Day of Epiphany

Celebration

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Best Use
To be done in a group on January 6th, the Day of Epiphany

Goal
To celebrate and remember the revelation of Jesus Christ as a savior for all people

Advance Preparation
Make sure you have the following on hand:

- A cake with hidden item(s) baked inside
- A bible
- Presents (optional)

Serve It Up
Follow these steps for a great experience…

1. **Prepare in advance a cake for the Epiphany Celebration**
    a. **Make your favorite kind of cake to share**
    b. **Before you bake, hide 1-3 bake-safe objects in the cake**
        i. **Example: A marble or a coin wrapped in tin foil**
    c. **Optional: Get and wrap the same amount of presents as number of objects you had hidden in the cake. If not doing gifts, then simply hide 1 item in your cake**
        i. **The number you pick is up to you. Some people like three to go with three gifts because Matthew lists three gifts, others like to give two with one bigger prize and one smaller prize while some might like just one gift.**
    d. **If using multiple objects/gifts, you might want to color coordinate with wrapping paper/bag to match the color of the hidden item**

2. **Spend time reading about the Magi visiting Jesus in Matthew 2: 1-12**

3. **Answer these questions from the text**
    a. **Where did the Magi come from? Were they Jews?**
    b. **What does it say about God that He used a star to speak to the Magi?**
    c. **In Matthew's account, the Magi are the first people to worship Jesus? What is important about this?**
    d. **Epiphany means revelation. What is the revelation we get from the account of the Magi? (hint: see activity goal on front)**

4. **Celebrate this revelation by sharing the cake together**
    a. **Have someone present cut the cake into as many pieces as there are people present**
    b. **From youngest to oldest, each person takes turns picking their piece of cake**
    c. **After everyone has their piece, enjoy eating together and the anticipation of who will get the object(s)**
    d. **As objects are found, give the accompanying gift**
    e. **The person who gets the biggest object (if doing multiple) or the only object (if doing one), makes the cake for the following year's Epiphany Celebration**

5. **If doing gifts, be sure to connect the gifts we get with the greatest gift: Jesus Christ**