

Christmas

Way of the Star

EXPLORING AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST
THIS CHRISTMAS



OUR INVITATION

We invite you on a journey of encounter this Christmas.

The Way of the Star is a series of twelve guided reflections and moments of prayer that explore Christmas through the scriptures.

Individuals, families or groups can follow along with the free session outlines and video resources. This dynamic resource can be shaped to any context.



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A GUIDE TO ENCOUNTER

Getting Started

You may partake on this journey in any setting, structure and time frame that suits your circumstance. Though there is a natural flow between sessions, each may be used independently. This means that in group settings, newcomers can join at any time. This also alleviates pressure to complete all twelve sessions. We recommend two structures (not limited to) for groups or individuals to journey on the Way of the Star:

SESSION 1

An Encounter with the Word

SESSION 2

An Encounter with Gabriel

SESSION 3

An Encounter with the Holy Spirit

SESSION 4

An Encounter with Joy

SESSION 5

An Encounter with Bethlehem

SESSION 6

An Encounter with Innocence

SESSION 7

An Encounter with Poverty

SESSION 8

An Encounter with Fear

SESSION 9

An Encounter with Wonder

SESSION 10

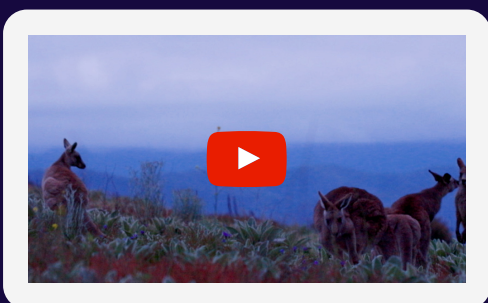
An Encounter with the Star

SESSION 11

An Encounter with Evil

SESSION 12

An Encounter with Light



**Christmas: Way of the Star
Promo Video (Scan QR Code)**

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cgyouth.org.au/christmas

GUIDE 1: Advent ('22)

START: Sunday, Nov 27 (First Sunday of Advent)

END: Dec 25, Christmas Day (S)

Frequency: Three times per week

Groups: Meet weekly (S + S) and continue individually on the other days.

Note: The final week of Advent has two sessions.



GUIDE 2: Advent + Christmas Octave ('22)

SESSION 1 + 12: Sun, Nov 27, First Sunday of Advent

SESSION 2 + 3: Wk one of Advent

SESSION 4 + 5: Wk two of Advent

SESSION 6 + 7: Wk three of Advent

SESSION 8: Christmas Day (S)

SESSION 9: New Years Day

SESSION 10 + 11: Sun, Jan 8, Feast of the Epiphany

Groups: Meet weekly (S + S) and pray individually (W).

Note: We begin this guide with Chapter One of John's Gospel (**SESSION 1 + 12**). We explore, the *Word* (Jesus) becoming flesh and Jesus as the *light* of the world.

We end with Session 10 and 11 which are encounters that happen after the birth of Christ.



GUIDE 3: Christmas Octave + Epiphany ('22)

SESSION 7: Dec 25, Christmas Day (S)

SESSION 8: Dec 26, Feast: St. Stephen

SESSION 9: Dec 27, Feast: St. John the Apostle

SESSION 6: Dec 28, Feast: The Holy Innocents

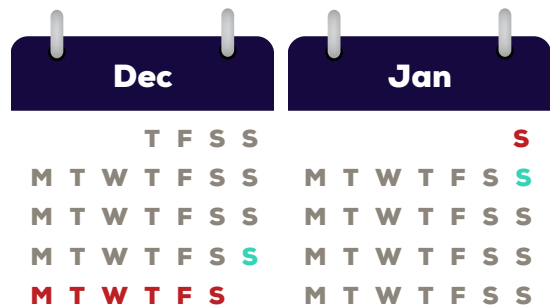
SESSION 1: Dec 29, Feast: St. Thomas Becket

SESSION 5: Dec 30, Feast: The Holy Family

SESSION 12: Dec 31, Feast: St. Sylvester I

SESSION 2: Jan 1, Mary, The Holy Mother of God

SESSION 10: Jan 8, Feast: The Epiphany (S)



SCHOOL: Staff and/or Student Prayer ('22)

START: Week 5

END: Week 10

Frequency: Twice per week for six weeks.

Note: We recommend a staff (Green) and Student (Red) sequence where staff have the opportunity pray and familiarise themselves with each session before class use.

Staff: The Sessions may be utilised for a **10 minute** staff prayer. The flow would include: Reading the scripture + reflection, watching the video, and praying the final prayer together.

Student: Staff may use the resource in the same form, or an extended form with student discussion.



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Way of the Star

Christmas, Way of the Star was filmed and produced in the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn, Australia and showcases her wonderful landscapes, facilities and people.



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Speaker.

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