At-Home Family Lesson
December 22 Matthew 1:18-24
January 5 Epiphany Matthew 2:1-12

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

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Complete the 4 items below:

1) Read the Gospel together as a family and discuss. Below are some discussion starters.

- What is special about Jesus’ birth? What are some things that happen at his birth that doesn’t happen at others?
- What is a gift you could give that doesn’t require money?
- What gift would you bring Jesus?

2) Choose one of the following:
   - Read through the Gospel Weekly with your child(ren) before Mass.
   - Have your child(ren) bring the Gospel Weekly with them to Mass and work on it before or after Mass.

3) Go to Mass. If you have children in PK-6, make sure each child picks up an Artifact Sheet from one of the tables by the Church or Koenig Center exits at the January 4th or 5th Mass. PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS ONLY 1 ARTIFACT TO PICK UP.

4) Help your children do the following:
   - Children in grades PK - 6: Complete and bring back the Artifact Sheet to the next class on January 12/14 so they can add it to their Incarnation Stepbook.
   - Children in grades 7-8, complete a Mass Reflection in their journal and bring journal to the next class on January 12/14.