



TODAY'S TOPIC:

**The Magi**

You are welcome to use this lesson to inspire spiritual conversation in your family or youth classroom. It is written for elementary age but could be adjusted as needed.

**THINKING JOB:** Ask a “thinking job question” to get everyone thinking about something pertinent to the lesson. This could be asked moments or hours before your conversation.

***What is a Magi?***

**Lesson**

Materials	Things to Prepare	Today's Goal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gold</li> <li>● Frankincense</li> <li>● Myrrh</li> <li>● Or pictures if you do not have actual items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>	<p>Everyone is magical and everyone is giving. Giving is a good thing and we can all do it.</p>

**ASK:** What do you think a “**Magi**” (plural Magus) is?

- The wise men in the traditional Christmas story about the birth of baby Jesus.
- A group of priests in ancient Persia, who were believed to have supernatural powers.
- A magician, sorcerer, or astrologer.
- There is also a video game, and some anime shows that use the name Magi.
- There is a famous story called “The Gift of the Magi” by O. Henry.

**SAY:** Here is what all these references have in common: **Magi are magical and they are giving.**

**SAY:** It’s Christmas time, so let’s talk about the Three Magi (or Wise Men or Kings) who were **magical and giving.**

**ASK:** Who knows the story of The Three Wise Men? *Show the picture in the book.*

If needed - The story goes that when the famous spiritual teacher Jesus was born, a huge, bright star appeared in the sky above that spot, and people followed the star to visit him and see this new baby, Jesus. Some of the people who visited were three wise men (or sometimes people say three kings) who brought gifts for the baby from far eastern lands. The main gifts they brought were gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**PASS: Pass around the examples.** What is gold? A precious metal that forms in the earth and is dug up or found. What is frankincense? The resin or sap of a tree that can grow where there is no soil in very hard conditions. What is Myrrh? The resin of a thorny tree that grows in dry, desert conditions.

**ASK: Which do you think was most valuable?** Frankincense and especially myrrh were more valuable because they grew in another part of the world and were not easily available where Jesus lived, plus they were used for many purposes, especially to treat sickness.

**ASK: Do you think YOU are magical and giving?** YES! Everyone can choose to be like a magi and be giving. For most people, joy and happiness is something we want, something we try to find. We get joy and happiness in many different ways. Giving to others is one big way people experience personal joy and good memories of giving to others can last forever. God created all of us with a desire to give to others.

**ASK: What are some ways that you are magical and giving?**

**AFFIRMATION** – I am a MAGI. I Make A Godly Impact by giving to others. repeat 4X

Note: Printable affirmations and coloring sheets for this lesson are available at <https://www.milehichurch.org/youth-family/> .