

## Reflection on “The Gift Only You Can Offer”

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As we recall the journey of the Magi, we invite you to listen to your own life and seek within your own story the One who is seeking you. Feel free to draw, write, or just sit with these observations:

1. **The wise ones follow a star:** *What have been your own ‘awakening moments’ of wonder or awe that have led you toward God this year?*
2. **They asked questions when they were lost:** *What are the questions you live with? Who do you ask? Who helps you with your questions?*
3. **The star’s light was seen in darkness:** *What has made you discouraged this year, what has made you afraid? What might God be saying to you about this darkness?*
4. **Herod is twisted.** *What brokenness or injustice calls to you?*
5. **They offered their gifts:** *There is a gift you can give to God and to the world that no one else can offer. What are you offering of yourself, your time and your material possessions? Your story and the perspective it gives you that others may not have...*

**Finally...They traveled together.** *Find a way to share some part of your reflection with someone.*

### **Concluding Prayer**

Name and give thanks for a moment of wonder.

Name some aspect of darkness, Or something twisted and unjust that troubles you.

Name a companion on the journey and give thanks for their support.

Resolve to offer your gift this year in a particular way.