

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LOOK

We live in a culture that values expediency over wisdom. Our choices are often made on the basis of convenience rather than through wise counsel.

1. Talk about a recent life decision. What roles did expedience and wisdom play?
2. Who do you consider to be the wisest influence in your life?

BOOK Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus' birth marks the first time he threatens Herod's power and strikes fear into his heart.

1. What interesting things do you note about the wise men's journey?
2. Why do you think this story is included in Matthew's gospel? What are some of the larger themes?

TOOK

Like the wise men, we can be tricked or distracted by the powers and rulers of this world or we can follow the stars that lead us to the Christ child.

1. As a person of faith, how do you define wisdom?
2. When have you had to "go home by an alternate route" like the wise men? What did that teach you?
3. What metaphorical stars guide your faith journey?