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Hey Kids!

Do you remember how the Wise Men found Jesus?

Did they hop on a bus and drive to Bethlehem?

Did they board a plane and fly to the Manger Airport?

Did they go to a website like MeetJesusintheManger.com?

No. They followed a star. It must have been a very bright star!

That star has become known as The Christmas Star. Even though Christmas Day has passed, we still celebrate the light of that star. God put that bright star in the sky for the whole world to see. The star led the Wise Men to baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The star led them to the Light of the World. Jesus is the Light of the World!

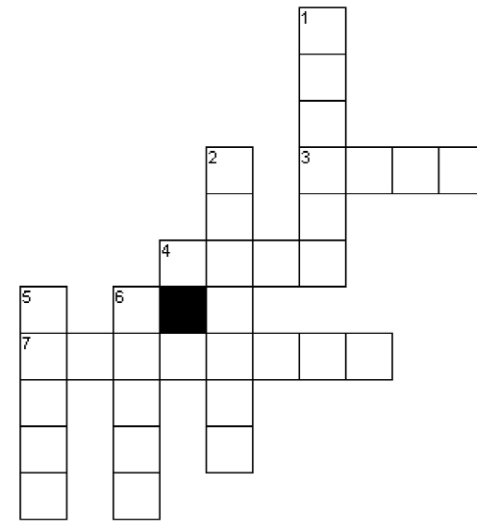
Today is a special time in the church called Epiphany Sunday. It's a day to think about how God's love is like a bright star, or bright light. Light keeps us from living in darkness. Even at nighttime we can turn on a light, or use a flashlight to bring light to the darkness.

When we are feeling sad, lonely, or hurt, we can think about God's love for us. He loves us ALL the time – even on our dark days. His love is like a light that brightens our hearts and gives us hope for happier and brighter days ahead. And there is more than enough of God's love for all people everywhere!

This week, think about how you can show others the light of God through the way you act each day and by the things you say. You can be a bright light of love!



Epiphany Puzzle



Across

3. One of the gifts Wise Men gave to Jesus
4. Led the Wise Men to Jesus
7. A day to celebrate the light of God's love for the whole world

Down

1. Where Jesus was born
2. New Testament book that tells about the Visit of the Wise Men
5. He is the Light of the World
6. What the Wise Men gave Jesus

Answers: 1. manger 2. Matthew 3. gold 4. star 5. Jesus 6. gifts 7. Epiphany

