

# “My Faith Journey in 2018”

Based on Matthew 2:1-11 (NIV)

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*Matthew 2:1 - After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ...*

† **These Magi are traveling on a faith journey.**

*Matthew 2:1b-3*

*1 ... Magi 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 in the east and have come to worship him."*

*3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.*

† **Since the Magi were searching for a king, they went to the palace of a king, Herod.**

*Matthew 2:4-5a*

*4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.*

*5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied,*

† **The distance from Jerusalem to Bethlehem is only 6 miles.**

*Matthew 2:11 - 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 and of incense and of myrrh.*

† **The Magi journey from beginning to the end is estimated to have taken about 2 years.**

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† **The object of my faith journey is to follow God's way through Jesus into unknown territory.**

† **My faith journey has risk and uncertainty.**

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† **God led the wise men, and can lead me, in 3 ways in my faith journey:**

**1) In nature.**

**2) Read and reference the Bible.**

**3) Personally get to know Jesus.**

**Applying Today's Message to My Life:**

† How has God led me in my life journey in the past?

† What unexpected place has God lead me in the past?

† When have I encountered God in nature?

† How is God leading me today in my faith journey?

- Am I following or do I want God to follow me?