

**"It's for you..."**  
December 30, 2018  
Matthew 2:1-12

**OPENING PRAYER:**

God, you have shown us through Jesus how to love BIG. Help us to also to love BIG our communities, families, and friends. In Jesus name, Amen.

**WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:**

- What is your first reaction to this story? Why?
- Why do you think that King Herod and "all of Jerusalem" were troubled? (verse 3)
- The Wise Men's gifts were very rare and expensive. They loved BIG. How do you think this might have affected Jesus' family? How does loving BIG change lives?
- How does this scripture speak to where you are right now? How will you love BIG in the coming year?

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Write down or draw pictures of ways that God and others have loved you BIG.
- Are you ever troubled at the thought of someone else getting loved BIG? Ask for God to show you where pride, envy, and jealousy may be holding you back in your life.
- Think of ways you can Love Big on purpose every month during the New Year. Commit to following through. (Sometimes loving BIG is doing small things!)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

God, teach us to trust your love and show your love to others. Help us to use the gifts you have given us to make much of you. Be with us as we try to be like you. Amen.