead of 2,000 years ago? Why?
- ✦ If Jesus came yesterday, who would have been today's wise men seeking Jesus? Who would be Herod & Jerusalem, "all afraid" from hearing Jesus was born? Who would you be?
- ✦ Why do you think Matthew wrote that "all of Jerusalem" was afraid? Why were they afraid of the wise men telling them "the king of the Jews" had been born? Does God scare you? Why...or why not?



**“Ok, baby God, you’ll do what I say ‘cause you’re just a baby!!”**

