



Celebrando la Navidad con **El Niño Dios**

FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE

**Jan 6th Feast of the Three
Kings - Rosca de Reyes**

Día de los Reyes: Family Prayer Service

Feast of the Three Kings

Preparation:

- Set up a small prayer space with a nativity scene, placing the Baby Jesus in the center.
- Include a Bible, a candle, and the Rosca de Reyes - symbol of a crown proclaiming Jesus as our king.
- Have a small figure of Baby Jesus ready to give to the person who finds the baby image in the Rosca.



Opening Prayer:

Leader: (Begin with the Sign of the Cross)

+ "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. "

All: "Amen."

Leader: "Loving God, on this day we celebrate the visit of the Three Kings who brought gifts to honor the Baby Jesus. They remind us that we, too, are called to offer our love and care to Him. Be with us now as we gather to celebrate Your love and the joy of welcoming Jesus into our hearts and homes."

All: "Amen."

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Leader or Reader:

"A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:"

(Read about the journey of the Magi, their gifts, and their encounter with Baby Jesus.)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people, Israel.' "Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Leader: "The Gospel of the Lord."

All: "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ."



Reflection and Sharing:

Leader:

"The Three Kings traveled a long way to find and honor Jesus. They gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, showing their love and devotion. They were also recognizing Him as the King of the world. Today, we remember that Jesus invites us to give Him our hearts and to care for Him by caring for others. How can we bring our own gifts of love to Jesus this year?"
(Invite family members to share their thoughts or ideas.)

Activity: Cutting the Rosca de Reyes

Leader:

"Now we will share the Rosca de Reyes. As we cut the bread, and share the rosca, we remember that we are all part of God's family, and that Jesus is at the center of our celebration. In the story of Baby Jesus, King Herod wanted to harm Him, so His family had to keep Him safe. That's why we hide the Baby Jesus in the Rosca. Whoever finds the baby hidden in the Rosca is chosen to care for Him and protect Him, just like Mary, Joseph, and the Three Kings did."

1. Pass the Rosca de Reyes for everyone to cut their own piece.
2. When someone finds the image of the Baby Jesus in the rosca, the leader says:

Leader:

"You have been chosen to care for Baby Jesus. This is a special reminder that you too have a gift to offer the Baby Jesus. The gift you offer Him is to care for the Baby Jesus by sharing His love with others. You will have the honor of caring for the Baby Jesus figure this year, but especially these next four weeks."

Commitment Prayer for the Chosen Caregiver:

Leader:

"Let us pray for [Name], who has been chosen to care for Baby Jesus."

All:

"Loving God, we thank You for choosing [Name] to care for the Baby Jesus. Bless [Name] with a heart full of love, kindness, and joy. Help him/her to remember that by caring for Jesus, they are also caring for others. May they grow in their friendship with Jesus this year and share His love with everyone they meet. Amen."

Chosen Child: (Repeat after the leader)

"Dear Jesus,
I promise to care for You with love and kindness.
Help me to see You in others
and to share Your love
with my family and friends.
Amen."

Closing Prayer:

Leader:

"God of love, thank You for sending Jesus to be with us. Bless our family as we celebrate His presence in our lives. Help us to follow the example of the Three Kings by offering our gifts of love and kindness to You and to those around us. Amen."

(End with the Sign of the Cross.)

All: "+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Celebration:

Enjoy the Rosca de Reyes together,

