

The Epiphany (Year B) Sunday 3 January 2021

## **FAMILY RESOURCES**

# **A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY**

**THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS Matthew 2: 1-12**

### *This week's theme*

This week's theme is 'A Christmas Journey' and we are asked to think about the journeys made to Bethlelem.

### *Extracts from the Gospel passage (Matthew 2: 8-9)*

Then Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem, saying,  
'Go and search diligently for the child;  
and when you have found him,  
bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'  
When they had heard the king, they set out;  
and there, ahead of them,  
went the star that they had seen at its rising,  
until it stopped over the place where the child was.

### *Gospel prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you led the wise men to search for you.  
Guide our journey,  
so we too may be led to find you;  
for you are our God.  
Amen.



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### *Things to think about*

- Think about journeys that you have been on.
- What's the longest journey you have undertaken?
- Where were you going?
- How did you travel there?
- Who were you going to see?
- What is your favourite journey?
- Where would you like to travel to?

### *Things to do*

- **Treasure hunt.** Make clues or a treasure map around your house, garden or local neighbourhood for your family to find and follow. Where will the journey take them? What will they discover at the end?
- Draw a map of an imaginary world. Perhaps you can make it into a 3D model and take characters on journeys around the new world to have adventures.
- Three Kings spinning craft.

You will need: 3 printed templates of a triangular prism, scissors, glue, colouring pencils and wool or thread.



Print and cut out your prism nets.



Draw 3 heads on one prism, 3 upper bodies on the next and 3 lower bodies on the final prism. Make sure they are all the same way up!

Colour in your designs and punch a hole in each triangle



Carefully score the fold lines and thread the wool through the holes making sure your drawings are the right way up.



Glue the tabs and stick them inside the other faces on each prism. Tie a knot at the bottom and make a hanging loop at the top. Spin them around to make different combinations.

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*Different ways to make character spinners*

Perhaps you could make some shepherds as well or use another set of prisms to make animals from the Nativity story? Why not make a host of angels too?

Why not share your creations with us? We would love to see what you have been up to! Please email any photos to [education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk) or tag @LivCathedral on social media.