Matthew 2

Step 1: Read the Whole Section *Note any questions or anything that you didn't understand.* **Step 2: Answer the Study Questions**

1. Highlight any of the following design patterns in your Bible. (If you prefer not to write in your Bible, then just write down the verse number and reference here.)

Jesus (underline/red), King/Christ/Kingdom (\swarrow /purple), upside-down kingdom (\checkmark /blue), conflict/opposition (\Im /green), OT quote/allusion (\bigcirc /green)

2. Change any translations of "wise men" to "magi".

3. 2:6 - Design Pattern!! - Look up the OT cross reference and read surrounding verses.

- (a) Provide the OT cross reference:
- (b) Provide Why do you think the Magi showed up in Jerusalem?
- (c) Why was Bethlehem a surprising answer to the magi search?

4. Why do the magi travel east to Jerusalem (2:1-2)?

5. Describe King Herod's response to the news of Jesus' birth.

6. What do the magi do when they arrive at Jesus' house?

7. What do the magi teach us about worshiping Jesus?

8. 2:15 - Design Pattern!! Look up the OT cross reference and read surrounding verses.(a) Provide the OT cross reference:

(hint: There are two references in the OT. Extra points if you can name both!)

(b) Think of any Old Testament Stories that you can recall about Egypt/Pharoah. Why do you think Matthew so focused on Egypt? (If you can't think of any, look up in a Bible Dictionary or Concordance to learn more under "Egypt" / "Pharaoh")

9. 2:18 - Design Pattern!! Look up the OT cross reference for 2:18 and read surrounding verses.

- (a) Provide the OT cross reference:
- (b) Why is Rachel crying?

10. Why did Joseph take his family to Nazareth?

11. 2:23 - Design Pattern!! - Look up the word "Nazarene" in a Bible Dictionary. Give a summary of what this word means:

Summarize 1. Summarize this section into a heading or title.	
2. Who are the characters in the story and what are they like?	
3. When and where does the setting of this story take place?	
4. Is there a plot conflict or a problem?	
5. How are the characters responding?	

Step 4: (Space for Taking Notes IN CLASS Only)