

# T H E G I F T



**TITLE:** Blessed Celebration

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**TEXT:** Matthew 2:1-12

**TARGET:** Wisdom is found when you are willing to seek Jesus at all cost!

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the Magi:** *“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem”* (Vs. 1)

**A. Their Culture:** Babylon & Persia

**B. Their Calling:** Priests who were astrologers

**C. Their Courage:** *“saying, ‘Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?’”* (Vs. 2a)

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ over the Magi:** *“For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”* (Vs. 2b)

**A. They Studied the Scrolls:** History of Daniel

**B. They Studied the Scripture:** Prophecy (Micah 5:2)

**C. They Studied the Stars:** Numbers 24:17

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Magi:**

**A. Displayed Happiness:** *“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”* (Vs. 10)

**B. Demonstrated Humility:** *“they fell down”* (Vs. 11)

**C. Delivered Honor:** *“worshiped him”* (Vs. 11)

**IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Magi:** *“Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”* (Vs. 11)

**A. The Gold regards Jesus as a Powerful King**

**B. The Frankincense renders Jesus as Priest**

**C. The Myrrh receives Jesus as our Propitiation**

**V. The \_\_\_\_\_ towards the Magi:**

**A. Divine Dream:** *“And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod”* (Vs. 12a)

**B. Different Direction:** *“they departed to their own country by another way.”* (Vs. 12b)

**TAKE AWAY:** What makes a gift is the sacrifice made in giving the gift. It is not the financial cost of the gift that is most important, but the faith being demonstrated in giving the gift that is of the highest value.



## ▶▶ MISSION MOMENT

#46 DEC 29

**SEASON OF SERVING:** Congratulations, CBC Family! We want to celebrate the moments we've seen God use US to advance His Kingdom. In 2019, over 250 of you traveled to destinations worldwide on mission to share the message and love of Jesus! Over 6,200 of our CBC family served where they live, work, study, and play by packing food boxes, stuffing backpacks, opening their homes, serving food, praying with individuals, and more! During our Season of Serving, over 27,000 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were collected for children overseas, in addition to collections of gifts for children and families in the poorest zip codes of our city and refugee community. Each gift equals a Gospel opportunity and an open door to begin a personal relationship. Partnering with Haven for Hope, our family collected crucial resources for the approximate 2,700 men and women in our city suffering daily from homelessness. During The Gift series, and thanks to YOUR radical generosity, we were able to allocate \$75,000 toward five individuals in our congregation and truly impact their lives in the name of Jesus. God has faithfully exceeded our expectations. We pray 2020 would be the year we reach further into the darkness to bring His Light through boldly praying, radically giving, and faithfully going!

## ▶▶ EVENTS

- 1.6 ▶▶ Membership Night
- 2.1 ▶▶ Baby Dedication
- 2.7 ▶▶ Night to Shine

## ▶▶ SERVICE TIMES

- Saturday - 5:00PM\*
- Sunday - 8:30AM, 10:00AM\*, 11:45AM, 1:21PM

\*ASL Interpreted Services

## CBC LATINO

A nuestra comunidad que habla español: Queremos que todos ustedes sean parte de las cosas increíbles que Dios esta haciendo este año. **Acompáñenos los domingos a las 11:45am en el salón E-209 para más información.**

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