

Dear parents,

This week we continued our look into the birth of Jesus and into some of the central characters of the Christmas story. We saw how the magi and King Herod responded differently to the news of Jesus' birth.

We focused on Matthew 2, where we found both the magi and Herod discovering the news of Jesus' birth. They both seemed to know what was happening and they both seemed to want to find Jesus. That's where the similarities end. The magi chose to worship and humble themselves, while King Herod chose to serve himself.

I'd encourage you to talk with your teenager this week about this story. Consider using these questions to fuel some dialogue:

- Do you feel like you have seen the signs or proof of Jesus around you? Why or why not?
- Why did the magi worship and give gifts when they found Jesus?
- Can you avoid making a choice about Jesus? Is making "no choice" still making a choice? Explain.

Please pray that our students would continue to discover and experience what it means to be a worshipper of Jesus. Have a great week!

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