

Journal Page

Think of someone who doesn't know why Jesus came to earth. Write a prayer to God, asking Him to help that person understand his or her need for Jesus and how Jesus was born to rescue us from sin.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How did the wise men know about Jesus' birth? (See Matthew 2:1-2.)
- How did the wise men show their respect for Jesus?
- How can your family worship Jesus together?



Wise Men Visited Jesus

Matthew 2:1-21

MAIN POINT: THE WISE MEN WORSHIPED JESUS AS KING.

Long ago, God promised to send a king to save His people from their enemies. Then Jesus was born in Bethlehem at the same time Herod was king.

God sent a star to show the wise men that Jesus had been born. They came to King Herod. "Where is the king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

King Herod was very angry. He said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you find Him, report back to me so that I too can go and worship Him." But Herod didn't want to worship the new king; he wanted to kill Him!

The wise men followed the star until it led them to Jesus. They fell to their knees and worshiped Jesus. Then they gave Jesus gifts. 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 Joseph in a dream. The angel said, "Get up! Take the child and His mother, flee to Egypt." So in the middle of the night, Joseph got up and took Mary and Jesus to Egypt.

King Herod was so mad. He killed all the boys in Bethlehem under two years old—just to make sure he killed Jesus. But he didn't know Jesus and His family had escaped.

A while later, an angel spoke to Joseph again in a dream. Joseph did what the angel said to do. He got up and took Mary and Jesus to Israel.

Christ Connection: The wise men came to worship Jesus as King. Jesus is the King who will rule forever, as God promised to King David in 2 Samuel 7. Jesus is the true King who is worthy of all our worship.

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Mosaic Puzzle

Color each square according to the key.

- 1-blue
- 2-yellow
- 3-brown

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Words for the Wise

These words are all mixed up! Unscramble the letters to find some key pieces of today's Bible story.

LOGD _____

RTAS _____

HYRRM _____

HEEMLBETH _____

KINFARNEECNS _____

WESI NEM _____