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**Kategori** : P3-P4

**Judul** : Gifts for the King

**Bahan Alkitab**: Mat 2:1-12

**Ringkasan Bahan SM**:

Points of Learning:

I.

Cognitive: Kingdom of God has come for the gentiles too. Led by a star from God, the Wise Men came to worship Him. They also give gifts.

Affective: Children thank God for calling them to be His children too.

Psychomotor: Children share what gifts they wanted to give to God.

II.

Cognitive: The gifts of the Magi symbolize the offices of Christ as King and Priest. Jesus Himself fulfilled 3 offices as the best gift for His people.

Affective: Children thank God for coming to the earth to give us the gift of salvation.

Psychomotor: As His children while waiting for Christ's second coming, they live life as good servants of God.

**Introduction**: Intro: In the drama, Jonah is troubled by his dream for a question about his salvation. But Moses is sure they were saved because they had been in Sunday school since they were young and had been baptized too. Do you agree with Moses? How do you know you are saved?

**Background of story**: The Visit of the Wise Men

I.

Who Are the Magi / Wise Men? They are scholars, astronomers or maybe astrologers. One day they saw a very extraordinary and very bright star which led them to Jerusalem. They concluded that it must be a sign that a king had been born, so they prepared to come and worship him.

When the Magi arrived at the palace, Herod, the chief priest & the scribe later discovered that the star was referring to a prophecy about the Messiah. They didn't know where exactly, but they looked no further.

The wise men respond very differently. What are they doing? Led by God's star, they sought the King of the Jews. When they met Jesus, maybe He was already a toddler. The wise men really made an effort to worship Jesus. They travelled a long journey, never giving up even without the help of the priest. They never doubted whether such a king was born. They have even prepared gifts to honor Him.

Why did the Magi come to worship Jesus? The wise men were likely already familiar with OT prophecy through interaction with the Jews in Babylon, and they may remember Balaam's prophecy that "A star will come out of Jacob, and a scepter will rise out of Israel" (Num. 24:17) They wanted to pay homage to the newborn King. But how could a gentile come to worship Jesus and honor Him as King? God used the stars to lead the Magi (non-Jews) to come to Jesus. Their actions reveal that the kingdom of God has come for the unbelievers too. It reveals that by God's grace, He will draw many nations to become His people.

Today if we can believe and become His children, it is by the grace of God too. Those who receive God's grace will respond to Him. Learning from how Magi show good response in worshipping God, what was your response in worshiping Him? Do you come to worship Him with all your heart and efforts?

II.

Mat 2:9-11 Finally the Magi found the place where Jesus was. They overjoyed, fell down and worshiped Him, then offered their gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

These valuable items were standard gifts to honor a king or deity in the ancient world. However, these gifts foreshadowed another aspect of Jesus' ministry. Jesus Himself fulfilled the 3 offices as a King, Priest and Prophet.

\* Gold was given to Christ where the Magi considered Him to be a King. This gift symbolized His Kingship.

\* Frankincense is commonly used in worship ceremonies or burning incense by a priest at the altar. Psalm 141: 2 - our prayer is like an incense ascending to God. This symbolizes his role as High Priest interceding for us.

\* Myrrh used as anointing oil or for wound healing or in burial - This gift indicates his sacrificial death to save his people and move us from darkness (old life) to light (new life) when we believe in Him. He heals our spiritual life.

The birth of Jesus fulfilled God's plan of salvation that was promised & prophesied by many prophets. He is the Word became flesh (John 1: 1,14). On earth the teachings of Jesus and His life revealed God's will to His people. He spoke the Word of God as God. He is the ultimate source of truth about God, salvation, meaning of life, future, heaven and hell. He completed his role as a Prophet. Today we have the Bible (the Word of God) and the Holy Spirit to guide us to obey God.

The wise men presented the best gifts to Jesus to honor Him as both King and God. In fact, Jesus is the King and God gives the Best Gift to His people by fulfilling all Offices. He was born to save us and give us eternal life with God. Jesus gave us the gift of salvation.

Now How do I know I am saved? Jesus fulfilled salvation for us. Without Him, we have no hope. After we become His children, we must live as God's children should live. Today examine yourself, if He is your Prophet who will teach you; your Priest who sacrificed for, interceded for, and blessed you; and your King who rules and leads you? Jesus is coming again. As His ambassadors, we must live faithfully and spread this good news to others too.

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| **Questions to ponder**:  |
| 1. Can anyone come to worship & believe in God himself?
2. How do we know that God's kingdom has come for the gentiles too?
3. How did the Magi respond differently from Herod, Priests & Scribes?
4. What can we learn from the Magi who visited & presented their gifts to the young Jesus?
5. What gifts will we give as thanks to God who was born to save us?
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| 1. Jesus perfectly fulfilled the OT offices of Prophet, Priest and King. Is He your Prophet, Priest and King?
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**Ayat Hafalan**: Eph 2:8  For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God