

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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Sunday, January 4, 2026			
Worksheet for ages 7 to 10 years old			
1. Today we celebrate the of the Lord.			
What do we remember, today?			
(a) When the kings or magi visited Jesus.			
(b) When Jesus rose from the dead. (c) When Mary was born.			
2. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?			
Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Baruch Ezekiel Daniel			
3. From which book of the Bible is today's second reading?			
Acts Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians			
4. From which book of the Bible is today's Gospel reading taken?			
Matthew Mark Luke John			
What gifts did the special visitors give to Jesus?			
(a) Some furniture, clothes, and food (b) Money, blankets, and food			
(c) Gold, frankincense, and myrrh (d) A house, some sheep, and water			
What do we know about these gifts?			
-They are expensive! -They were rare and hard to buyThey were dirty.			
-They were very fancyThey were fit to give to a king.			
-We don't know anything about them.			
The men who visited Jesus were very smart. They were not from Bethlehem or any			
country near there. How did they find Jesus and his parents?			
(a) They found Him by following a special, very bright star.			
(b) They found Him by accident. (c) Some shepherds told the men where Jesus was.			
If you could go see Baby Jesus, what would you like to give Him as a gift?			
A toy. I would sing a song for Him. A blanket. Some money.			
I would draw a picture for Him. I would make a card for Him.			





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Worksheet for ages 11 to 14 years old	
1. What day is it today in the Church's calendar?	
What do we celebrate, today?	
Why is this event so important?	
2. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?	
3. From which psalm is today's Responsorial?	
What is the theme of this psalm?	
4. From which book of the Bible is today's second reading? Who wrote this book?	
5. From which book of the Bible is today's Gospel reading taken?	
How many of these "wise men" came to see Jesus?	
What types of gifts did they give Jesus?	

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6. Today is a "solemnity" in the Church's calendar. We also have "feasts" and "memorials." Solemnities are the most important. The Immaculate Conception and Christmas are two other examples of solemnities. Feasts are next in importance. The Presentation of the Lord is a feast day. Finally comes memorials when we commemorate saints such as St. Blaise and St. John Bosco. Can you name any other solemnities, feasts or memorials?





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Answer Key

Readings Book Answer to Question

First Reading	Isaiah	
Psalm	72	Lord, every nation on earth
		will adore You.
Second Reading	Ephesians	St. Paul
Gospel	Matthew	

Today we celebrate the **Epiphany** of the Lord.

What do we remember, today?

(a) When the kings or magi visited Jesus.

What gifts did the special visitors give to Jesus?

(c) Gold, frankincense, and myrrh

What do we know about these gifts?

- -They are expensive! -They were rare and hard to buy.
- -They were very fancy. -They were fit to give to a king.

The men who visited Jesus were very smart. They were not from Bethlehem or any country near there. How did they find Jesus and his parents?

(a) They found Him by following a special, very bright star.

Answers for ages 11-14 worksheet questions

Why is this event so important? It shows that Jesus came for all people, not just the Jewish or the people in the land where He lived.

How many of these "wise men" came to see Jesus? We don't know. We just know there were three gifts.

What types of gifts did they give Jesus?

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold symbolizes royalty, frankincense is an incense and symbolizes Jesus' priestly status, and myrrh is an ointment that foreshadows Jesus death and burial. They were very costly gifts, fit to give a king.

6. Today is a "solemnity" in the Church's calendar. Can you name any other solemnities, feasts or memorials? (more information is here, <u>Understanding the Church Calendar | Simply Catholic</u>)

Solemnities: Christmas, Mary, Mother of God, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi

Feasts: Mary's birthday, Holy Family

Memorials: St. Nicholas Day, Immaculate Heart of Mary

