



**Preschool**  
**“The Gospel Project”**  
**Wise Men Visited Jesus**  
**December 27, 2020**

**Unit Key Passage:** *“God sent His one and only Son into the world.” 1 John 4:9 (CSB)*

**Bible Passage :** Matthew 2:1-21

**Main Point:** The wise men worshipped Jesus.

**Big Picture Question:** *Why was Jesus Born? Jesus was born to rescue us.*

## **1 Getting Started**

**9:30-10:00**

A team member will stand at the door and be sure that the children are signed in while the other team members will engage the children as they enter the class. Be sure that you are asking to see the parent’s security tags and making sure that the number is written on the sign in sheet and on the child’s name tag. Greet new parents and introduce visitors.

All Team Members: Make sure you have a name tag on! Welcome and introduce kids to one another.

## **2 Create the Story**

**10:00-10:15**

**Activity:** “Wise Men Maze”

**Supplies:** “Wise Men Maze” printable, crayons/markers

**Directions:** Guide preschoolers to complete the maze to get the wise men to Jesus.

**Say:** Some wise men followed a star to find Jesus. When they found Jesus, they worshiped Him and gave Him special gifts. They knew He was a King! We will find out more in today’s Bible story.

### 3 Worship & Main Session Teaching

10:15-10:45

#### Supplies:

- ❖ **Bible story pictures-** (We are just referencing a few of the stories to review)
  - Shepherds Visited Jesus
  - Wise Men Visited Jesus
- ❖ **Other templates-**
  - **Key passage:** 1 John 4:9
  - **Main Point:** The wise men worshiped Jesus.
  - **Big Picture Question/Answer:** *Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to rescue us.*
- ❖ **“The Gospel Project” DVD Lesson:** “Wise Men Visited Jesus”

#### Review:

- **Say:** Who remembers what we’ve been learning about recently? Can anyone remember any of those stories? (*Take a few answers and then, review these stories below with pictures*):
  - Last week, we learned how Jesus was born as God promised, and how the shepherds went to visit baby Jesus.

#### Today’s story:

- **Say:** Have you ever looked up in the sky at nighttime? What do you see? (*Allow preschoolers to respond*). We can see the moon and stars! (*Hold up a star cut out*). This shape represents a star. God made the stars to shine in the sky so we have a little bit of light at nighttime. God shone a very bright star in the sky when Jesus was born. Wise men used that bright star to lead them to Jesus so they could worship Him.
- **Play the DVD video story.** (If DVD not available, teach the story using the printed version at the end of this curriculum)
- **Christ Connection:** During the time that Herod was king over the land of Judea, God sent His Son Jesus to be born. After Jesus was born, there was a star that appeared in the sky. Wise men saw this star and knew that it was a sign that Jesus had been born. So, they followed the star to find Him. The wise men visited Jesus and brought Him gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh. (*Show picture of wise men visiting Jesus*). **The wise men worshipped Jesus (Show Main Point template).** Jesus is the King who will always be King. Jesus is the true King, and He deserves all our worship.

- **Big picture question:** Our big picture question is, *Why was Jesus born? Jesus was born to rescue us.* The wise men knew that God promised to send a special King, and they knew Jesus is that King. Jesus is the true King who rescues His people from their sin.
- **Review key passage: (Show key passage template)** “God sent His one and only Son into the world.” 1 John 4:9 (CSB)

## **Restroom Break Schedule (Preschool Coordinator will assist you)**

### **4 Snack & Life Group**

**10:45-11:00**

**IMPORTANT!!!!** Please check each child for a yellow allergy sticker along with referring to the sign-in sheet to be properly informed on children who may have food and other allergies.

**Snack:** Cheerios & bananas

**As the children enjoy their snack, discuss these Life Group questions with them.**

#### **Life Group Questions:**

- 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*)
- **Main Point: The wise men worshipped Jesus.**
- **Big picture question: Say-** Our big picture question is *Why was Jesus born?* (Allow for a few answers) **Answer: *Jesus was born to rescue us.***
- **Review the Key Verse below with the kids:** “God sent His one and only Son into the world.” 1 John 4:9 (CSB)
- **Review key passage: (Show key passage template)** “God sent His one and only Son into the world.” 1 John 4:9 (CSB)

## 5 Craft

11:00-11:15

**Craft #1:** Decorate Crowns

**Supplies:** Crown Templates, crayons/markers, *Optional:* jewel stickers, sequins, glue

**Directions:** Give each preschooler a crown template. Invite them to decorate the crowns with crayons/markers. You may also provide jewel stickers and/or sequins for children to decorate their crowns with

**Say:** Jesus certainly didn't look like a king, but the wise men worshiped 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.

**Craft #2:** "Wise Men Visited Jesus" color page

**Supplies:** "Wise Men Visited Jesus" color page, crayons/markers,

**Directions:** Allow preschoolers to color their picture from today's story.

**Say:** The wise men traveled a long, long way to see Jesus! **The wise men worshiped Jesus** when they saw Him. Jesus was important to the wise men, and Jesus should be important to us. Jesus is King of everything, and He is worthy of worship and praise!

## 6 Games

11:15-11:30

**OPTION 1: Bring Gift**

**Supplies:** Paper bags and items in the room

**Directions:** Invite preschoolers to pick one thing from the room to put in a paper bag. Explain to preschoolers that the gift is to play with at church and not to take home. Once everyone has a gift, invite the children to sit in a circle and exchange gifts with a friend. When you count to three, invite children to open their "gifts". Invite children to play with their gifts, or they may put back the items and play again as time allows.

**Say:** Wise men traveled a long way to visit Jesus. They also brought Jesus special gifts to show that He is a King. The wise men worshiped Jesus. We give gifts to our friends and family at Christmas time to celebrate King Jesus' birthday.

## **OPTION #2: Pass the Present**

**Supplies: Paper Bag, music**

**Directions:** Have preschoolers sit in a circle, and provide one child with a paper bag. Play a version of “Hot Potato” game with the paper bag. Instruct the children to pass the present as fast as they can around the circle while the music is playing. When the music stops, help the child who is holding the present say the Key Passage. Repeat game as time allows.

**Say:** Wise men traveled a long way to visit Jesus. They also brought Jesus special gifts to show that He is King. **The wise men worshiped Jesus.** We give gifts to our friends and family at Christmas time to celebrate King Jesus’ birthday.

## **7 Closing Activity**

**11:30-11:45**

**Closing Activity- Journal/color Page**

**Supplies:** Journal page, crayons/markers

**Directions:** Offer the journal page and invite preschoolers to draw a picture of the wise men following God’s star. Remind children that Jesus is God’s Son, and Jesus is King forever.

**Pray:** Jesus, thank You for coming to earth to rescue us from our sin by dying on the cross. Thank You for coming back to life so You can be our King forever. Help us to love You and worship You every day. Amen.

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING THE KING’S KIDS TODAY!**

**Main Session Teaching:** (Use if DVD is not available)

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 (***Show picture of wise men visiting Jesus***). The wise men fell to their knees and worshiped Jesus. Then they gave Jesus gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **The wise men worshiped Jesus (*Show Main point template*)**.

When it 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, and 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.