

Sunday, December 27



Crossgates
Preschool

GOSPEL
PROJECT

Christmas Edition



Wise Men Visited Jesus

BIBLE PASSAGE:

Matthew 2

STORY POINT: The wise men worshiped Jesus

KEY PASSAGE:

Galatians 4:4-56

Christ Connection: The wise men came to worship Jesus as King. God promised to send a King who would be King forever. Jesus is the King who will always be King. Jesus is the true King, and He deserves all our worship.

Wise Men Visited Jesus

Matthew 2

Long ago, God promised to send a king to save His people from their enemies. The people waited a long time for their king, and the time had finally come! God's Son, Jesus, was born in Bethlehem.

At this time, Herod was the king over the land of Judea. Was Herod the king God promised? No! Herod was a bad king.

Some wise men saw a star in the sky. It was a sign that Jesus had been born, so the wise men went to find Jesus. They came to King Herod. "Where is the king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw a star in the east. We want to worship the new king."

King Herod was very angry. A new king? Herod was king! He asked the priests and scribes, "Where is this king supposed to be born?"

"In Bethlehem, just as the prophet said," his priests and scribes replied.

Herod spoke to the wise men in secret. "Go find this child. When you find Him, come tell me where He is so I can worship Him as king, too." But Herod was lying. Herod didn't want to worship the new king; he wanted to kill Him!

The wise men followed the star to Jesus. They went into the house where Jesus was with His mother, Mary. **The wise men** fell to their knees and **worshiped Jesus. Then they gave Jesus gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

When it was time for the wise men to go home, God warned them in a dream not to tell Herod where Jesus was. So they took a different way home.

After the wise men were gone, **an angel appeared to Mary's husband, Joseph, in a dream. The angel said, "Take Jesus and Mary to Egypt and stay there. King Herod is looking for Jesus and wants to kill him!" So in the middle of the night, Joseph got up and took Mary and Jesus to Egypt where they would be safe.**

A while later, after Herod had died, an angel spoke to Joseph again in a dream. "Take Jesus and Mary to the land of Israel, because King Herod is dead now." Joseph did what the angel said. He got up and took Mary and Jesus to Israel.

gospel gems

- ⇒ * The wise men followed a star to get to Jesus.
- ⇒ * The wise men worshiped Jesus.
- ⇒ * Jesus was born in Bethlehem.



talk-about-it

How did the wise men know God's King had been born? They saw a star in the sky.

What lie did King Herod tell the wise men? that he wanted to worship the new King too

How did the wise men know King Herod was lying? God warned them in a dream.

Where did Joseph take Mary and Jesus so they would be safe? Egypt

Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to rescue us.

hands-on-activity

SUPPLIES

- 4 Toilet paper rolls
- Glue or tape
- Printouts OR draw your own kings and star

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cut out printouts or your drawings of the Kings and star - glue or tape onto toilet paper roll.
- Act out the kings following the star!

Printout came from an Etsy shop:

SOMEWHAT
SIMPLE

Link: <https://www.somewhatsimple.com/toilet-paper-roll-nativity-craft/>



Wise Men Maze

INSTRUCTIONS: Help the wise men get to Jesus.



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BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Wise men followed a star in the sky that was a sign that Jesus had been born.
- King Herod was angry there was a new king and wanted to hurt Baby Jesus.
- The wise men worshiped Jesus and gave Him gifts.

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 4:4-5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

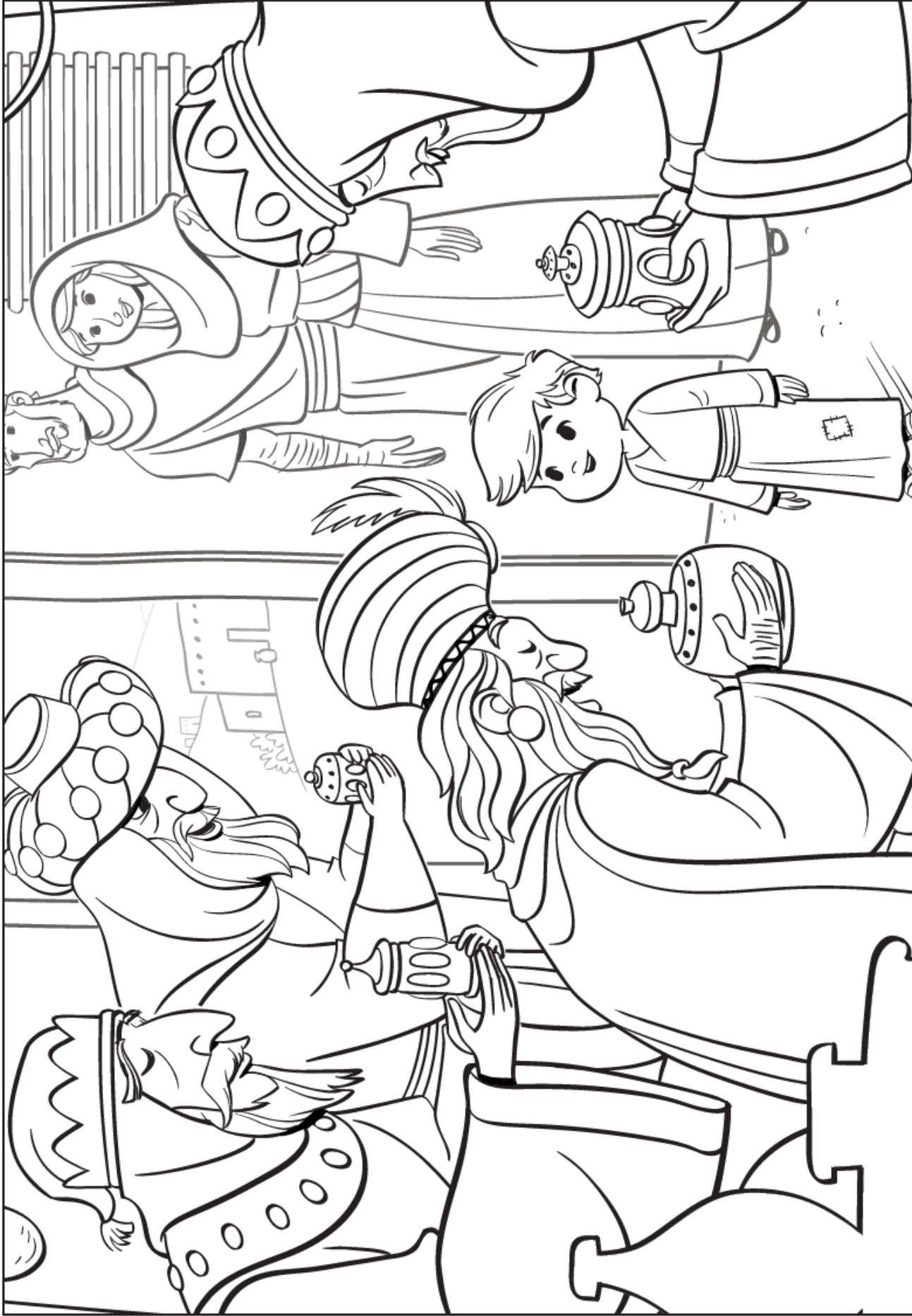
- Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to rescue us.
- FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**
- What are some ways we can worship Jesus as a family?
 - What are ways our family can focus on the true meaning of Christmas?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Invite your family members to talk about a favorite gift they received for Christmas. Explain that God sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue us from sin. Jesus is the best Christmas gift.
- Help your kids gather toys they no longer play with that are in good condition and donate them to a children's home.



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The Star

Guide the three wise men through the star maze to the manger. Be sure to pick up the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh along the way.

