


	<b>The visit of the Magi/Wise Men</b>	
<b>Presence of God</b>	Considering how God looks at me.	
<b>History</b> Matthew 2, 1 – 11	<p>1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi[a] from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”</p> <p>3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <i>(Tell the children that the king Herod didn't like the news about another king, and he wanted to find out who and where was the baby to have him killed).</i></p> <p>9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.</p>	
<b>Petition</b>	<i>Lord, may I know you more clearly, love you more deeply and follow you more nearly!</i>	
<b>Contemplation</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reviewing the mysteries contemplated before</b> <i>You can start by reviewing the mysteries contemplated before.</i></p> <p><b>vv 1 – 2 The Magi/Wise Men from the east</b> <i>When Jesus was about to be born, there were three wise men who lived in a country where God was not known; they studied a lot and contemplated nature to see what they could learn from creation. Most of the time, they were studying the sky and the stars.</i> <i>They were good men seeking to understand the deep sense of things. Although they had never heard about God, God did know them and kindled their hearts with fervor to meet His Son, who had just been born (God was thrilled about his Son's birth and wanted to tell everybody about it). Then God sent them a signal: a bright star that appeared in the sky and led them to Bethlehem.</i> <i>Let's imagine what the Magi looked like, what they did, how they felt; and let's imagine that God wanted them to meet his Son Jesus, and so kindled their hearts with love.</i></p> <p><b>vv 9 – 10 The journey to meet the Savior</b> <i>Although they were very rich and had lots of possessions, they decided to leave their country and everything they had to search for the Savior, announced by the star. Most of the time, they probably saw the star in the sky and, when it was cloudy, God must have enlightened them so that they knew what path they had to follow.</i> <i>Let's imagine the Magi preparing everything for the trip: the camels, the maps, etc. Let's imagine them travelling and following the star; sometimes they probably closed their eyes to see the light within their hearts and find their way. Imagine how God showed them the way.</i></p>	<p><b>We are all led by the light of grace that takes us to Jesus, the Savior. When we are obedient and walk in that light, we are on the right track.</b></p> <p><b>The journey of the Magi reminds us of Abraham's journey (Gn 12, 1ss); all of them hit the road because they trusted in the Lord's promise.</b></p> <p><b>We are called to thank the Father for his marvelous gift to us: His own Son.</b></p> <p><b>St. Ignatius teaches us that gratitude engenders love, which means that the lover gives the loved one “all he has and calls his own”.</b> <b>The colloquy may be inspired by the “Take Lord and receive” prayer.</b></p>

**vv 10 – 11 The gifts for the Savior**

*When the Magi arrived at the manger, they were so excited because they had found their destination. They may have imagined that the Savior would be born in a big palace, but instead they found a very humble place, that was not even meant to be a shelter for human beings but for animals; and there they found a little baby – vulnerable and delicate – wrapped in swaddling clothes. But that humble place was filled with tons of love, offered by the child's Mother and adoptive father, Joseph.*

*The Magi realized that that baby was the Savior of the world; and they were full of gratitude because God had shared with them the news about His birth. At last the long-expected Savior had been born!!!*

*Let's image the Magi, full of joy, in that poor and humble manger; and let's image the valuable gifts that they had brought for Baby Jesus. They gave Him the best they had.*

**Colloquy**

*Let's sit on the carpet, on the promised land, near Jesus, to hear him in the silence of our hearts.*

*Imagine that you are in the manger with the three wise men who gave their presents to Jesus. Now it is your turn to give Jesus a gift.*

*Let's try to imagine what gift Jesus would like the most, and then give it to Him. Tell Him about the gifts you would like to present Him with.*

