

WITH JOY AND WITH SONGS

Surrendering to Jesus // Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 2:8-20

Once I've surrendered my heart to Jesus I'll embrace the simplicity of faith (Matt2:1-8; Lk2:8-14), I'll be in awe of the magnificence of God (Matt2:9-11a; Lk2:17-20), and I'll bring him the gift of obedience (Matt2:11b-12; Lk2:15-16)

- Where do you think the advice to “never surrender” comes from? What is the effect of a “no surrender” mentality on a person’s relationship with Jesus?
- Do you think your faith in Jesus is simple? Give examples of ways people over complicate their relationship with God?
- The wise men’s worldview included the expectation of a divine king (Matthew 2:8-9). Their knowledge of the world and experience with the scriptures helped them find Jesus. What has knowledge and experience helped you find? Are you closer to Jesus this year than you were last Christmas?
- Have you ever been awestruck by God’s plan or word? What has God done or said that has left you feeling amazed and full of wonder (Luke 2:18)?
- What does God want to achieve in our lives by doing things that go beyond our understanding (Luke 2:18-19)?
- Why is obedience to Jesus considered a gift? What does he do with your gift? This year, what more can you surrender to Jesus as King?