

## Week Three Joy

Read Matthew 2:1-2

*2 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."*



### Questions

*What is the first word you think of when you hear the word cold? Now how about the word out house? Store? Kitchen? Cookie? Dog? Airplane. Lastly what do you think of when you hear the word JOY?*

*When you read the word Joy, was the first thing you thought of Jesus?*

*Are you now thinking about Joy when you think about Jesus?*

When Jesus was born, there was great Joy. In the reading from Matthew above, the wise men just had to go to Jerusalem to see the new baby. They didn't have cars or airplanes either then so they had to walk or ride animals all the way there. It probably wasn't a quick trip.

*How excited do you think the wise men were to go see Jesus?*

To travel all that way they were probably really excited. They could feel the joy.

What are good ways to spread Joy?

This week we don't have a craft to do but an activity. Together with family or own your own you can make sugar cookies. Last year as a group at Grace we made over 100 cookies, decorated them and donated them to Cada House. Giving cookies to others is a great way to spread Joy. Make and decorate cookies and give them away. Maybe make a plate of them for your neighbors. Or make a whole bunch and donate them to a shelter.

### Things to do this week

Home: Write compliments on sticky notes and put them places others can find to help bring a smile to their face.

Community: Give a letter to neighbors with cookies or donate cookies to shelter.