

# Week 16

## The Wise Men Find Jesus

When Jesus was born, God put an extra-special star in the sky. Far, far away to the east, some Wise Men saw this star. They said, "This star means a new king has been born. Let's follow it. Let's find him."

The Wise Men traveled a long time. They came to the big city of Jerusalem. There, they asked King Herod, "Where is the newborn king? We have seen His star. We have come to worship Him."

When King Herod heard this news, he was not happy. He did not want anyone else to be king. He asked teachers where the new king was to be born. They said, "God's Word says He will be born in Bethlehem."

Herod told this news to the Wise Men. He said, "Go to Bethlehem. If you find this new king, come back and tell me so I can worship Him too." But Herod lied. He wanted to hurt Jesus.

Soon, the Wise Men saw the star again. They rejoiced and followed it to Bethlehem. (\*) They found Jesus with Mary and Joseph. They were living in a house now. The Wise Men bowed down to worship Jesus. They gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God warned the Wise Men to go home a different way to keep the baby Jesus safe from wicked King Herod. God had important plans for baby Jesus to grow up and die on the cross to take away our sins and arise at Easter to give us eternal life.

*Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (\*), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

### Think about It

The light of the star led the way to Jesus, the light of the world. The Bible account of the coming of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12) is especially important to us because it shows that Jesus was sent to be the Savior of people in all nations.

### Bible Words

Arise, shine, for your  
light has come.

Isaiah 60:1





## Dear Family,

The Bible's account of Wise Men coming from afar to worship the Savior shows us that God wants all people to meet Jesus. God led the Wise Men to Jesus with an impressive star. He leads us to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith as we hear God's Word. The Wise Men knelt down and worshiped Jesus with gifts. We worship Jesus with gifts of love that spill out of our hearts.

See the star, God's guiding light.

See it moving, shining bright.

See three gifts the Wise Men bring.

See they've found the Savior King.

God is using you too. You can help your child meet Jesus, the Savior God promised in His Word. Make a shining star and use it as a bookmark in your Bible story book.

Make paper crowns. Decorate them with glitter and stickers. Read the Bible account together as you pretend to be the Wise Men visiting Jesus. Then talk about what Jesus has done for you. What would you give Jesus to say thank You for His love?

Read more about the Bible story on pages 287-289 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

