

Matthew Chapter 2 –

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Key Verses for Memorization: Matthew 2:1; Matthew 2:11

Background: The Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 2, describes the events after the birth of Jesus Christ. Within this chapter we find these accounts: the visit by the magi, the attempt by King Herod to kill baby Jesus, Joseph leading his family into Egypt for asylum, and the family's safe return to Nazareth. This chapter contains five references to the Old Testament, which is more than any other place in the New Testament.

Commentary:

Verse 1 - 2 – The wise men from the East arrived in Jerusalem, after the birth of Jesus.

Verse 3 – Herod was greatly troubled by the arrival of the wise men. He was constantly on his guard because he felt threatened by a possible new king. Not only was Herod troubled, but all of Jerusalem was as well.

Verse 4 - 6 – The chief priests and scribes instructed Herod regarding Messiah's coming.

Verse 7 – 8 – Herod tried to use the wise men to find the Christ child so he might kill Him.

Verse 9 - 12 – The wise men presented gifts to Jesus and left without informing Herod.

Verse 13 - 15 – The family fled to Egypt for asylum.

Verse 16 – 18 – Herod killed all male children, two years of age and younger, in an attempt to kill Jesus. This is known as "The Massacre of the Innocents."

Verse 19 – 21 – The family returned to Israel after Herod's death.

Verse 22 – 23 – The family settled north in Nazareth. This fulfilled another prophecy that said, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

A Quick Summary: In Matthew chapter 2, we are introduced to the magi. They had seen the star and had come from the East to worship Jesus. However, they went to Jerusalem and inquired from King Herod about where they might find the Christ. The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, warning him to take his family to Egypt to escape from Herod. Since Herod didn't know where Jesus was, he resolved to kill all the baby boys in Bethlehem who were two years old or younger, fulfilling another prophecy. Finally, Herod died, and the family left Egypt and moved to Galilee, fulfilling yet another prophecy.

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Let's Memorize: Matthew 2:1

Day 1: Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Day 2: Now when Jesus was _____ in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the _____, behold, there came _____ men from the _____ to Jerusalem,

Day 3: _____ when Jesus was _____ in Bethlehem of _____ in the days of Herod the _____, _____, there came _____ men _____ the _____ to _____,

Day 4: _____ when _____ was _____ in _____ of _____ in the _____ of _____ the _____, _____, there _____ men _____ the _____ to _____,

Day 5: _____ _____ was _____ in _____ of _____ in the _____ of _____ the _____, _____, _____ to _____,

Day 6: _____ _____ in _____ of _____ of _____, _____, _____ to _____,

Day 7: _____

_____, _____,

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Let's Memorize: Matthew 2:11

Day 1: And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

Day 2: And when they were come into the _____, they saw the young _____ with Mary his _____, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their _____, they presented unto him _____; gold, and frankincense and _____.

Day 3: And when they were _____ into the _____, they saw the _____ with _____ his _____, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had _____ their _____, they _____ unto him _____; _____, and frankincense and _____.

Day 4: And _____ they were _____ into the _____, they _____ the _____ with _____ his _____, and _____ down, and worshipped _____: and _____ they had _____ their _____, they _____ unto him _____; _____, and _____ and _____.

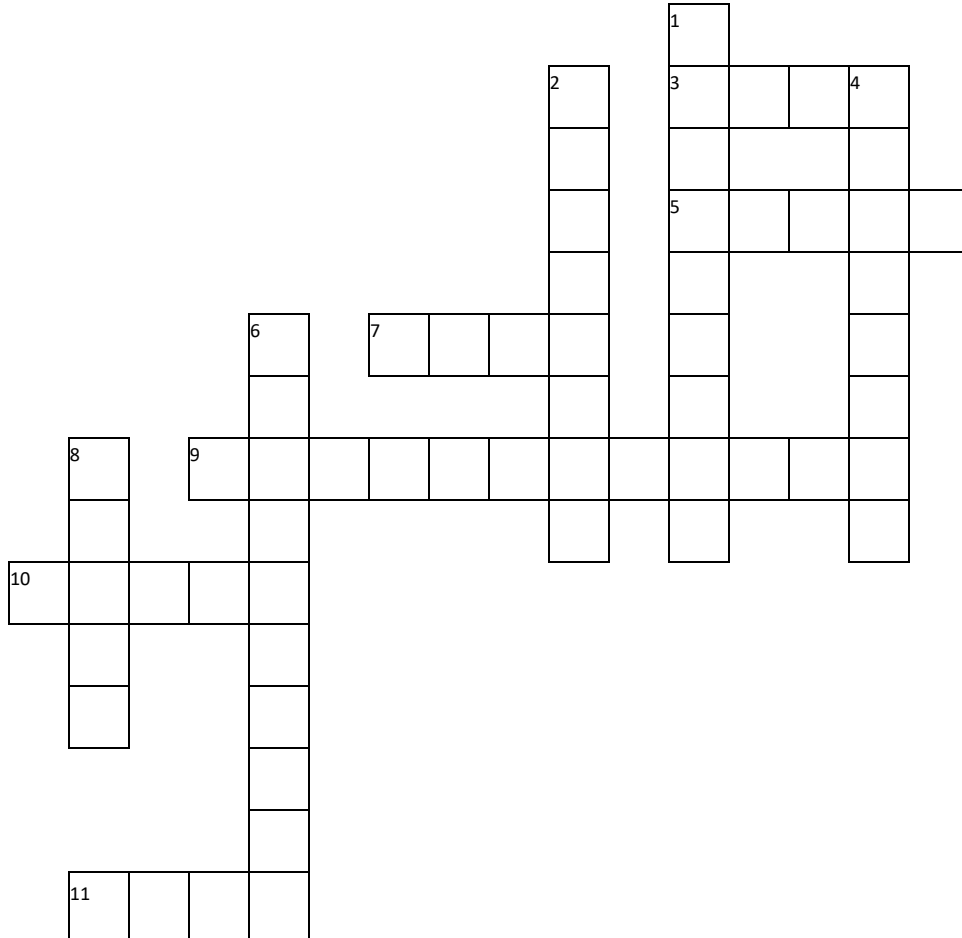
Day 5: And _____ were _____ into the _____, they _____ the _____ with _____ his _____, and _____, and _____: and _____ they _____ their _____, they _____ unto him _____; _____, and _____.

Day 6: _____ the _____, they _____ the _____ with _____, _____, and _____: _____ they _____, they _____; _____, _____.

Day 7: _____
_____, _____
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_____, _____

Crossword Puzzle:

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Across

- 3. Wise men came from the
- 5. King at the time of Jesus' birth
- 7. The wise men followed a
- 9. The second of the magi's gifts
- 10. The third of the magi's gifts
- 11. One of the magi's gifts

Down

- 1. City in which Jesus was born
- 2. According to the prophets, Jesus shall be called a
- 4. Verse 3 says Herod was
- 6. The wise men _____ Jesus
- 8. Joseph's family escaped to

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Find the Hidden Messages: Matthew Chapter 2

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Puzzle Key:

A=1	I=9	R=18
B=2	J=10	S=19
C=3	K=11	T=20
D=4	L=12	U=21
E=5	M=13	V=22
F=6	N=14	W=23
G=7	O=15	X=24
H=8	P=16	Y=25
	Q=17	Z=26

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Test Your Understanding:

1. When Jesus was born, who was the king?
2. In verse 2, the magi asked a question of the evil king. What did they ask?
3. How many magi came from the East to worship the Christ child?
4. Name the three gifts given to Jesus by the magi?
5. What was it that the magi followed that brought them to Jerusalem?
6. God warned Joseph in a _____ to flee into _____.
7. Matthew 15:15 quotes which OT passage which said, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."
8. When Herod knew he had been deceived by the wise men, what did he do to try to destroy the Christ child?
9. Matthew 15:18 quotes Scripture from Jeremiah which says, "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." What is the Scripture reference for that passage quoted from Jeremiah?
10. After Herod was dead, Joseph's family returned from Egypt into what city?

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