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<b>Tuesday</b>	Psalms 72	Righteous King
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**Looking Ahead . . .**

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<b>Friday</b>	1 Corinthians 2:1-10	Wisdom of God
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Corinthians 2:11-16	Mind of Christ
<b>Sunday</b>	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Baptism of Jesus

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**Faith on the Go**



Talk about your highs and lows for the day!



The Visit of the Wise Men - Matthew 2: 1-12

Day 1

Matthew 2: 1-2

What signs of God's light have you seen in your life? How do you respond to these signs of God?

Day 2

Matthew 2: 3-6

Why could the coming of Jesus be a threat to King Herod? Bethlehem was not an important place at all, so for a ruler to be born there was unlikely. Why do you think God would choose such a place? (See also Micah 5:2)

Day 3

Matthew 2: 7-9

Tell about a time that you did not know exactly where you were going but only that you knew that God was leading you there.

Day 4

Matthew 2:10-11

What gifts do you have that you can offer to God and use for the sake of God's world and God's people?

Day 5

Matthew 2: 12

Where can you look for God in your life that is perhaps not a likely place? Is God at work, school, the grocery store, in your neighborhood? How can you point to God in these places?

God, your light shines in the darkest corners of our lives. We give you thanks for calling us your own and loving us. Lead us where we will shine your light of love to all the world. Amen.



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