



What does “Epiphany” Mean?

In this month of January, you will hear the word *epiphany*. The word *epiphany* means to reveal or make known. The Greek origin of the word has the picture of shining a light upon something, lighting it up. For over 1,800 years Christians have celebrated the second oldest festival of Christendom—the Epiphany of Our Lord—on Jan. 6.

At the time of Jesus, if a king or emperor made an official visit to one of his cities, it was called an epiphany. When heavenly King Jesus made his appearance as a baby in his village of Bethlehem, the King of kings had officially arrived for his subjects. God was revealing to the world—lighting it up—that the King was making an official visit: an epiphany.

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What does this mean to me?

Just as Jesus revealed himself to those in the small town of Bethlehem and to the Magi who came from afar to see the King of Kings, we can reveal Jesus to those who are near and far. We can do this by praying for our friends and neighbors and inviting them to join you in church each Sunday. We can do this also by helping whomever we come across that is need.

Take a moment to think of how you would like to reveal Jesus this week & write it down here!

Parents:

Some ideas of how you can put Epiphany into practice with your children include:

- Pray for and send an offering to a mission effort in a country from which your ancestors originated.
- Write a letter of encouragement and send a care package to a family in need.
- Select a mission field in a country you know little about. Find out more about that country. Pray for the gospel workers there and the unique challenges they face. Send an offering to support that mission work.

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