

Introduction:

- *“Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking,”* (Matthew 2:1, NLT) *“After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and **they bowed down and worshiped him**. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”* (Matthew 2:9-11, NLT)
- Let me make clear before I begin sharing this morning, that no where in the Bible will you find the little drummer boy. I also believe that a story does not have to come from the Bible to make Biblical points. What am I saying? I am saying that what you do find in the beautiful little song are Biblical values presented in a simple and memorable way.
- *The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.* (Acts 17:24-25)

I. The Boy Had Faith, So Did The Wisemen

- A. Hebrews 11:6 *“says that those who come to him must know that He exists and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.”* Faith is an important part of Christianity.
1. Faith is an important part of Christmas. It is what brought the Wise Men to look for the King. It is what caused Joseph to take Mary as his wife. It is what led shepherds to go find baby Jesus. It is amazing how God leads when we just have a little faith.
 2. Faith is what brings the boy in our song to Jesus. He believes.
- B. Point of view:
1. The Wisemen hear through their reading and also signs that a new born King has come into the world in Israel and they are compelled to go find Him and worship Him.
 2. The Drummer Boy song is told from the point of view of a little boy who hears from others around him that a new King is born and he believes in the new born King, otherwise we would not have the story of The Little Drummer Boy at all.
 3. Your own story with God will be marked by faith...faith that causes you to see Him.
- C. In the drummer boy song, the Magi that have come from the East are recruiting the boy to come and see the king. “We have come from the East. We have come to see the new born King. We are bringing precious gifts to him.”

1. Believers are to be like the Magi and encourage those who are spiritually poor to come and meet the King.
 2. Faith begins by hearing—Roman 10:17 Says faith comes by hearing.
- D. He believed all he heard about this little baby and His Kingship. The boy believed in this King and that this King was different from all other Kings. He believed this so much that with his 'nothing' he goes with the wealthy men to see the King.
1. A little 'street urchin' would never have been allowed to get close to an earthly king, not even a peek.
 2. But the hero of this song never has a doubt that he will not get to see the King. This is what many have referred to as 'the (value) of the faith of a little child.'
- E. Therefore, he plans to go. He wants to see this King. #1. The boy had faith.
- F. That is how you must come to Jesus! Just simple child like faith. The boy had faith and so did the wisemen. Next point....

II. The Boy Was Humble, So Were The Wisemen

- A. This little boy knew His place in life.
1. He had nothing. No material goods. He was poor. He had no authority. But he did have a value for life, his life and he was humbled in light of the news of the King.
 2. This makes the fact that he believed he would get to see the King all the more fascinating. What he knew humbled him.
- B. In this little boy's day. The Romans were in control and were at the "top of the food chain." The Jews were at the "bottom of the food chain," and this little boy was at the bottom of the Jewish station in life. He was nobody important. To come to God you must see yourself as the lesser to encounter the Greater!
- C. People who come to faith in Christ simultaneously discover the place of humility. When you come to the place of faith you are instantly humbled by the enormity of His love and the grandness of His grace. What a gift to man God has given.
1. When they do...they suddenly realize how spiritually bankrupt they really are! It is what happens to all who encounter God as He really is. "How can I repay Him?" You can't!
 2. The mind says, "I have nothing to offer him. What in the world could I ever offer this King?" There is no wealth that could ever satisfy this King as a gift from man.
 3. "All I have is a heart that desires to honor and serve him." That is what the wisemen did, bow and worship. It starts this way for all of us! The drummer boy had faith when he heard of the king. He saw others bringing their gifts and knew that everyone who sees the King brings a gift. He has nothing.
- D. Yet in the midst of all this poverty he decides that he does have one gift to bring. His talent in playing the drum.

1. He could have been awful at playing this drum. I.e. Like most little kids beginning to learn. He may not have had that "rum pa pum pum" thing down yet."
2. He could have been fantastic!
3. It really doesn't matter whether the boy was really good at drumming or really, really bad. What does make a difference is that the boy believed that his drumming was his best talent and therefore his best gift to give to the King.
4. The boy had faith, the boy was humble (realizing he nothing but himself to give) and #3

III. The Boy Brought Himself to the King, So Did The Wisemen

- A. The Boy's Faith. We know by the end of the song that what he believed was true: He got to see the new born King, and that with that baby's mom's approval, he gets permission to play his drum for the King.
 1. He had to be good, according to the song, for even the animals were helping him to keep time.
 2. He gave his best. He played his best and he believed it was his best.
 3. The Boy's gift to this baby, this King, was the gift of himself.
 4. His offering to the baby was all he had, himself. And his gift was more precious than the gifts of the wise men.
- B. The baby then smiles at the drummer boy for all that the little boy had believed.
 1. It is a powerful thing when God smiles on you. And it all begins with believing. The apostle Paul said in Romans when a person believes, "God's Spirit bares witness with our spirit, and when that happens we cry "Abba Father!"
 2. I believe all of us want to know that God is smiling on us.
 3. The smile of the King, proved to the little boy that he found favor with God.

Conclusion:

- The boy had faith, so did the wisemen. The boy was humble, so were the wise men. The boy brought himself to the King, so did the wisemen. What about you?
 - Do you have faith?
 - Do you see yourself as 'so small' in light of the King?
 - Do you understand that the King has everything? And all you can give Him is you.
- We know that this King has no lack, that he doesn't need anything, but Me... and my drum.
- God doesn't care if you have wealth. God doesn't care if you have lots of talent. God doesn't care if you have fame. God only cares that you do the best you can with what you have to honor and glorify Him. The best gift you have to give Him is yourself!
- Invitation: Who would like to bring yourself to Jesus this morning?
- *The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.* NLT John 1:1-5p