Bonus Activities

All Ages

Enjoy a King Cake: Purchase a king cake (or cheese Danish) and provide plates, napkins, water and plastic forks. Give each child a piece of king cake. Talk about how king cakes are served in Puerto Rico on Three Kings Day. They may have a plastic baby in them that represents Jesus. In Latin American culture, the person who gets the plastic baby makes tamales for everyone on Candlemas Day (February 2).

All Ages

Feed the Camel Obstacle Course: Place a picture of a camel at one end of the room. Set up an obstacle course with cones, chairs, pool noodles etc. Gather green crepe paper streamers and a timer. Give each child a piece of crepe paper to represent grass. Encourage the students to run the obstacle course and get their "grass" to the camel. The child who does it the fastest wins! Run the obstacle course in various ways such as hopping on one foot, walking backwards etc. Talk about how children set out a shoebox with grass in it for the camels on the eve of Three Kings Day.

Preschoolers

Be Part of a Parade: Gather candy, streamers and noisemakers. Encourage children to walk in a line, waving streamers and blowing noisemakers. If possible, take your parade to other classes and encourage children to give out candy. Talk about how the Three Kings Day parade brings people together in Puerto Rico.

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Bible Verse

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

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Session Outline

Prepare

- Make copies of the Student Handout.
- Review the Story and Bible Verse.

Welcome

- Greet students as they arrive.
- **Ask**: "What special days do you celebrate with your family?"

Engage

- Distribute the Student Handout.
- Read and discuss the Bible Verse.
- Work on the Handout Activity.
- Transition to Story Time.

Share

- Tell the Story, "Three Kings Day."
- Share the photo and caption.
- Discuss the Story and pray.

Conclude

- Lead students in Bonus Activities as time permits.

Three Kings Day

"Tomorrow is the most special day of the whole year!" Elena said to her best friend, Sophie. "It's Three Kings Day!" "Three Kings Day?" asked Sophie. "What's that?" "Well," said Elena. "You know how on Christmas Eve you put out cookies for Santa and then you open presents on Christmas Day?" Elena asked. "Yeah," said Sophie. "Christmas is my favorite day of the year!" Well, our family does something similar for Three Kings Day," said Elena. "On Three Kings Day, we celebrate the wise men coming to see baby Jesus. We think about the gifts that they brought with them—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We remember the path that they took that brought them to Jesus. On the eve of Three Kings Day, we cut grass and put it into shoeboxes for the camels that will bring the Three Kings. We place them under our beds or under our Christmas trees. And then, when we wake up, we find gifts from the Three Kings! There are also a lot of parades for Three Kings Day. I love being part of those parades. I always get lots of candy and little gifts! There is so much joy in the parade. And on that day, we are all together. On Three Kings Day, we help one another. We work together, and we share the love and joy of Jesus with each other," Elena said. "That sounds amazing!" said Sophie. "Can I come with you this year?" "Of course!" said Elena. "Everyone is welcome!"

Discussion and Prayer ✱

- **Ask**: What does Three Kings Day celebrate?
- **Ask**: How does that celebration look like traditions that you celebrate? How does it look different?
- **Ask**: Have you ever been a part of a parade like that? How can we use fun traditions like Three Kings Day to share God's love with others?
- **Say**: When we share our traditions with others, we help them get to know us. When we participate in the traditions of others, we get to know them. Traditions can help us work together and bring each other joy. They are great ways for our community to help one another, too!
- **Pray**: Dear God, please help us use our traditions to share your great love. Amen.

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