

- They gave Him their treasures and worshiped Him

- No hardship had been too great for moment—when they could offer themselves to King of Jews

- God must have rejoiced as they offered gifts and selves

**MT, PAS – GOD WANTS YOU TO GIVE YOURSELF TO HIM TO SERVE OTHERS**

**Galatians 6:10** – “*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*”

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- Wise men must have been very thankful they made the long trip

- They had given best gift to King—the gift of themselves

**LOC #3, FC 3-6**

- King Herod waited return of wise men, became angry

**LOC #3, FC 3-5**

- Angel sent to Joseph

- The Bible tells us about special gift God wants to give you

**INVITATION**

**Roman 6:23** – “*For the wages of sin is death* (separation from God), *but the gift of God is eternal life* (life to live in Heaven) *through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*”

**S  
P, E  
L**

**BOW HEADS  
RESPONSE**

**CHALLENGE**

**G - Go over MT  
GOD WANTS YOU TO GIVE  
YOURSELF TO HIM TO  
SERVE OTHERS**

**R - Review PAS verse  
Galatians 6:10** – “*As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*”

**O - Overview PAS examples**  
1.  
2.  
3.

**W - Will you do it?**

**LIFE OF CHRIST #3  
Matthew 2:1-14**

- Have you ever wanted to give a gift to someone you love?

- What is the best gift you can think of?

- There is one gift I am thinking of that would be the best gift for anyone

- Listen and see if you can figure out what that gift would be

- The men in our Bible lesson knew what was the best gift to give; these men lived long ago

- They lived in Babylon; called “wise men”; they gave advice to their king; well-educated men

- One night, some of these men saw a “new star”

**LOC #3, FC 3-1**

- Such excitement! The word must have passed from one group to the next ... LOOK!

- They would have hurried to their books, “What do the books say; what could it be?”

- What would cause a bright star to appear from nowhere?

- These men knew the stars never change; the positions of planets change but not stars

- This was something different; what did it mean?

- The wise men would have to search the books of Jewish history to learn about this

- Listen to this! The men were excited for the books talked about a coming King  
*(Read Numbers 24:17)*

- Surely this was talking about a King; this was one of God’s promises about His Son, Jesus

**O**

- The God who made the heavens and earth could surely put a special star in the sky ...

- ... a star to announce the birth of His King; God did this to show His love for them

**G**

- The angel told the shepherds that this good news was for all people

- The star announced the good news to the wise men
- Wise men, “Let us go and investigate the reason for this star.” It would be a long trip!
- Camels would be needed to cross the hot desert sands
- They would need food, clothing, and money for many weeks; it would be a dangerous trip too!
- They would need security to keep from being attacked by bandits in the desert
- Wise men, “We will take gifts from our country to the King”
- The gifts were chosen carefully; gold ... a precious gift ...
- ... frankincense ... a mixture of spices and gums that smell good when burned; used in worship
- ... and myrrh ... an expensive perfume from that eastern country; all suitable for a king
- But the best gift of all was the gift of themselves

**MT - GOD WANTS YOU TO GIVE YOURSELF TO HIM TO SERVE OTHERS**

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**LOC #3, FC 3-2**

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- The caravan started across the desert toward the land of Jews
- Days, weeks, months went by; the caravan moved in the direction of the new star
- At last, they entered the land of the Jews, but where would they find the King?
- Surely they would find Him in the capital city of Jerusalem
- The travelers must have put on their best robes which they had been saving to meet the King!
- The people in Jerusalem must have known these men were important visitors from far away
- “Where is He born King of the Jews? We’ve seen His star and are come to worship Him”
- King of the Jews! Wasn’t Herod the king of the Jews?
- Talking about Jesus—the One who came into this world not just to be a King, but to die

**P, E**

**1 Peter 2:24 – “Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree . . . .”**

- The people didn’t realize who the wise men were looking for
- Herod was the only king of the Jews they knew about
- But if Herod knew there was another King of the Jews, he would be angry
- Everyone knew he had a bad temper; but soon he did hear
- Herod asked the Jewish leaders, “Where is this King of the Jews to be born?”
- The Jewish leaders said, “In Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, for the prophet wrote ...”  
*(Read Mathew. 2:6)*
- Secretly, Herod called wise men; he asked them some questions
- When he learned that King was to be born in Bethlehem, he gave orders, “Go to Bethlehem. ...

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**LOC #3, FC 3-3**

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- ... When you have found Him, come and tell me so that I may come and worship Him too”
- Anyone who knew Herod, knew he was lying; have you ever known someone like that?

**S, PAU**

**Jeremiah 17:9 – “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”**

- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- The wise men were excited as they left the palace
  - Wise men, “Look, there is the star!” It was there to lead them to city of Bethlehem
  - As they entered Bethlehem, the star stopped above a house; what a miracle!
  - Almost breathlessly, they entered the house and found Jesus

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**LOC #3, FC 3-4**

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