

“Son”

Matthew 2:1–23

(Black Bibles p. 807; Children’s Bibles p. 1154)

- I. Children—think about the wise men (magi) who saw the star and came to worship the new king.
 - Who were the wise men? And when did they come?
 - In Jerusalem, they learned what the Bible taught.
 - They worship in Bethlehem—gifts for a king who would die.
 - The wise men go a different way, and so do Joseph, Mary & Jesus.
 - Herod kills the children.
 - God calls his son back from Egypt, just as he did many, many years ago.
- II. Jesus was a son who grew up in a family with brothers and sisters.
 - Think of Jesus as a little boy—your age.
 - Do you think he was ever corrected by his parents?
 - Was Jesus ever naughty?

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered (Hebrews 5:8).

- III. Jesus was also the Son of God, and because of the Son, we become sons.

But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (Galatians 4:4-7)

- We are “adopted unto sonship”—the legal act of adoption opens the way to a new relationship in which we call God our “Abba.”
- Note that Paul deliberately includes women in his teaching about sonship (“*there is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus*” Gal. 3:28).
- This morning, celebrate the coming of the Son, and if you have embraced the Son as your Savior and Lord, celebrate your sonship.

Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)